

RESCUE TEAM MANAGER

Position Description

The Rescue Team Manager is responsible for managing and supervising the rescue function of the task force during incident operations. The Rescue Team Manager reports directly to the Task Force Leader.

Description of Duties

The Rescue Team Manager is responsible for:

- Developing and implementing of the rescue component of the Task Force Action Plan.
- Coordinating, managing, and supervising of all rescue activities.
- Supervising the Rescue Squad Officers
- Adhering to all safety procedures
- Determining rescue organizational and logistical needs.
- Receiving briefings and situation reports and ensuring that all rescue personnel are kept informed of mission objectives and status changes.
- Providing situation updates and maintaining records and reports.
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned during a mission.
- Accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs for all issued equipment

Position Requirements and Criteria

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become Rescue Team Managers in the FEMA US&R Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select functional managers capable of effectively managing and supervising the rescue component in the urban disaster environment. The requirements and criteria for the position are identified in the following categories:

Knowledge

Skills

Abilities

Knowledge

1. Must possess an awareness of other disaster response organizations
2. Knowledgeable about the development and use of integrated action planning concepts and processes
3. Must have knowledge of US&R operations, strategy, and tactics
4. Possess knowledge of the practical application of available technology use to support US&R missions and objectives

5. Must have an awareness of the hazards associated with various disaster environments
6. Must be able to recognize the structural features and conditions that contribute to a high probability of victim survival in a collapsed structure
7. Must have knowledge of supervisory and personnel management skills.
8. Must possess all the qualifications for the Rescue Specialist and Rescue Squad Officer positions
9. Must have a working knowledge of basic building materials including:
 - Basic understanding of design and construction techniques of wood, masonry, concrete, and steel
 - Basic understanding of the construction techniques utilizing architectural materials, primary un-reinforced masonry, and concrete

Skills

1. Must possess demonstrated experience in structural collapse and heavy rescue operations

Abilities

1. Must possess good interagency coordination abilities; work well with technical experts, local officials, and other organizations.
2. Must be able to be flexible, improvise, share information, resolve conflicts, and solve problems.
3. Must possess the ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing.
4. Ability to manage assigned personnel, specialized equipment and support resources during a disaster situation
5. Capable of coordinating and directing multiple rescue squad operations