



UTAH TASK FORCE 1

Salt Lake Urban Search & Rescue



UTAH TASK FORCE ONE RECRUITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT: UTAH Task Force One (UT-TF 1) is one of 28 Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) teams that function within the National US&R Response System managed by Department of Homeland Security, FEMA. UT-TF 1 became operational in the spring of 1996. Prior to the events of September 11, 2001, its primary mission was to provide a heavy rescue response to structural collapses resulting from natural and manmade disasters such as earthquakes, tornados, explosions, and hurricanes. Following the use of US&R teams during the attacks of September 11th, the task forces have found themselves at the forefront of the federal government and State responses to hurricanes and other events of National and recently International significance.

Currently, UT-TF 1 is actively recruiting for **Technical Search Specialist**.

The Technical Search Specialist is responsible for:

- Searching structures in US&R environments or other locations indicated in the mission assignment, utilizing appropriate technical search equipment and techniques
- Documenting and marking locations of victims, potential victims and hazards
- Making assessments through the use of technical search equipment
- Land navigation and site mapping
- Cooperating with and assisting other search and rescue resources
- Providing accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs of all issued equipment
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned

Position Requirements and Criteria:

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become Technical Search Specialists in the DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select competent personnel, fully capable of providing state-of-the-art search techniques and tactics required, in the urban disaster environment.

Required Training:

The Technical Search Specialist shall:

1. Meet all General Training and Administrative requirements
2. Complete the DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System Technical Search Specialist course
3. Complete all Technical Rescue Skill Sets as identified in Appendix A of the positions descriptions (located online at www.utahtaskforce1.org).

Applicants are subject to interviews by various levels of task force management. To be eligible for consideration applicants at a minimum must be a current "Rostered" task force member in good standing. Selected applicant(s) shall attend the **FEMA Technical Search Specialist course in Ocala, Florida March 8-12, 2010**. There is no monetary compensation for training or other task force activities unless pre-approved or the task force is activated by FEMA or the State of Utah for response to an emergency or event of significance. All FEMA and task force sponsored training is offered at no charge to the team member.

Please provide the UT-TF 1 Program Office a resume' and interest letter, additional information on the position is available online at www.utahtaskforce1.org located in the position description section. The application process will close at **4:00 p.m. February 12, 2010**, if you have any questions please contact the UT-TF 1 program office at **977-5119**.