



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's response to hurricanes and other events of National significance. In addition to its national response commitments, UT-TF 1 is also the primary urban search & rescue / ESF#9 response asset under the Utah Emergency Operations Plan.

Currently, UT-TF 1 is actively recruiting for:

Planning Team-Technical Information Specialist (TIS)

Position Specific Requirements:

The Technical Information Specialist is responsible for documenting, tracking, and retrieving all pertinent information for the Task Force during incident operations. The Technical Information Specialist reports directly to the Planning Team Manager.

Description of Duties:

The Technical Information Specialist is responsible for:

- Gathering requested information from all available sources and forwarding to the Planning Team Manager for incorporation in the planning function
- Creating, displaying, providing and compiling documentation for all pertinent Task Force and incident information via written, audio, and visual mediums
- Providing accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs for all Planning Team 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 Information Specialists in the DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select personnel fully capable of providing competent information management for the Task Force in the urban disaster environment.

Required Training:

The Technical Information Specialist shall:

1. Meet all Administrative and General Training requirements
2. Complete the DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System GPS Awareness Level Course
3. Complete the DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System Planning Team Training Course

DHS/FEMA requires the following general training on file to be rostered as an active US&R Planning Team member:

- CPR/EMT/Paramedic Certification
- Awareness level Training: Confined Space, Water Rescue & Structural Collapse
- IS 100, 200, 700 & 800B (ICS 300 & 400 for leadership positions)
- Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD)
- Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level, 29 CFR 1910.120
- DHS/FEMA US&R Orientation Training
- Respirator Training (29 CFR 1910.134)
- US&R WMD Enhanced Operations

Successful applicants are subject to interviews by various levels of Task Force management. The appointment to the Planning Team is contingent upon approval of the Work Group personnel and the Task force Program office. FEMA Planning Team Specialist Training is scheduled for: **August 3-7, 2009 in Ft Lauderdale, Florida.**

There is no monetary compensation for training or other task force activities unless 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.

Additional information is available online at www.utahtaskforce1.org. The application process will close at **5:00p.m. July 15, 2009**, if you have any questions please contact Keith Bevan, Planning Team Manager in the UT-TF 1 program office at **(801) 842-7742**.