

OREGON TASK FORCE 1

URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE

POSITION DESCRIPTION

SEARCH TEAM MANAGER



Functional Description

The Search Team Manager is responsible for managing and supervising the search function of the Oregon US&R Task Force during incident operations. The Search Team Manager reports directly to the Task Force Leader.

Description of Duties

The Search Team Manager is responsible for:

1. Coordinating, managing, and supervising all search and reconnaissance activities.
2. Supervising Search Company Officers.
3. Adhering to all safety procedures.
4. Determining search and organizational and logistical needs.
5. Receiving briefings and situation reports from the Task Force Leader and ensuring that all search personnel are kept informed of mission objectives and status changes.
6. Providing situation updates to the Task Force Leader and maintaining records and reports.
7. Preparing performance evaluations for assigned personnel.
8. Accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs for all issued equipment.
9. Performing additional task or duties as assigned during mission.

Position Requirements and Criteria

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become Search Team Managers in the Oregon USAR Task Force. The intent of these requirements is to select functional managers capable of effectively managing and supervising the search component in the urban disaster environment.

Task Force General Requirements

- A. Must be physically fit as governed by the sponsoring organization.
- B. When on assigned rotation able to mobilize within 30 minutes of request and be self sufficient for at least 72 hours.
- C. Must be capable of improvising and functioning for long hours under adverse conditions.
- D. Must be able to function safely at heights and on or around rubble.
- E. Must be aware of the signs, symptoms, and corrective measures of critical incident stress syndrome.
- F. Must understand and adhere to safe working practices and procedures as required in the urban disaster environment.

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- G. Must have a working knowledge of the Oregon US&R Response Systems and organizational structures, operating procedures, safety practices, terminology, knowledge of all task force equipment, and communications protocols.
- H. Must have successfully completed, as a minimum, the First Responder Operations Level for Hazardous Materials per OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.120 Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response or equivalent.
- I. Must understand the needs of and provide support to their counterparts with the task force specific operations, techniques and application of tools and equipment.
- J. Must be current on annual training on Bloodborne Pathogens per 29 CFR 1910.1030 Standard on Bloodborne Pathogens (Oregon OSHA OAR 437, Division 2/Z, Toxic and Hazardous Substances).

Skills

- 1. Must possess good interagency coordination skills; work well with technical experts, local officials and other organizations.
- 2. Must be able to be flexible, to improvise, to share information, resolve conflicts and problem solve.
- 3. Must be able to effectively communicate orally and in writing.
- 4. Must be able to manage assigned personnel, specialized equipment, and local support resources during a disaster situation.
- 5. Capable of coordinating and directing multiple search squad operations.
- 6. Effectively organize and plan during crisis situations.
- 7. Must have practical knowledge of general search strategy and tactics, including:
 - Probability of Detection analysis.
 - Victim behavior patterns in various situations.
 - Search pattern selection criteria including terrain, structures, wind, weather, and air circulation characteristics.
 - Search Team organization and operational procedures.
 - Understanding the capabilities and limitations of technical and electronic search equipment.
 - Understanding general rescue tactics and strategy.

Search Team Manager Training Requirements

- 1. Successful completion by 06/01/2006
 - a. OR-TF1 Cache Course
 - b. Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) training.
- 2. Successful completion by 06/01/2007
 - a. FEMA Structural Collapse Technician – 80 hour course
 - b. Meets or exceeds DPSST Technician Level for Rope, CSR, Trench, and Vehicle/Heavy Machinery.
 - c. FEMA Technical Search Course or equivalent.
 - d. Incident command system (I-300) or equivalent
- 3. National Fire Academy Incident Command for Structural Collapse incidents (ICSSCI)