

OREGON TASK FORCE 1

URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE

POSITION DESCRIPTION



RESCUE COMPANY OFFICER

(This position must possess all certifications and requirements for OR-TF1-Rescue Technician)

Functional Description

The Rescue Company Officer is responsible for managing and supervising one of the established rescue squads of the Oregon US&R Task Force Team during incident operations. The Rescue Company Officer reports directly to the Rescue Team Manager.

Description of Duties

The Rescue Company Officer is responsible for:

1. Directly supervising a squad of Rescue personnel, including Rescue Technician, Medical Technician, and Rigging Technician.
2. Adhering to all safety procedures.
3. Implementing the rescue component of the Oregon Task Force Team Action Plan.
4. Coordinating and supervising all rescue squad activities at a specific rescue site.
5. Determining rescue organizational and logistics needs of the rescue squad or working site.
6. Providing situation reports and maintaining records and reports.
7. Accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs for all issued equipment.
8. Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned during a mission.
9. Evaluating and modifying rescue tactics and methods at the assigned work site.

Position Requirements and Criteria

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become Rescue Company Officers. The intent of these requirements is to select functional officers capable of effectively managing and supervising the rescue squad personnel in the urban disaster environment. The requirements and criteria for the position are identified in the following categories:

Task Force General Requirements

- A. Must be physically fit as governed by the sponsoring organization.
- B. When on assigned rotation able to mobilize in 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.
- 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.

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- H. Must have successfully completed, as a minimum, the First Responder Awareness 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 abilities; work well with technical experts, local officials, and other organizations.
- 2. Must be able to be flexible, improvise, share information, resolve conflicts, and problem solve.
- 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 Company operations.
- 6. Comprehensive knowledge of urban search and rescue operations and tactics.
- 7. Knowledge of available technology used to support urban search and rescue missions and objectives.
- 8. Must possess a basic knowledge of the construction industry.

Rescue Company Officer Training Requirements:

- 1. Successful completion by 06/01/2006
 - a. OR-TF1 Cache Course
 - b. Critical Incident Stress Debriefing
- 2. FEMA Structural Collapse Technician – 80 hour Course.
- 3. Meets or exceeds DPSST Technician Level for Rope, CSR, Trench, and Vehicle/Heavy Machinery.
- 4. Incident Command System (I-200)