

OREGON TASK FORCE 1

URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE

POSITION DESCRIPTION



SEARCH COMPANY OFFICER

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

Functional Description

The Search Company Officer is responsible for managing and supervising one or more of the Search Team Technicians of the Oregon US&R Task Force Team during incident operations. The Search Company Officer reports directly to the Search Team Manager.

Description of Duties

The Search Company Officer is responsible for:

1. Directly supervising the Search Team Technician.
2. Adhering to all safety procedures.
3. Implementing the Search component of the Oregon Task Force Team action plan.
4. Receiving briefings and situation reports and ensuring that all search personnel are kept informed of mission objectives and status changes.
5. Determining search organizational and logistical needs.
6. Providing situation updates and maintaining records and reports.
7. Accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs for all issued equipment.
8. Preparing performance evaluations for assigned personnel.
9. Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned during a mission

Position Requirements and Criteria

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become Search Company Officers. The intent of these requirements is to select functional officers capable of effectively managing and supervising the Search Company 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.
- 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.

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- 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 search squad 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.

Search Company Officer Training Requirements:

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