

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

# NATIONAL URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONSE SYSTEM

A Component of the National Response Framework  
Emergency Support Function # 9



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## RESCUE SQUAD OFFICER POSITION DESCRIPTION

## **FEMA National US&R Response System**

### **Task Force Position Description**

Rescue Squad Officer

#### **Position Specific Requirements:**

The Rescue Squad Officer is responsible for supervising one or more Task Force Rescue Squad(s). The Rescue Squad Officer reports directly to the Rescue Team Manager.

#### **Description of Duties:**

The Rescue Squad Officer is responsible for;

- Directly supervising Rescue Squad(s) and other assigned personnel
- Implementing the rescue component of the Task Force Tactical Action Plan
- Determining organizational and logistical needs for the Rescue Squad(s) and work site
- Providing periodic progress reports to the Rescue Team Manager
- Maintaining records and reports
- Preparing performance evaluations for assigned personnel
- Ensuring accountability and maintenance for all issued equipment
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned
- Evaluating and modifying rescue tactics as needed

#### **Position Requirements and Criteria:**

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become Rescue Squad Officers in the DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select functional officers capable of effectively managing and supervising the Rescue Squad(s) and assigned personnel in the urban disaster environment.

#### **Required Training:**

The Rescue Squad Officer shall:

1. Meet all requirements for DHS FEMA / US&R Rescue Specialist
2. Shall have experience in structural collapse operations to include participation in field exercise(s) and/or a deployment as a Rescue Specialist

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#### **Recommended Training:**

The Rescue Squad Officer should:

1. Complete the DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System GPS Operations Level course: (When developed and implemented)
2. Complete ICS-300 in accordance with the National Standard Curriculum Training Development Guidance
3. Complete the DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System Rescue Officers Course: (When developed and implemented system wide)