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## EMERGENCY SERVICES RESCUE TECHNICIAN

<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Search and Rescue
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Personnel
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	The Emergency Services Rescue Technician responds to technical search and rescue (SAR) incidents, identifies hazards, uses equipment, and applies advanced SAR techniques
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This position can be ordered as a single resource.</li> <li>2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> </ol>

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	An Emergency Services Rescue Technician responds to technical SAR incidents, identifies hazards, uses equipment, and applies advanced techniques specified in NFPA 1670 and 1006 necessary to coordinate, perform, and supervise technical SAR incidents in the following areas: trench, structural collapse, rope, confined space, and vehicle and machinery	Not Specified
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Not Specified	Not Specified



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<p><b>TRAINING</b></p>	<p>Fulfillment of requirement(s) as stated in the following standard(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NFPA 1006: Standard for Rescue Technician (2003)</li> <li>2. NFPA 472 HazMat Operations and/or OSHA 1910.120(Q)(6)(ii), HazMat Operations Training or equivalent basic instruction on responding to and operating in a CBRNE incident</li> </ol> <p>Completion of the following baseline criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. OSHA 1910.120 and/or 1910.134 (f), Respiratory Protection</li> <li>4. Emergency medical care based on AHJ</li> <li>5. Risk assessment</li> <li>6. Hazard mitigation</li> <li>7. PPE</li> <li>8. Use of related tools and devices</li> </ol> <p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. ICS-100: Introduction to ICS</li> <li>10. ICS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200</li> <li>11. FEMA IS-700: NIMS, An Introduction</li> </ol> <p>Completion of the following training courses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. Rescue Technician</li> </ol> <p>Recommended:</p> <p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DOJ Emergency Response to Terrorism, Basic Concepts, or equivalent</li> <li>2. FEMA/US&amp;R WMD Enhanced Operations, or equivalent</li> <li>3. GPS Awareness Level course</li> <li>4. Continuing education requirements for training</li> <li>5. Recertification and verification of all training listed above</li> </ol>	<p>Not Specified</p>
<p><b>EXPERIENCE</b></p>	<p>Recommended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recommend position taskbooks that validate and verify (by AHJ) demonstrated ability to perform required skills in exercises and/or actual incidents, every 5 years or as dictated by need</li> <li>2. Fingerprint Background Check</li> </ol>	<p>Not Specified</p>
<p><b>PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS</b></p>	<p>Completion of the following baseline criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Emergency medical provider as specified in NFPA 1006: Standard for Rescue Technician (2003)</li> <li>2. Minimum physical fitness standards as required by the AHJ</li> </ol> <p>Recommended:</p> <p>Fulfillment of requirement(s) as stated in the following standard(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NFPA 1582, Standard on Medical Requirements for Fire Fighters</li> <li>2. NFPA 1584 Standard on medical requirements for firefighters</li> <li>3. NFPA 1583, CPAT, and IAFF/IAFC Joint Labor Management Wellness Fitness Initiative</li> </ol>	<p>That NFPA 1582, Standard on Medical Requirements for Fire Fighters, as recommended by NFPA 1006, be adopted. Where necessary, additional inoculations specific to the incident environment may be required.</p>



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<b>CURRENCY</b>	Not Specified	Not Specified
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS</b>	Certification: 1. Appropriate State Rescue Technician certification 2. Certified for confined space entry in accordance with OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.146 Confined Space Entry Permit  Recommended Certification: Completion of the following training courses: 1. EMT-B per NFPA 1006(2003) A-3-3.5	Not Specified



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## NOTES

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Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated category.

## REFERENCES

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1. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
2. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
3. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016