



### URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (US&R) TASK FORCE LEADER

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Search and Rescue
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force Leader provides general leadership, direct supervision, wellness and safety to task force members.
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Urban Search and Rescue Task Force).</li><li>2. Can be ordered as an individual asset or in conjunction with a National Incident Management System (NIMS) typed team (Urban Search and Rescue Task Force)</li><li>3. Logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li><li>4. Operations in search and rescue environments may be recognized as immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH), per ASTM F2890 Standard Guide Hazard Awareness for Search and Rescue Personnel or equivalent. The requesting authority must consider the need for additional recognized capability or endorsement</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
DESCRIPTION	<p>The US&amp;R Task Force Leader:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Provides:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Leadership</li><li>b. Direct supervision</li><li>c. Wellness</li><li>d. Safety of the task force</li></ol></li><li>2. Provides oversight on safety, medical, logistics, and planning associated with the mission, including:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Safety of self, task force members, and operations</li><li>b. Medical care of self, task force members, and subjects</li><li>c. Simple decontamination of self and task force members</li></ol></li><li>3. Coordinates use of ground vehicles, watercraft, and aircraft for support</li><li>4. Operates in environments with and without infrastructure including those affected by disasters and terrorism; with compromised access to roadways, utilities, transportation, and limited availability of shelter, food, and water</li><li>5. Manages all administrative, operational and tactical functions of the task force</li><li>6. Reports work progress, status of the task force, and other important information to their supervisor, such as the Incident Management Team, Incident Support Team, or the AHJ</li></ol>	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified



COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
<b>TRAINING</b>	Completion of the following: 1. IS-100: Introduction to Incident Command System or ICS-100 2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200 3. ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents 4. ICS-400: Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff 5. IS-700: National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction 6. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 7. National US&R Response System Task Force Leaders' Training, or equivalent 8. AHJ-approved Critical Incident Stress Management Training 9. The US Department of Homeland Security's Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Awareness Training (AWR160), or equivalent	Not Specified
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities 1. Knowledge of Emergency Support Function 9, the National Response Framework, National Search and Rescue Supplement, and any associated state or local search and rescue plans at the task force level 2. Knowledge of the Catastrophic Incident Search and Rescue Addendum (CISAR) 3. Strong interpersonal communication skills, both oral and written 4. Strong leadership and organizational management skills 5. Skilled in performing critical thinking abilities  Experience 1. Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the NIMS US&R Task Force Leader, or equivalent AHJ documentation 2. Five years of experience in a mid-level supervisory role	Not Specified
<b>PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS</b>	1. Arduous 2. Minimum physical fitness Job Related Physical Ability Test (JRPAT) set by AHJ	The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions.
<b>CURRENCY</b>	Functions in this position during an exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every three years and an operational incident at least once every five years	Not Specified
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS</b>	Not Specified	Not Specified

## NOTES

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1. Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.
2. The AHJ may require additional training, capabilities, and endorsements for unique working environments.
3. This document contains references to non-Federal resources and materials. Such references do not constitute an endorsement by the U.S. government, or any of its employees, of the information or content which a non-Federal resource or material provides.

## REFERENCES

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1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Urban Search and Rescue Task Force
2. FEMA, National US&R Response System, Operations Manual, September 2012
3. FEMA, National US&R Response System, Training Program Administration Manual, February 2013
4. ASTM International (ASTM), F-2890-12 Standard Guide for Hazard Awareness for Search and Rescue Personnel, latest edition adopted
5. US Department of Homeland Security's Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Awareness Training (AWR160)
6. National Search and Rescue Committee (NSARC), United States National Search and Rescue Supplement to the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual Version 2.0, April 2018
7. NSARC, Catastrophic Incident Search and Rescue Addendum to the National Search and Rescue Supplement to the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual Version 3.0, June 2012