

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

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Search and Rescue
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Urban Search and Rescue (SAR) Task Force Leader provides general leadership, direct supervision, wellness, and safety of the Task Force members and other single resources
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Urban Search and Rescue Task Force).2. Logistics for deploying this position (e.g., security, lodging, transportation, meals) must be discussed prior to deployment of this resource.3. This position can work up to 12 hours per shift, is self-sustained for 72 hours, and deployable for up to 14 days.4. Operations in search and rescue environments may be recognized as immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH), per ASTM F2890 Standard Guide for Hazard Awareness for Search and Rescue Personnel or equivalent. The requesting authority must consider the need for additional recognized capability or endorsement.

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.

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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	<p>The Urban SAR Type 1 Task Force Leader is responsible for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operates within the Incident Command System (ICS), a specialized position within an Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Type 1, 2, or 3 Task Force 2. Provides general leadership, direct supervision, wellness, and safety of the Task Force members and other, single resources <p>General Functions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deploys for up to 14 days, ready to deploy to an incident within 24 hours of notification, self-sustaining for 72 hours upon arrival, and works up to 12 hours per shift 2. Responsible for providing oversight on safety, medical, logistics, and planning associated with the mission, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Safety of self, Task Force members, and operations b. Medical care of self, Task Force members, and subjects c. Simple decontamination of self and Task Force members 3. Capable of coordinating use of ground vehicles, watercraft, and aircraft for support 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 	<p>The Urban SAR Type 2 Task Force Leader is responsible for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operates within the Incident Command System (ICS), a specialized position within an Urban Search and Rescue(US&R) Type 4 Task Force <p>General Functions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deploys for up to 14 days, ready to deploy to an incident within 24 hours of notification, self-sustaining for 72 hours upon arrival, and works up to 12 hours per shift 2. Responsible for providing oversight on safety, medical, logistics, and planning associated with the mission, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Safety of self, Task Force members, and operations b. Medical care of self and Task Force members and subjects c. Simple decontamination of self and Task Force members 3. Capable of coordinating the use of ground vehicles and aircraft for support 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 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified

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TRAINING	Same as Type 2 PLUS: Completion of the following capability-based training: National US&R Response System Task Force Leaders' Training, or equivalent	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IS-100: Introduction to Incident Command System or ICS-100 2. IS-200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents 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-703: NIMS Resource Management 7. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 8. IS-809: Emergency Support Function (ESF) #9 - Search and Rescue 9. Understanding & Deploying Through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), available at www.emacweb.org 10. Operational Leadership Training provided through the Agency Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) or equivalent entity <p>Completion of the following awareness-level training:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Critical Incident Stress Management Training 2. The US Department of Homeland Security's Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Awareness Training (AWR160) or equivalent (to be refreshed every 5 years) <p>Completion of the following capability-based training:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National US&R Response System Orientation course or equivalent 2. National US&R Enhanced Operations in the Contaminated Environment (EOCE) course or equivalent (to be refreshed every 5 years) 3. Bloodborne Pathogens Training per Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 CFR 1910.1030 or equivalent and Airborne Pathogens Training 4. Annual Hazardous Materials First Responder (Awareness), per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 (Q)(6)(i) or equivalent <p>(Continued)</p>	Not Specified

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TRAINING		(Continued) 5. Respiratory Protection Training per Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 CFR 1910.120 and/or 1910.134(f) 6. Use, care, inspection and maintenance of all related personal protective equipment (PPE), tools, devices and equipment specific to this position 7. First Aid to include cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) capabilities	
EXPERIENCE	Same as Type 2 PLUS: Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: 1. Completion of the US&R Task Force Leader Position Task Book (PTB) or equivalent documentation that validates and verifies (by the AHJ) the successful completion of all skill, and demonstrated ability to perform skills in exercises and/or actual incident operations 2. Comprehensive knowledge of task force functions and US&R operations, tactics, strategy, and safety considerations Demonstrated experience in the following: 1. Demonstrated experience as a Search or Rescue Team Leader 2. Demonstrated experience as a Strike Team/Task Force Leader in the discipline 3. Experience in incident management, providing oversight and supervision and ensuring that objectives are established and met	Demonstrated experience in the following: 1. Three years Incident Command-level experience in emergency operations 2. Three years Technical Rescue operational experience	KSAs are addressed in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1006, Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications or equivalent; NFPA 1670, Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents or equivalent; and ASTM International (ASTM) search and rescue standards or equivalent. Experience as a NIMS Type 4 Fire Officer or equivalent senior-level emergency management position.
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Same as Type 2	1. Ability to perform duties under arduous circumstances, characterized by working consecutive 12-14 hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time 2. Minimum physical fitness and swimming standards, Job Related Physical Ability Test (JRPAT) set by AHJ 3. NFPA 1582 Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments), or equivalent minimum medical fitness standards determined by the AHJ 4. Maintains immunizations as outlined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's most current recommended adult immunization schedule for the United States of America	Arduous fitness or work capacity criteria should be consistent with the physical fitness levels defined in the (NWCG) Wildland Fire Qualification Systems Guide, NFPA 1582: Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Programs for Fire Departments, or equivalent physical and medical fitness criteria determined by the AHJ.

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CURRENCY	Same as Type 2	1. Functioning in this position during an operational incident, planned event, participation in exercise, drill, or simulation once every three years 2. Background checks as permitted and/or required by applicable law 3. Completion of a quantitative respiratory protection fit test required per 29 CFR 1910.134	The providing entity must carry out and use any background checks as specified by applicable law. This may or may not include the following: background check currency within twelve months; sex offender registry check; and a local, state and national based criminal history.
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified

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Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated category. The Agency Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) may require additional training, capabilities, and endorsements for unique working environments.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508-8: Urban Search and Rescue Task Force
2. ASTM International (ASTM), F-2890-12 Standard Guide for Hazard Awareness for Search and Rescue Personnel, latest edition adopted
3. ASTM, E2521-07A, Standard Terminology for Urban Search and Rescue Robotic Operations, latest edition adopted
4. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents, latest edition adopted
5. FEMA, National US&R Response System, Rescue Field Operations Guide, September 2006
6. FEMA, National US&R Response System, Operations Manual, September 2012
7. FEMA, National US&R Response System, Training Program Administration Manual, February 2013

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