



Kansas Search & Rescue Response System

TECHNICAL SEARCH SPECIALIST

Position Description

The Technical Search Specialist is responsible for performing the technical search function of the task force/team during incident operations. The Technical Search Specialist reports directly to the Search Team Manager, or other supervisor as assigned.

The Technical Search Specialist is responsible for:

- Searching structures in the disaster environment or other locations indicated in the mission assignment, utilizing appropriate technical search equipment and techniques
- Documenting and marking locations of victims, potential victims, and hazards, etc.
- Making assessments through the use of technical search equipment
- Land navigation and site mapping
- Cooperating with and assisting other search and rescue resources
- Providing accountability, maintenance, and minor repair of all issued equipment
- Adhering to all safety procedures
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned

Position Requirements and Criteria

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to deploy as a Technical Search Specialist in the Kansas Search & Rescue Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select competent personnel, fully capable of providing state-of-the-art search techniques and tactics required in the disaster environment.

Required Training

The Technical Search Specialist shall:

- Meet all administrative and general training requirements
- Complete the FEMA National US&R Response System Technical Search Specialist course or equivalent
- Complete the Technical Rescue Skill Sets

Recommended Training

The Technical Search Specialist should:

- Meet the requirements of NFPA 1006 Technical Rescuer Level 1 & 2 (excluding Section 1.3.3)
 - Job Performance Requirements – Chapter 5
 - Rope Rescue Level 1 & 2 – Chapter 6
 - Confined Space Rescue Level 1 & 2 – Chapter 7
 - Trench Rescue Level 1 & 2 – Chapter 8
 - Vehicle Rescue Level 1 & 2 – Chapter 10
 - Machinery Rescue Level 1 & 2 – Chapter 19
 - Surface Water Rescue Level 1 & 2 – Chapter 11
- Complete refresher training as required by the AHJ in accordance with Technical Rescuer (NFPA 1006)
- Complete the FEMA National US&R Response System Structural Collapse Technician course or equivalent
- Complete the FEMA National US&R Response System Canine Search Specialist course or equivalent
- Complete a wide area search course
- Complete a canine emergency field care course