



Kansas Search & Rescue Response System

RESCUE SPECIALIST

Position Description

The Rescue Specialist is responsible for performing the rescue function of the task force/team during incident operations. The Rescue Specialist reports directly to a Rescue Squad Officer, or other supervisor as assigned.

The Rescue Specialist is responsible for:

- Implementing technical skills and operating equipment necessary for completing the rescue portion of the tactical action plan and/or tactical worksheet
- Performing rescue operations under the direct supervision of a Rescue Squad Officer or other supervisor, and providing periodic progress reports as needed
- The operation and routine field maintenance of rescue tools and equipment
- Ensuring accountability and maintenance for all issued equipment
- Evaluating and modifying rescue tactics as needed
- 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 Rescue Specialist in the Kansas Search & Rescue Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select personnel fully capable of providing the rescue tactics and techniques required in the disaster environment.

Required Training

The Rescue Specialist shall:

- Meet all administrative and general training requirements
- Complete the FEMA National US&R Response System GPS Awareness Level course or equivalent
- 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
- 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
- Maintain certification in Basic First Aid for the First Responder or higher level of EMS certification