



Kansas Search & Rescue Response System

RESCUE SQUAD OFFICER

Position Description

The Rescue Squad Officer is responsible for supervising one or more task force/team rescue squads. The Rescue Squad Officer reports directly to the Rescue Team Manager, or other supervisor as assigned.

The Rescue Squad Officer is responsible for:

- Directly supervising a rescue squad (s) and other assigned personnel
- Implementing the rescue component of the task force/team tactical action plan and/or tactical worksheet
- Determining organizational and logistical needs for the rescue squad (s) and work site
- Providing periodic progress reports to the Rescue Team Manager or other supervisory personnel
- Maintaining records and reports
- 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 Squad Officer in the Kansas Search & Rescue Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select functional officers capable of effectively managing and supervising the rescue squad (s) and other assigned personnel in the disaster environment.

Required Training

The Rescue Squad Officer 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
- Have experience in structural collapse operations to include participation in field exercises and/or deployment as a Rescue Specialist

Recommended Training

The Rescue Squad Officer should:

- Complete ICS-300 in accordance with the NIMS Training Program
- Complete the FEMA National US&R Response System Technical Search Specialist course or equivalent
- Complete FEMA National US&R Response System GPS Operations Level course or equivalent