



Kansas Search & Rescue Response System

SAFETY OFFICER

Position Description

The Safety Officer is responsible for monitoring and assessing the safety aspects of the task force/team during training, exercises and incident operations. The Safety Officer reports directly to the Task Force Leader.

The Safety Officer is responsible for:

- Overseeing the health and safety of all task force/team personnel during day to day operations, training and exercises, as well as deployments, including any immediate intervention to prevent the loss of life and prevention of injuries
- Coordinating with task force/team managers relative to the health, welfare and safe operations of their assigned personnel; working with task force/team managers to establish acceptable entry conditions and appropriate personal protective equipment to be worn by personnel entering the hazard zone
- Preventing injuries and illness of task force/team members through appropriate administrative and engineering controls for hazards, including the enforcement of safety policies and procedures
- Conducting site safety analysis; completing forms and documentation required for the tactical action plan and/or tactical worksheet; developing safety messages and conducting safety briefings
- Establishing and enforcing the use of a personnel accountability system to be used during training, exercises and actual disaster deployments
- Conducting incident/accident investigations with appropriate task force/team personnel, under the direction of the Task Force Leader. Preparing and submitting post incident injury reports as necessary
- Preparing and maintaining entry permits, records, and reports
- 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 Safety Officer in the Kansas Search & Rescue Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select functional managers capable of effectively managing and supervising the safety function of the task force/team in the disaster environment.

Required Training

The Safety 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
- Complete the FEMA National US&R Response System Safety Officer course or equivalent
- Complete ICS-300 in accordance with the NIMS Training Program

Recommended Training

The Safety Officer should complete:

- Complete ICS-400 in accordance with the NIMS Training Program