

## **RESCUE SPECIALIST**

### **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

#### **Position Specific Requirements:**

The Rescue Specialist is responsible for performing the rescue function of the Task Force incident operation. The Rescue Specialist reports directly to a Rescue Squad Officer.

#### **Description of Duties:**

The Rescue Specialist is responsible for:

- Implementing technical skills and operating equipment necessary for completing the rescue portion of the action plan
- Performing rescue operations under the direct supervision of a Rescue Squad Officer 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
- 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 support of Resource's activities. The intent of these requirements is to select personnel fully capable of providing the rescue tactics and techniques required in a disaster environment.

#### **Required Training:**

The Rescue Specialist shall:

1. Complete all General Training requirements.
2. Complete FEMA National US&R Response System GPS Awareness Level course, or equivalent
3. Meet requirements of NFPA 1006 Rescue Technician Level 1 & 2 (Excluding Chapter 1 Administration: 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 and Machinery Rescue – Chapter 10
    - a. Complete refresher training as required by the AHJ in accordance with Rescue Technician (NFPA 1006).
4. Complete the FEMA National US&R Response System Structural Collapse Technician course or equivalent

Current Certification in Basic First aid for First Responder or equivalent