

TECHNICAL SEARCH SPECIALIST POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Specific Requirements:

The Technical Search Specialist is responsible for performing the technical search function of the task force incident operation. The Technical Search Specialist reports directly to the Search Team Manager.

Description of Duties:

The Technical Search Specialist is responsible for:

- Searching structures in US&R environments 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
- 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 repairs of all issued equipment
- 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 support of Resource's activities. 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 urban disaster environment.

Required Training:

The Technical Search Specialist shall:

1. Complete all General Training requirements.
2. Complete the FEMA National US&R Response System Technical Search Specialist course, or equivalent
3. Complete all Technical Rescue Skill Sets

Recommended Training:

The Technical Search Specialist should:

1. Complete a FEMA National US&R Response System Canine Search Specialist course, or equivalent
2. 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
 - Surface Water Rescue Level 1 & 2 – Chapter 11
3. Complete the FEMA National US&R Response System Structural Collapse Technician course or equivalent
4. Complete the Wide Area Search course
5. Complete a canine emergency field care course