



UTAH TASK FORCE 1

Salt Lake Urban Search & Rescue



UTAH TASK FORCE ONE RECRUITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT: UTAH Task Force One (UT-TF 1) is one of 28 Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) teams that function within the National US&R Response System managed by Department of Homeland Security, FEMA. UT-TF 1 became operational in the spring of 1996. Prior to the events of September 11, 2001, its primary mission was to provide a heavy rescue response to structural collapses resulting from natural and manmade disasters such as earthquakes, tornados, explosions, and hurricanes. Following the use of US&R teams during the attacks of September 11th, the task forces have found themselves at the forefront of the federal government's response to hurricanes and other events of National significance. In addition to its national response commitments, UT-TF 1 is also the primary urban search & rescue / ESF#9 response asset under the Utah Emergency Operations Plan.

DHS/FEMA has established new deployment and staffing standards for all task forces. Currently, UT-TF 1 is actively recruiting new members. Within the coming year, UT-TF 1 expects to recruit 30 additional personnel. Several of the specialty positions within the task force that are in need of personnel are rescue, logistics, search, medical, structural, planning and hazmat.

DHS/FEMA requires the following training on file to be rostered as an active US&R member:

- CPR/EMT/Paramedic Certification
- Awareness level Training: Confined Space, Water Rescue & Structural Collapse
- IS 100, 200, 700 & 800B (ICS 300 & 400 for leadership positions)
- Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD)
- Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level, 29 CFR 1910.120
- Blood borne pathogen awareness
- DHS/FEMA Orientation Training
- Respirator Training (29 CFR 1910.134)
- US&R WMD Enhanced Operations

Successful applicants will possess, as a minimum, documented and current training in CPR/first-aid or EMT/Paramedic certification, basic ICS, WMD Awareness, GPS Awareness and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations. Applicants are subject to interviews by various levels of task force management. The granting of full task force membership status is contingent upon approval of the Work Group personnel and the task force program office. Upon appointment, the task force will provide a "FEMA Orientation to US&R Course", respirator training & fit test, and "US&R WMD Enhanced Operations". FEMA Specialist Training would be completed as the classes are offered through the task force or DHS/FEMA. There is no monetary compensation for training or other task force activities unless the task force is activated by FEMA or the State of Utah for response to an emergency or event of significance. All FEMA and task force sponsored training is offered at no charge to the team member.

Applications and additional information are available online at www.utahtaskforce1.org. The application process will close at **5:00p.m. February 2, 2009**, if you have any questions please contact the UT-TF 1 program office at **977-5119**.