

*FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY*

***NATIONAL  
URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE  
RESPONSE SYSTEM***

**A Component of the National Response Plan  
Emergency Support Function # 9**



**FEMA**

**MEDICAL TEAM MANAGER  
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

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**Task Force Position Description**  
Medical Team Manager

**Position Specific Requirements**

**Medical Team Manager**

The Medical team Manager has overall responsibility for the management and supervision of the medical function of the task force during incident operations. The Medical Team Manager reports directly to the Task Force Leader.

The Medical Team Manager is responsible for:

- Developing and implementing the medical component of the Task Force Tactical Action Plan.
- Directly supervising the Medical Specialists.
- Assisting in the development of the safety plan in coordination with the Task Force Safety Officer and Task Force Hazardous Materials Specialist.
- Coordinating, managing, and supervising of all medical activities.
- Determining the medical organizational and logistics needs.
- Receiving briefings and situation reports and ensuring that all medical personnel are kept informed of status changes.
- Responsible for providing situation reports and maintaining records and reports.
- Preparing performance evaluations (FEMA Form 90-106) for assigned personnel.
- Directing medical care delivery to task force personnel, search dogs, and victims.
- Ensuring a continuum of medical care and coordinating interaction with all appropriate outside medical entities.
- Responsible for assuring accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs for all issued equipment.
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned during a mission.

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Position Requirements and Criteria

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become Medical Team Managers in the FEMA US&R Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select functional managers capable of effectively managing, coordinating, and supervising the medical component in the urban disaster environment.

Required Training

The Medical Team Manager shall;

1. Meet all General Training requirements
2. Must be a currently licensed physician who is emergency medicine residency-trained and/or Board-certified in emergency medicine that practices clinical emergency medicine.

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3. Must be a currently licensed physician with current ACLS, ATLS, and PALS certification (or equivalent) whose medical activities include clinical emergency medicine and pre-hospital medical care.
4. Complete the FEMA/US&R Medical Team Training course.
5. Complete the FEMA/US&R WMD Considerations for The Medical Team.
6. Complete Technical Rescue skill sets as identified in Appendix A

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**Appendix A**

**Technical Rescue Skill Sets**

Minimum skill set recommendations for Task Force Personnel who enter the hazard zone, i.e. forward deployment:

- General Requirements of NFPA 1670
- Rope Rescue Awareness per NFPA 1670\*
- Confined Space Rescue Awareness per NFPA 1670
- Structural Collapse Awareness, NFPA 1670
- Duties of the Entrant per 29 CFR 1910.146
  
- \* Additional Required Rope Rescue skills;
  - Safety considerations during rope rescue operations
  - Characteristics of life safety rope and webbing
  - Application of rope rescue hardware specific to a lowering operation
  - Application of rope rescue hardware and software specific to a belay line
  - Assemble and apply a Class III harness
  - Assemble and apply a "Hasty Harness"
  - Tie a Simple Figure eight knot
  - Tie a Figure Eight follow-through knot
  - Tie an overhand follow-through with webbing
  - Attach a prusik loop to a rope
  - Be familiar with anchor systems
  - Be familiar with raising and lowering systems
  - Proficiency at attaching yourself to, and participating in a raising or lowering system
  - Proficiency at descending and ascending a fixed line, low angle