

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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

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



FEMA

**SEARCH TEAM MANAGER
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

FEMA US&R Response System

Task Force Position Description

Search Team Manager

Position Specific Requirements

Search Team Manager

The Search Team Manager is responsible for managing the search function of the task force and supervising the Canine Search Specialists and Technical Search Specialists. The Search Team Manager reports directly to the Task Force Leader.

Description of Duties

The Search Team Manager is responsible for:

- Developing and implementing the search component of the Task Force Tactical Action Plan.
- Coordinating, managing, and supervising all search and reconnaissance activities.
- Participating in the oversight, administrative and operational control of the development, implementation and operational aspects of search component training (Canine Search Specialists, Technical Search Specialists and Search Team Managers).
- Participating in the Canine Search Specialist evaluation process at the task force level.
- Providing research and development input at the task force level for the implementation and evaluation of new technologies, equipment, tactics and skills as they pertain to the search component.
- Land navigation and site mapping.
- Adhering to all safety procedures.
- Determining search and reconnaissance operational, organizational and logistical needs.
- Ensuring that all assigned personnel are kept informed of mission objectives and status changes to include briefings and debriefings.
- Preparing performance evaluations (FEMA Form 90-106) for assigned personnel.
- Providing situation updates, documenting and maintaining records and reports.
- Providing oversight for accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs for all issued/assigned equipment.

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Position Requirements and Criteria

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

Required Training

The Search Team Manager shall;

1. Meet all General Training requirements
2. Meet the requirements of Technical Search Specialist
3. Complete the FEMA/US&R Canine Search Specialist Training course (CSST)
4. Complete ICS-300 in accordance with the National Standard Curriculum Training Development

Recommended Training

The Search Team Manager should;

1. Complete the Structural Collapse Technician course
2. Complete the Task Force Leader course
3. Complete the Planning Team Manager course
4. Meet all requirements of NFPA 1670 (2004 Edition) Chapter 9 Section 9.3.5
5. Meet all requirements of Structural Collapse Technician as per NFPA 1670