



Mission

The National Urban Search and Rescue System was established under the authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 1989. It is a framework for structuring local emergency service personnel into integrated disaster response task forces. Virginia Task Force 2 is located in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The Task Force can be deployed by FEMA to any national emergency or disaster.

Capabilities of VATF2:

- ❖ Physical search and rescue operations in damaged or collapsed structures.
- ❖ Emergency Medical care for entrapped victims, task force members and search canines.
- ❖ Reconnaissance to determine damage and provide damage assessments for local, state and federal officials.
- ❖ Survey and evaluate Hazardous materials situations.
- ❖ Structural and hazard evaluations of buildings needed for immediate occupancy to support disaster relief operations.
- ❖ Stabilization of damaged structures that include shoring and cribbing operations.
- ❖ Coordination of the Federal effort with resources to locate, extricate and provide initial medical treatment to victims trapped in collapsed structures resulting from a disaster.