

# **Rescue Subgroup**



**Position:** Rescue Subgroup Member

## **Background**

Search and rescue operations in the urban disaster environment require the close interaction of all task force elements—search, rescue, medical, and technical personnel—for safe and successful survivor extrications. Once one or more entrapped survivors have been located, rescue extrication, coupled with appropriate medical treatment and survivor removal operations, must be conducted in an organized and safe manner. Members of the Rescue Subgroup are subject matter experts in rescue modalities and the current tactical considerations and general strategies that should constitute a foundation for productive rescue operations. The Rescue Subgroup is responsible for developing and maintaining their respective area and integrating them into the System. The members of the group, are chosen based on their management and/or technical expertise to provide advice and recommendations upon which decisions are based. These decisions will be made through consensus, whenever possible.

Under the direction of the Rescue Subgroup Leader within the Operations Functional Group in the Advisory Organization, a system wide recruitment for Rescue Subgroup members with the knowledge, skills and abilities to assist both the US&R Branch and US&R Task Forces.

## **Knowledge**

- Thorough knowledge of the Rescue Specialist, Rescue Squad Officer, Heavy Equipment Rigging Specialist, and Rescue Team Manager positions
- Thorough knowledge of NFPA 1670 and NFPA 1006 Standards
- Thorough knowledge of Structural Collapse Rescue and a subject matter expert in at least one of the core tenants of Breaking and Breaching, Shoring or Lifting and Moving
- Subject matter expert in rope rescue and at least one other rescue discipline including
  - Confined Space Rescue
  - Trench Rescue
  - Static and Flood Water Rescue
  - Heavy Equipment and Rigging
- General understanding of all 19 positions and function for Type I US&R Team.
- General understanding of a US&R Incident Support Team (IST)
- General Understanding of an Incident Management Team (IMT)
- General understanding of System Program Directives
- Familiarity with the Training Program and Administration Manual (TPAM)

## **Skills**

- Communicate effectively in writing as appropriate for the needs of the audience.
- Good interpersonal communication skills. Give full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, and asking questions as appropriate.
- Convey information effectively.
- Prioritize work assignments.

- Breakdown complex problems and related information to develop procedures
- Utilize computer programs such as: Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Visio, and Adobe products

### **Abilities**

- Qualified as a FEMA US&R Rescue Specialist
- Ability to communicate effectively with multidisciplinary US&R audiences to promote safe and successful survivor extrications
- Ability to speak and lead large groups through complex rescue procedures.
- Member must have support from his/her sponsoring agency to fulfill role which may involve travel.
- Members need to make every effort to attend scheduled meetings.
- Ability to contribute and possibly lead projects such as course development, research tools/equipment, and other projects as assigned.