

FEMA US&R RESPONSE SYSTEM
Position Description
TASK FORCE SAFETY OFFICER

The Task Force Safety Officer is responsible for monitoring and assessing the safety aspects of the task force during incident operations. The Task Force Safety Officer reports directly to the Task Force Leader.

Description of Duties

The Task Force Safety Officer is responsible for:

- Overseeing all health and safety aspects of the task force response and the fitness and welfare of task force personnel.
 - This includes the personal safety at the Assembly Point, in transit vehicles used during transit, at layover sites, the Mobilization Center, at the Base of Operations, and the operational work sites and patient safety.
 - All roles will be evaluated to assure that optimal safety and injury prevention is being practiced at all times. This is particularly important for camp set-up and function, respiratory and other protective equipment at the work sites, safe operation of motor vehicles and tools and other considerations.
 - In cooperation with the Medical Team Manager, investigating, completing, and forwarding all reports in regards to task force personnel injuries and illnesses to the appropriate organization in conjunction with the IST Unit Leader.
- Preventing injuries and illnesses among the task force.
- Immediate intervention of activities to prevent the loss of life and prevention of injuries.
- Preparing and maintaining entry permits, records and reports.
- Developing and implementing the safety component of the Task Force Action Plan.
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned during a mission.
- Accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs for all issued equipment.
- Adhering to all safety procedures.

Position Requirements and Criteria

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become Task Force Safety Officers in the FEMA US&R Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select functional managers capable of effectively managing and supervising the safety function in the urban disaster environment. The requirements and criteria for the position are identified in the following categories:

Knowledge

Skills

Abilities

Knowledge

1. Must have completed the NIIMS Basic ICS Course (1-200), or equivalent.
2. Must possess an awareness of public health and industrial hygiene considerations.
3. Must have knowledge of field sanitation procedures.
4. Must have knowledge of First Responder Operations Level for Hazardous Materials as per OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.120 Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response.
5. Basic awareness of the applicable OSHA standards.

6. Must have knowledge of the principles of risk management.
7. Must have completed Rescue Systems I and II.
8. Must have completed the FEMA Rescue Specialist Course.
9. Must have completed a basic training course in confined space rescue.
10. Must have a demonstrated working knowledge of confined space operations as outlined in the OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.146 Permit Required Confined Spaces.
11. Must have completed a basic incident safety officer's training course.
12. Must have completed a basic training course in incident management stress.

Skills (see general requirements)

Ability

1. Must be able to analyze data.
2. Must be able to effectively communicate orally and in writing.