

URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE SPECIALIST

NATURE OF WORK

This is administrative and technical work providing input, logistical support, management and training to a specialized urban search and rescue team.

Work involves the development and implementation of cache management and training in the field of urban search and rescue. Work also involves developing strategies that maintain a high degree of unit effectiveness and a cooperative atmosphere between department personnel and other members of the program. An employee in this class is expected to exercise considerable independent judgment and personal initiative within the framework of departmental policies. Supervision is received from an administrative superior with work being reviewed in the form of reports, conferences and effectiveness of the training program for Urban Search and Rescue task force members.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Provides logistical support to include equipment and supply cache maintenance to the Urban Search and Rescue program.

Provides supervision to adjunct logistical team during routine maintenance and activation periods.

Maintains records within the equipment and supply data base; ensures maintenance and supply records are current.

Assists with the purchase of equipment and supplies.

Develops and delivers training specific to Urban Search and Rescue response.

Provides and receives input from the task force management to implement changes in procedures or practices.

Provides input regarding employee performance as it relates to the urban search and rescue environment.

Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Considerable knowledge of urban search and rescue program planning, evaluation and management.

Considerable knowledge of urban search and rescue equipment and management practices as they pertain to the national task force system.

Considerable knowledge of the rules and regulations of the FEMA urban search and rescue system.

Considerable knowledge of the types, personnel requirements and uses of urban search and rescue

equipment.

Ability to supervise and motivate personnel, analyze problems and provide task force management with identified solutions.

Ability to deliver training, develop lesson plans, devise and administer tests, and create and record documentation of training.

Ability to interact with a variety of people.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in public or business administration or related field, or in fire protection technology plus considerable experience in the areas of course development and delivery, firefighting, hazardous materials response and emergency medical activities and experience with an urban search and rescue task force. Hazardous Materials Awareness, Operations, or Technician certification and Incident Command for Hazardous Materials certification. Certification as a Fire Instructor I and II or equivalent.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from a senior high school or equivalent plus some experience performing firefighting and emergency medical activities; or any equivalent combination of training and experience that provides the desirable knowledge, abilities and skills. Candidates also must meet such specific physical requirements as established by the City.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid driver's license when operating a vehicle is necessary to the satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

When operating equipment that falls under the Nebraska Commercial Driver's License (CDL) status, the employee is required to possess and maintain the proper license and endorsement

Eligible to be a member of the NETF1 Urban Search and Rescue Task Force.

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