

SAFETY OFFICER

I. Functional Description

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

II. Description of Duties

The Task Force Safety Officer is responsible for the following:

- Overseeing all health and safety of all task force personnel during day to day operations, training, and exercises as well as on deployment
- Coordinating with task force team managers relative to the health, welfare, and safe operations of their assigned personnel
- Preventing injuries and illness of task force members through appropriate administrative and engineering controls of hazards including enforcement of safety policies and procedures
- Conducting site safety analysis, completing required ICS documents for IAP/TAP, developing safety messages and conducting safety briefings
- Working with task force team managers to establish acceptable entry conditions and appropriate personal protective equipment to be worn by personnel entering the hazard zone
- Establishing and enforcing the use of a personnel accountability system to be used during training, exercises and actual disaster deployments
- Immediate intervention of activities to prevent the loss of life and prevention of injuries
- Conducting incident/accident investigations with appropriate task force personnel under the direction of the Task Force Leader
- Preparing post incident injury reports and submitting them to the Task Force Leader
- Preparing and maintaining entry permits, records, and reports
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned

III. Position Requirements and Criteria

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become task force safety officers in the National 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.

IV. Required Training

The Task Force Safety Officer shall adhere to the following:

- Meet all administrative and general training requirements
- Complete the National US&R Response System GPS Awareness Level Course
- Complete ICS-300 in accordance with the National Standard Curriculum Training Development Guidance
- Complete the National US&R Response System US&R Safety Officer Course
- Meet requirements of NFPA 1006 (2008) Technical Rescuer Level 1 & 2 (Excluding Chapter 1 Administration: Section 1.3.3)
 - Chapter 5: Job Performance Requirements
 - Chapter 6: Rope Rescue (Levels 1 & 2)
 - Chapter 7: Confined Space Rescue (Levels 1 & 2)
 - Chapter 8: Trench Rescue (Levels 1 & 2)
 - Chapter 10: Vehicle and Machinery Rescue (Levels 1 & 2)
- Complete the National US&R Response System Structural Collapse Technician course or FEMA/DHS approved equivalent
- Current Certification in basic first aid for first responders or equivalent

V. Recommended Training

The task force Safety Officer should complete Chapter 11: Surface Water Rescue (Levels 1 & 2)