



Family Deployment Update

September 26, 2001



We're Here For You!

Submitted by: Gwen Linke

In addition to the information in the packet that you should have received, we would like you to know that we have a growing list of firefighters that would be available to help out with any problems you may encounter. We all know that when something happens, our spouse (family member) is usually on duty any way, but this time you cannot easily call them and have them help. These guys are willing to help when needed. Please don't hesitate to call one of us and we will contact them.

We have started our group support meetings and will continue having them every night while the team is deployed. We would like to see more families come to these get togethers. They provide a place to share your feelings or just hear how others are coping with the changes this has brought. It is always good to hear that we are not going through this alone. We hope this will help to form a closer bond among the USAR family. We never know when they will be called into action next, and we will need each other again. There will be someone at the meetings to watch children each night, so feel free to bring them along. They are part of the team too!

If you have an e-mail address that we can contact you at, please let one of us know. If anything changes, we can let you know faster that way! If you have any questions, please feel free to call anytime.

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Lincoln Fire Department

NE-TF1 Mission

Duration

Submitted by: John Huff

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is an agreement that the City made with FEMA when we entered into the US&R program in 1991. This agreement specifies that a Task Force when deployed, may be in the field for as long as ten days. This is not a hard rule, but defines what should be expected. In the past when Task Forces have been deployed, none have been used for this length of time, however, given the scope of the disaster site at the World Trade Center, we are currently expecting our team to be absent from Lincoln for ten days. For planning purposes everyone should understand that our team could be gone until at least October 3 or 4.

When our Task Force is released from the WTC incident, the demobilization order will contain specific information about how long FEMA will cover back fill costs of the department. In the past this has been for a period of up to 72 hours. This means that shift personnel on the deployment will not have to return to their assigned shift immediately when they return.