

CALIFORNIA INCIDENT COMMAND CERTIFICATION SYSTEM (CICCS)

US&R HISTORICAL RECOGNITION GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

Through a collaborative effort of the Technical Search and Rescue (TSAR) Subcommittee and California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS), a Historical Recognition plan/pathway has been developed for members of "Typed" single resources and California OES US&R assets to include Regional and State/National Task Forces.

This document establishes the training and documentation requirements for historical recognition for each position identified. This document will be utilized by stakeholders to ensure members of their respective agencies and teams meet the established historical recognition requirements. A copy of the qualification checklist will be retained by the AHJ in each member's personnel file.

With the recommendation of CICCS, this will be a self-certification process that will be submitted for final approval by the CICCS Op Area Peer Review Committee. CICCS will issue a letter that will be sent to all stakeholders identifying the opening of a historical recognition period and will be accompanied by this document

The stakeholders will then identify who in their respective agencies meet the requirements and submit a list of names for each position. This list of names will be accompanied by a letter from either the program manager, the Fire Chief of the respective agency, or both, and the agency CICCS authorized signatory certifying the list to be accurate.

A copy of the approved letter will be placed in each person's file to show certification in their specific positions.

The historical recognition period will start on June 1, 2026, ending on July 1, 2027. This would allow for alignment with the sunset date of the implementation plan for ICS 162.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

The Regional Urban Search and Rescue Taskforce (RTF) system was developed in California in the mid-2000s to help support the evolving US&R needs within the State. During this time, the RTF system has been tasked by the Office of Emergency Services to multiple incidents including earthquakes, mud and debris flows, wildfire search and recovery, tropical storms, snow impacts, and firefighter recoveries.

Back when this system was established, it was agreed upon by all stakeholders that the Regional Task Forces, as well as typed, single resource US&R assets would be held to a training standard that consisted of the US&R class catalog that was offered by State Fire Training. Per the JPRs identified in ICS-USR-120-1, the classes available consisted of Rescue Systems 1, Rescue Systems 2, Confined Space Rescue, Trench Rescue, and Auto Extrication. Changes to the SFT curriculum occurred after this, but with the understanding that if members of recognized OES US&R resources and teams were already qualified and operating, they did not have to go to the updated training courses through State Fire Training.

Historic changes to the curriculum over the years are as follows:

- Pre-2007- Rescue Systems 1 covered all low angle rope rescue curriculum.
- 2007- Low Angle Rope Rescue Operations developed as a state curriculum.
- 2012- Rescue Systems 3 was developed to bridge the curriculum for the CSFM Rescue Systems catalog allowing RS1, RS2, and RS3 to be taken by FEMA Task Force members in place of FEMA Structural Collapse Technician.
- 2013- Rope Rescue Technician was developed by State Fire Training, establishing a dedicated class for High Angle Rope Rescue.
- 2017- Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations was developed and replaced LARRO and the high angle rope module in RS1.
- 2022- Structural Collapse Specialist 1 and 2 were developed to replace Rescue Systems 1, 2, and 3.
- 2023- Rescue Systems 1, 2, and 3 were retired.

With the publication of the ICS 162 in July 2024, the updated State Fire Training Curriculum was adopted to include new training and equipment standards for the US&R system within the State of California. An implementation plan was developed giving all rescue personnel, apparatus, and teams within the State of California a three-year period, concluding July 1, 2027, to meet the new equipment and training standards set forth in the document.

Prior to the publication of ICS 162, concerns were raised by members in our subcommittee regarding the viability of the implementation plan and whether this implementation plan was achievable or not by all stakeholders within the US&R system in the State. Specific challenges were cited that the State Regional Task Forces would have in meeting the new standard.

The specific challenges are listed below:

- 1) Availability of courses:
 - a. Due to the shift in curriculum from the Rescue Systems to the Structural Collapse Specialist, many instructors of the Rescue Systems series did not meet the requirements to teach the Structural Collapse courses. This resulted in only a few instructors statewide who were qualified to teach, thus limiting the available opportunities.
- 2) Inclusion of Rescue Systems 3 curriculum in Structural Collapse Specialist 2:
 - a. With Structural Collapse Specialist 2 listed as a requirement for certification in ICS 162, this would require legacy rescuers to have taken Rescue Systems 3 under the old curriculum to meet the intent of the new training standard. This was never a course that was required for typed single resources and Regional Task Forces in California. When ICS 162 was published, Rescue Systems 3 was already retired, and thus the only way to obtain this training would be to complete Structural Collapse Specialist 2. This changed the training requirement from a 24-hour course to a 40-hour course.
- 3) Fiscal Impact on Sponsoring Agencies:
 - a. With the adoption of the new curriculum, it would require a large financial commitment by agencies that sponsor and fund these US&R assets. The most glaring example of this would be Structural Collapse Specialist 2. An approximate cost of \$1,300 per student, and with each Regional Task Force having roughly 120 members, this would represent a significant unbudgeted fiscal impact.

Adopting this historical recognition plan greatly reduces the fiscal impact on agencies that sponsor US&R assets and allows those assets to remain deployable, maintaining the operability of the US&R system within the State of California.

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL US&R HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPECIALIST

The Regional Hazardous Materials Specialist is responsible for performing the various hazardous materials functions for the task force during incident operations. The Hazardous Materials Specialist reports directly to the Search Team Manager or other supervisor, as appropriate.

Description of Duties:

- Provide an initial and ongoing survey (detection, monitoring) for, and identification of, the presence of hazardous materials at search and rescue sites.
- Proficiency with the set up and use of decontamination systems and equipment.
- Directing decontamination for task force members, victims, canine, or equipment.
- Performing minor mitigation operations.
- Technical expertise to advise Team Managers regarding all hazardous material issues to plan for tactical operations.
- Document all related information regarding the incident
- Adhere to all safety procedures
- Properly utilizing the detection monitors and devices in US&R cache.
- Proficiency in donning/doffing personnel protective equipment in US&R cache.
- Proficiency in building triage and US&R marking systems.
- Performing regular assessments for hazardous conditions, such as carbon monoxide from generators, or any other contaminants
- Establishing and maintaining a liaison with hazardous materials personnel from other resources
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned

Position Requirements and Criteria:

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to deploy as a Hazardous Materials Specialist in support of Resource's activities. The intent of these requirements is to identify personnel who meet the requirements set forth for Historical Recognition.

Required Training:

1. Complete all General Training requirements.
 - a. ICS 100
 - b. ICS 200
 - c. IS-700
 - d. IS-800
 - e. Respiratory Protection Training
 - f. Blood Borne Pathogens
 - g. HAZ MAT FRO

- h. CPR
2. Meet and maintain the requirements as a certified Hazardous Materials Technician or Specialist as per OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.120 Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response. CCR Title 8 Section 5192.
3. Meet and maintain the AHJ competencies in accordance with National Fire Protection Association standard 472 Standard for Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents.
4. Complete GPS Awareness Training
5. Complete the required:
 - a. California State Fire Training, Firefighter 1, or equivalent training
 - b. California State Fire Training, LARRO
 - c. California State Fire Training, Rescue Systems 1
 - d. California State Fire Training, Confined Space Rescue Technician

NOTE: Refer to Historical Recognition Training Matrix for recognized equivalencies.

6. Current Certification as a California Emergency Medical Technician

Required Experience:

1. Satisfactory performance as a Firefighter 1.

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL US&R HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND RIGGING SPECIALIST

The Regional Heavy Equipment and Rigging Specialist is responsible for performing various assessments and construction-related liaison for the task force during incident operations. The Heavy Equipment and Rigging Specialist reports directly to the Rescue Team Manager.

Description of Duties:

- Ensure the safety of Task Force members at disaster sites pertaining to the positioning and operations of cranes and other heavy equipment.
- Assess the need for and capabilities of several types of construction-related equipment to assist task force personnel in US&R activities.
- Preparing site for and assisting with positioning and setting up of cranes and other heavy equipment.
- Identify various rigging techniques to assist in the rescue of victims or stabilization of collapsed buildings, including development of rigging plans and procedures.

- Interact with and coordinate efforts between the task force personnel and heavy equipment operators, contractors, and organized labor.
- Adhering to all safety procedures.
- Providing documentation to assist Task Force in procuring cranes and other heavy equipment, as well as maintaining daily logs.
- Providing accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs for all issued equipment. Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned.

Position Requirements and Criteria:

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to deploy as a Heavy Equipment and Rigging Specialist in support of Resource's activities. The intent of these requirements is to identify personnel who meet the requirements set forth for Historical Recognition.

Required Training:

1. Complete all General Training Requirements
 - a. ICS 100
 - b. ICS 200
 - c. IS-700
 - d. IS-800
 - e. Respiratory Protection Training
 - f. Blood Borne Pathogens
 - g. HAZ MAT FRO
 - h. CPR
2. Complete the FEMA Heavy Equipment and Rigging Specialist curriculum or equivalent.
3. Complete the required:
 - a. California State Fire Training, Firefighter 1, or equivalent training
 - b. California State Fire Training, LARRO
 - c. California State Fire Training, Rescue Systems 1
 - d. California State Fire Training, Confined Space Rescue Technician
 - e. California State Fire Training, Rescue Systems 2
 - f. California State Fire Training, Trench Rescue Technician
 - g. California State Fire Training, Vehicle Extrication

NOTE: Refer to Historical Recognition Training Matrix for recognized equivalencies.

4. Current Certification as a California Emergency Medical Technician

Required Experience:

1. Satisfactory performance as Firefighter 1
2. Satisfactory performance as a Rescue Specialist

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL US&R LOGISTICS SPECIALIST

The Regional Logistics Specialist is responsible for ensuring the preparation and maintenance of the task force equipment cache. The Logistics Specialist reports directly to the Task Force Leader.

Description of Duties:

- Coordinate the transporting, distribution, and maintenance of the Task Force equipment prior, during, and after mission assignments
- Procure equipment as directed by the Task Force Leader
- Ensure accountability and security of the task force equipment cache
- Maintain accurate and timely records and reports
- Adhere to all safety procedures
- Maintains and repairs the task force equipment cache
- Assist with overall management of task force facilities and fleet
- Coordinate with military and/or civilian officials for transportation needs
- Perform additional tasks or duties as assigned

Position Requirements and Criteria:

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to deploy as a Logistics Specialist in support of Resource's activities. The intent of these requirements is to select personnel who meet the requirements set forth for Historical Recognition.

Required Training:

1. Complete all General Training requirements.
 - a. ICS 100
 - b. ICS 200
 - c. IS-700
 - d. IS-800
 - e. Respiratory Protection Training
 - f. Blood Borne Pathogens
 - g. HAZ MAT FRO
 - h. CPR
2. Complete FEMA GPS Awareness Level course or equivalent

NOTE: Refer to Historical Recognition Training Matrix for recognized equivalencies.

REGIONAL US&R PLANNING TEAM MANAGER

The Regional Planning Team Manager is responsible for planning aspects of the Task Force during incident operations. The Plans Team Manager supervises the Technical Information Specialist. The Planning Team Manager reports directly to the Task Force Leader.

Description of Duties:

- Developing and implementing the operational planning of the Task Force
- Coordinating, managing, and supervising all planning component activities
- Determining the planning component organizational and logistics needs
- Receiving briefings and situation reports and ensures that all planning personnel are kept informed of status changes
- Providing situation reports and maintaining records and reports
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned

Position Requirements and Criteria:

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to deploy as a Planning Team Manager in support of resources activities. The intent of these requirements is to select functional managers who meet the requirements set forth for Historical Recognition.

Required Training:

1. Complete all general training requirements
 - a. CPR
 - b. ICS 100
 - c. ICS 200
 - d. IS-700
 - e. IS-800
 - f. Respiratory Protection Training
 - g. Blood Borne Pathogens
 - h. HAZ MAT FRO
2. Complete ICS-300 Intermediate ICS
3. Complete ICS-400 Advanced ICS

4. FEMA US&R Plans Team Manager Course or equivalent (Plans Section Chief L962)

NOTE: Refer to Historical Recognition Training Matrix for recognized equivalencies.

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL US&R RESCUE SPECIALIST

The Regional Rescue Specialist is responsible for performing the rescue function of the Task Force incident operation. The Rescue Specialist reports directly to a Rescue Squad Officer.

Description of Duties:

- Implementing technical skills and operating equipment necessary for completing the rescue portion of the action plan
- Performing rescue operations under the direct supervision of a Rescue Squad Officer and providing periodic progress reports as needed
- The operation and routine field maintenance of rescue tools and equipment
- Ensuring accountability and maintenance for all issued equipment
- Evaluating and modifying rescue tactics as needed
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned

Position Requirements and Criteria:

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to deploy as a Rescue Specialist in support of Resource's activities. The intent of these requirements is to select personnel who meet the requirements set forth for Historical Recognition.

General Training Requirements:

1. Complete the following:
 - a. ICS 100
 - b. ICS 200
 - c. IS-700
 - d. IS-800
 - e. Respiratory Protection Training
 - f. Blood Borne Pathogens
 - g. HAZ MAT FRO
 - h. CPR

Required Training:

1. Complete the required:
 - a. California State Fire Training, Firefighter 1, or equivalent training
 - b. California State Fire Training, LARRO
 - c. California State Fire Training, Rescue Systems 1
 - d. California State Fire Training, Confined Space Rescue Technician
 - e. California State Fire Training, Rescue Systems 2
 - f. California State Fire Training, Trench Rescue Technician
 - g. California State Fire Training, Vehicle Extrication

NOTE: Refer to Historical Recognition Training Matrix for recognized equivalencies.

2. Current Certification as a California Emergency Medical Technician

Required Experience:

1. Satisfactory performance as a Firefighter 1

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL US&R RESCUE SQUAD OFFICER

The Regional Rescue Squad Officer is responsible for supervising one or more Task Force Rescue Squad(s). The Rescue Squad Officer reports directly to the Rescue Team Manager.

Description of Duties:

- Directly supervising Rescue Squad(s) and other assigned personnel
- Implementing the rescue component of the Task Force
- Determining organizational and logistical needs for the Rescue Squad(s) and work site
- Providing periodic progress reports to the Rescue Team Manager
- Maintaining records and reports
- Preparing performance evaluations for assigned personnel
- Ensuring accountability and maintenance for all issued equipment
- Evaluating and modifying rescue tactics as needed
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned

Position Requirements and Criteria:

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to deploy as a Rescue Squad Officer in support of the resource's activities. The

intent of these requirements is to select functional officers who meet the requirements set forth for Historical Recognition.

Required Training:

1. Complete all General Training Requirements (See Rescue Specialist)
2. Complete GPS Awareness Training
3. Complete the required:
 - a. California State Fire Training, Firefighter 1, or equivalent training
 - b. California State Fire Training, LARRO
 - c. California State Fire Training, Rescue Systems 1
 - d. California State Fire Training, Confined Space Rescue Technician
 - e. California State Fire Training, Rescue Systems 2
 - f. California State Fire Training, Trench Rescue Technician
 - g. California State Fire Training, Vehicle Extrication

NOTE: Refer to Historical Recognition Training Matrix for recognized equivalencies.

4. Current Certification as a California Emergency Medical Technician

Required Experience:

1. Shall have experience in structural collapse operations to include participation in field exercise(s) and/or a deployment as a Rescue Specialist

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL US&R RESCUE TEAM MANAGER

The Regional Rescue Team Manager reports directly to the US&R Task Force Leader. Is responsible for managing US&R Rescue Operations and supervising assigned resources:

Description of Duties:

- Assisting in the development and implementation of the Task Force Tactical Action Plan
- Coordinating, managing, and supervising all functional groups involved in rescue activities
- Determining rescue organizational and logistical needs
- Receiving briefings and situation reports and ensuring that all rescue personnel are kept informed of mission objectives and status changes
- Providing situation updates and maintaining records and reports

- Preparing performance evaluations for assigned personnel
- Ensuring accountability and maintenance for all issued equipment
- Ensuring accountability of all assigned personnel
- Provide a mission specific Rapid Intervention Plan including personnel and equipment needs
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned

Position Requirements and Criteria:

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to deploy as a Rescue Team Manager in support of the resource's activities. The intent of these requirements is to select functional managers capable of effectively managing and supervising rescue operations in the urban disaster environment.

General Training Requirements:

1. Complete all general training requirements
 - a. CPR
 - b. ICS 100
 - c. ICS 200
 - d. IS-700
 - e. IS-800
 - f. Respiratory Protection Training
 - g. Blood Borne Pathogens
 - h. HAZ MAT FRO

Required Training:

1. Complete all general training requirements
 - a. CPR
 - b. ICS 100
 - c. ICS 200
 - d. IS-700
 - e. IS-800
 - f. Respiratory Protection Training
 - g. Blood Borne Pathogens
 - h. HAZ MAT FRO
2. Complete the required:
 - a. California State Fire Training, Firefighter 1, or equivalent training
 - b. California State Fire Training, LARRO

- c. California State Fire Training, Rescue Systems 1
- d. California State Fire Training, Confined Space Rescue Technician
- e. California State Fire Training, Rescue Systems 2
- f. California State Fire Training, Trench Rescue Technician
- g. California State Fire Training, Vehicle Extrication
- h. ICS- 300

NOTE: Refer to Historical Recognition Training Matrix for recognized equivalencies.

3. Current Certification as a California Emergency Medical Technician

Required Experience:

1. Shall have experience in structural collapse operations as a Rescue Specialist.

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL US&R SAFETY OFFICER

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

Description of Duties:

- 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
- Conduct site safety analysis, complete required ICS documents for IAP/TAP, develop safety messages and conduct safety briefings
- Work with Task Force Team Managers to establish acceptable entry conditions and appropriate personal protective equipment to be worn by personnel entering the hazard zone
- Establish and enforce 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

- Conduct incident/accident investigations with appropriate task force personnel under the direction of the Task Force Leader. Prepare post incident injury reports and submit them to the Task Force Leader
- Preparing and maintaining entry permits, records, and reports
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned

Position Requirements and Criteria:

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to deploy as a (Task Force) Safety Officer in support of Resource's activities. The intent of these requirements is to select functional managers who meet the requirements set forth for Historical Recognition.

Required Training:

1. Complete all general training requirements
 - a. ICS 100
 - b. ICS 200
 - c. IS-700
 - d. IS-800
 - e. Respiratory Protection Training
 - f. Blood Borne Pathogens
 - g. HAZ MAT FRO
 - h. CPR
2. Complete the required:
 - a. California State Fire Training, Firefighter 1, or equivalent training
 - b. California State Fire Training, LARRO
 - c. California State Fire Training, Rescue Systems 1
 - d. California State Fire Training, Confined Space Rescue Technician
 - e. California State Fire Training, Rescue Systems 2
 - f. California State Fire Training, Trench Rescue Technician
 - g. California State Fire Training, Vehicle Extrication
 - h. ICS- 300
 - i. ICS -400
 - j. California State Fire Training, S-404 Safety Officer

OR

E/L-954 All Hazards Safety Officer Course

OR

FEMA US&R Safety Officer Course

NOTE: Refer to Historical Recognition Training Matrix for recognized equivalencies.

3. Current Certification as a California Emergency Medical Technician

Required Experience:

1. Shall have experience in structural collapse operations as a Rescue Specialist.

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL US&R SEARCH TEAM MANAGER

The Search Team Manager is responsible for managing the search function of the task force or the search element during a US&R or technical rescue incident. The Search Team Manager supervises the Technical Search Specialists. The Search Team Manager reports directly to the Task Force Leader.

Description of Duties:

- Developing and implementing the search component of the Task Force Tactical Action Plan
- Coordinating, managing, and supervising all search and reconnaissance activities
- Participating in the oversight, administrative and operational control of the development, implementation, and operational aspects of search component training
- Providing research and development input at the task force level for the implementation and evaluation of modern technologies, equipment, tactics, and skills as they pertain to the search component
- Land navigation and site mapping
- Determining search and reconnaissance operational, organizational, and logistical needs
- Ensuring that all assigned personnel are kept informed of mission objectives and status changes to include briefings and debriefings
- Preparing performance evaluations for assigned personnel
- Provides situation updates, documents, and maintains records and reports
- Providing oversight for accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs for all issued/assigned equipment
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned

Position Requirements and Criteria:

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to deploy as a Search Team Manager in support of resource's activities. The intent of these requirements is to select functional managers, capable of effectively managing and supervising the search component, in the urban disaster environment.

General Training Requirements:

1. Complete the following:
 - a. CPR
 - b. ICS 100
 - c. ICS 200
 - d. IS-700
 - e. IS-800
 - f. Respiratory Protection Training
 - g. Blood Borne Pathogens
 - h. HAZ MAT FRO

Required Training:

1. Complete all general training requirements:
 - a. CPR
 - b. ICS 100
 - c. ICS 200
 - d. IS-700
 - e. IS-800
 - f. Respiratory Protection Training
 - g. Blood Borne Pathogens
 - h. HAZ MAT FRO
2. Complete the required:
 - a. California State Fire Training, Firefighter 1, or equivalent training
 - b. California State Fire Training, LARRO
 - c. California State Fire Training, Rescue Systems 1
 - d. California State Fire Training, Confined Space Rescue Technician
 - e. California State Fire Training, Rescue Systems 2
 - f. California State Fire Training, Trench Rescue Technician
 - g. California State Fire Training, Vehicle Extrication
 - h. ICS- 300

NOTE: Refer to Historical Recognition Training Matrix for recognized equivalencies.

3. Current Certification as a California Emergency Medical Technician

Required Experience:

1. Shall have experience in structural collapse operations as a Rescue Specialist.

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL US&R TASK FORCE LEADER

The Regional Task Force Leader is responsible for managing all aspects of a mission including operational and administrative issues from the time of activation through the return to the home jurisdiction. This includes all personnel and equipment resources as well as overseeing and directly supervising the task force management. The TFL is responsible for the development and completion of all task force tactical objectives as well as the proper reporting, record keeping, and after-action requirements. The TFL reports directly to one of the following:

1. Incident Commander, or
2. Operation Chief / Division Group Supervisor. or
3. The Incident Support Team (IST) Leader at a mission location

Description of Duties:

- Oversee the mobilization and movement activities of the task force
- Familiarity with task force operations, including search, rescue, medical, logistical, and hazardous materials decontamination procedures
- Developing and implementing the Task Force Tactical Action Plan
- Addressing the coordination, management, and supervision of all task force activities
- Ensuring the development of all task force organizational and logistical needs
- Receiving briefings and ensuring that all task force personnel are kept informed of mission objectives and status changes
- Providing regular situation reports to the IC, Division or Group Supervisor or the IST Leader
- Contacting the Cal OES AREP for assistance with problems encountered on the incident, including mechanical, operational, or logistical issues
- Performing additional tasks and duties, as assigned during a mission

- Adhering to all safety procedures
- Ensuring the completion of all the required reports and maintenance records
- Ensuring incident stress management activities are planned and conducted
- Ensuring resource acquisitions are properly processed
- Preparing performance evaluations- ICS-225 for assigned personnel
- Manage all demobilization and return to readiness issues

Position Requirements and Criteria:

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to deploy as a Task Force Leader in support of a resource's activities. The intent of these requirements is to select functional managers who meet the requirements set forth for Historical Recognition.

The requirements and criteria for the Task Force Leader are as follows:

- A comprehensive knowledge of NIMS/ICS; the NRP; the California US&R Response Plan, and the FEMA, the organizational structure, operating procedures, safety practices, terminology, and communications protocols of both State & Federal systems.
- A comprehensive knowledge of the Task Force functions, and urban search and rescue operations, tactics, strategy, and safety considerations
- An understanding of other disaster response organizations.
- Knowledge of available technology in support of US&R missions and objectives
- An awareness of the hazards associated with various disaster environments
- A knowledge of supervisory and personnel management techniques

General Training Requirements:

1. Complete the following:
 - a. CPR
 - b. ICS 100
 - c. ICS 200
 - d. IS-700
 - e. IS-800
 - f. Respiratory Protection Training
 - g. Blood Borne Pathogens

h. HAZ MAT FRO

Required Training:

1. Complete the required:
 - a. California State Fire Training, Firefighter 1, or equivalent training
 - b. ICS- 300
 - c. ICS- 400
 - d. CSTI, Regional US&R Task Force Leader Course

OR

FEMA US&R Response System Task Force Leader Course

- e. CICCIS or NWCG Strike Team Leader qualification or Trainee

NOTE: Refer to Historical Recognition Training Matrix for recognized equivalencies.

2. Current Certification as a California Emergency Medical Technician

Required Experience:

1. Shall have experience in structural collapse operations as a Rescue Specialist.

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL US&R TECHNICAL INFORMATION SPECIALIST

The Regional Technical Information Specialist is responsible for documenting, tracking, data transfer and retrieving all pertinent information for the Task Force during incident operations. The Technical Information Specialist reports directly to the Planning Team Manager or appropriate supervisor.

Description of Duties:

- Gathering requested information from all available sources and forwarding to the Planning Team Manager for incorporation in the planning function
- Transferring operational data generated from search & rescue operations to appropriate incident and task force managers
- Creating, displaying, providing, and compiling documentation for all pertinent Task Force and incident information via written, audio, and visual mediums
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned

Position Requirements and Criteria:

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to deploy as a Technical Information Specialist in support of the resource's activities. The intent of these requirements is to select personnel who meet the requirements set forth for Historical Recognition.

General Training Requirements:

1. Complete all general training requirements
 - a. ICS 100
 - b. ICS 200
 - c. IS-700
 - d. IS-800
 - e. Respiratory Protection Training
 - f. Blood Borne Pathogens
 - g. HAZ MAT FRO
 - h. CPR

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL US&R TECHNICAL SEARCH SPECIALIST

The Regional Technical Search Specialist is responsible for performing the technical

search function of the incident. The Technical Search Specialist reports directly to the Search Team Manager. The Technical Search Specialist may operate as a single resource or as assigned to a task force, as appropriate.

Description of Duties:

- Searching structures in US&R environments or other locations indicated in the mission assignment, utilizing appropriate technical search equipment and techniques
- Documenting and marking locations of victims, potential victims, and hazards
- Making assessments using technical search equipment
- Transfers search data to Technical Information Specialist or Plans Section personnel, as appropriate
- Land navigation, site mapping and GPS operations
- Cooperating with and assisting other search and rescue resources
- Providing accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs of all issued equipment

- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned

Position Requirements and Criteria:

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to deploy as a Rescue Specialist in support of Resource's activities. The intent of these requirements is to identify personnel who meet the requirements set forth for Historical Recognition.

Required Training:

1. Complete all General Training Requirements
 - a. ICS 100
 - b. ICS 200
 - c. IS-700
 - d. IS-800
 - e. Respiratory Protection Training
 - f. Blood Borne Pathogens
 - g. HAZ MAT FRO
 - h. CPR
2. Complete the Cal OES Regional Technical Search Specialist Course

OR

The FEMA Technical Search Specialist course, or equivalent

3. Complete GPS Awareness Training
4. Complete the required:
 - a. California State Fire Training, Firefighter 1, or equivalent training
 - b. California State Fire Training, LARRO
 - c. California State Fire Training, Rescue Systems 1
 - d. California State Fire Training, Confined Space Rescue Technician
 - e. California State Fire Training, Rescue Systems 2
 - f. California State Fire Training, Trench Rescue Technician
 - g. California State Fire Training, Vehicle Extrication

NOTE: Refer to Historical Recognition Training Matrix for recognized equivalencies.

5. Current Certification as a California Emergency Medical Technician

Required Experience:

Satisfactory performance as Firefighter 1.

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL US&R PARAMEDIC

The Regional US&R Paramedic reports directly to the Task Force Leader or Rescue Team Manager as appropriate. The Regional US&R Paramedic is responsible for performing the medical function of the task force or for a single resource during incident operations.

Description of Duties:

- The general health considerations of and delivery of medical care to all single resource resources they are assigned to and/or task force personnel, victims, and search dogs, during disaster events
- Implementing the medical action plans specified by the incident.
- Accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs for all issued equipment
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned

Position Requirements and Criteria:

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to deploy as a US&R Paramedic in support of a Resource's activities. The intent of these requirements is to identify personnel who meet the requirements set forth for Historical Recognition.

Required Training:

1. Complete all General Training Requirements
 - a. ICS 100
 - b. ICS 200
 - c. IS-700
 - d. IS-800
 - e. Respiratory Protection Training
 - f. Blood Borne Pathogens
 - g. HAZ MAT FRO
 - h. CPR
2. Complete GPS Awareness Training
3. Complete the required:
 - a. California State Fire Training, Firefighter 1, or equivalent training
 - b. California State Fire Training, LARRO
 - c. California State Fire Training, Rescue Systems 1
 - d. California State Fire Training, Confined Space Rescue Technician
 - e. California State Fire Training, Rescue Systems 2
 - f. California State Fire Training, Trench Rescue Technician

NOTE: Refer to Historical Recognition Training Matrix for recognized equivalencies.

4. Current Certification as a California Paramedic (EMT-P)

Required Experience:

1. Satisfactory performance as Firefighter 1.
2. At least 1 year as a licensed and operational paramedic in the field.