

Rescue operations in all types of structures.

Sophisticated medical treatment capabilities limited to:

- Injured Task Force members; and
- Initial treatment of victims encountered during operations.

Technical support capabilities for Task Force operations:

- Structural integrity assessments
- Liaison with heavy equipment/crane operators
- On and off-site communication capabilities within Task Force, and the Incident Support Team, and
- Hazardous materials assessments and decontamination.



Citizen Assistance/Outreach

Direct citizens to available response and recovery services such as medical, food, water, shelter, etc.,

Humanitarian assistance as agreed to with the local authorities

TASK FORCE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Transportation

- Medical transport required for extricated victims; and any injured Task Force member.

Communications

- Identify interoperable communications between Task Force and local agency, and;
- Reporting requirements need to be identified (who/how/what/when)

Initial strategic/tactical briefing

- If available, copies of past, current, and future Incident Action Plans should be provided; and
- Strategic/tactical assignment clearly identified for the Task Force including rules of engagement.

Media considerations

- The local jurisdiction's Public Information Officer (PIO) should be identified; and
- The local jurisdiction's media procedures (info release, interviews, etc.) should be identified.

Appropriate area maps, building plans, or other information should be provided.

FEMA



National Urban Search and Rescue Response System

FACT SHEET



Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency

Register for Disaster Assistance:
(800) 621-3362 / TTY (800) 462-7585

COMPOSITION

70-person tactical unit for search and rescue operations.

Multi-disciplinary organization:

- Search element
- Medical element
- Rescue element
- Hazardous materials element
- Command element.

Self-sufficient for the first 72 hours of operation.

Full equipment cache to support the Task Force's operations.

CAPABILITIES

Capable of 24-hour US&R operations (two 12-hour operational periods)

Capable of US&R operations in the water environment (flood)

Search operations:

- Physical
- Canine
- Electronic



TASK FORCE MISSION

FEMA US&R Task Forces are capable of assisting local emergency response personnel in coordination of their response efforts by providing the following additional actions.

US&R OPERATIONS



Conduct search and rescue operations in damaged and collapsed structures. This includes:

- Recon
- Rapid/hasty
- Primary
- Secondary low
- Secondary high
- Special response team
- Conduct rescue operations

Provide emergency medical care to disaster response personnel.

Provide emergency medical care to the injured.

Assess damage and needs and provide feedback to local, State, and Federal officials. Conduct structural and hazard evaluations of government and municipal buildings needed for immediate occupancy to support disaster relief operations.

Assist in stabilizing damaged structures, including shoring and cribbing operations, on damaged buildings as required.

Assess and shut off utilities to houses or buildings.

Assess hazardous materials and evaluate affected areas.

Provide limited decontamination.

Manage, direct, and train local volunteers and first responders in basic US&R operations.

