Medical Specialist
Task Force Position Description

B. Functional Description

The Medical Specialist is responsible for performing the medical function of the task force incident operation. The Medical Specialist reports directly to the Medical Team Manager.

C. Description of Duties

The Medical Specialist is responsible for the following:

1. The general health considerations of and delivery of medical care to all task force personnel, victims, and search dogs, while under the supervision of the Medical Team Manager, during disaster events
2. Implementing the medical action plans specified by the Medical Team Manager
3. Accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs for all issued equipment
4. Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned during a mission

D. Position Requirements and Criteria

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become Medical Specialists in the National US&R Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select personnel fully capable of providing medical care required by the task force in the urban disaster environment.

E. Required Training

The Medical Specialist shall adhere to the following:

1. Complete all Administrative and General Training requirements
2. The Medical Specialist must be actively participating in pre-hospital care. They shall either be currently certified/licensed as an EMT-Paramedic and have met all the requirements in their local jurisdiction or meet the requirements listed below:
   - 2-1. Physician Assistant
   - 2-2. Registered Nurse-Practitioner
   - 2-3. Registered Nurse who is currently certified / licensed as a Physician Assistant
   - 2-4. Registered Nurse- Practitioner or Registered Nurse – certified within an accredited organization or municipality and meets the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic Standards or State certification requirements and actively practices advanced pre-hospital life support
   - 2-5. Must be certified and maintain the following, BTLS, ACLS, and PALS regimens (or equivalent)
3. Complete the *FEMA US&R Medical Team Specialist – Instructor-Led Training* (Course Code: 9P3130)
4. Complete the required technical rescue skill sets and additional required rope rescue skills as defined in Appendix A of this Annex

Medical Specialist
Task Force Position Description (continued)

F. Recommended Training

The Medical Specialist should complete the following:

1. A canine emergency medical course