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ORGANIZATION

The RDSAR TECHNICAL RESCUE/US&R TASK FORCE is a component of a volunteer operated team supported solely by raised and donated funds that supplies trained and equipped members to support emergency or disaster search and/or rescue situations.

The basic interagency agreements are outlined in the applicable Memorandum of Understanding that is currently signed by Red Deer County, Lacombe County and Texas Task Force 1.

During training and administrative activities, team members serve on a volunteer basis and receive no monetary compensation.

When activated by a recognized Tasking Agency for a mission, all administrative and tactical matters are handled through that tasking agency.

TERMS/DEFINITIONS

BOO — Base of Operations

TF – Task Force

IST — Incident Support Team

POD — Point of Departure

Task Force Leader (I/C) — Tactical head of US&R Task Force

2 I/C – Second in Command under Task Force Leader (I/C)



Team Manager — Administrative head of each Task Force Team (Search, Rescue, Medical, and Technical)

US&R — Urban Search and Rescue

RDSAR – Red Deer Search & Rescue

MEMBERSHIP

There are three types of membership for the Technical Rescue/US&R Task Force, Probationary Member, Full Member and Deployable Member. All members must fill out an application form, which is then reviewed by the appropriate Team Manager and the Task Force Leadership. If the Team Manager and the Task Force Leadership feel the applicant is a potential

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team member the application is reviewed at the Managers meeting. An interview or additional information may be required. If the application is approved at the Manager's meeting the applicant is appointed as a "Probationary Member". Probationary members must submit a Medical Examination Form prior to any team training. Medical Examination Forms are available from the Medical Team Manager. If a Probationary Member serves a satisfactory 9 months and is a member in good standing with Red Deer Search & Rescue, they may be appointed as a "Full Member". Full members are entitled to all membership privileges. Full members are expected to attend a minimum of 40 hours of team training each calendar year. In addition each active member is expected to put in 20 hours of administrative/cache time. In the event that a full member has commitments that preclude them from serving actively, they may request an inactive status. Each Team Manager is responsible for tracking inactive members. In general when inactive members are brought back on the team as active, they will go to the bottom of the deployment list.



DEPLOYMENT

The personnel required for each specific deployment will depend on the mission and will be determined jointly by the Tasking Agency and the Task Force Leadership. The members to be selected for the deployment are determined by the Deployment Ready call down list. A deployment call down list is maintained by each Team Manager. Team Managers are responsible for keeping the deployment list up to date and determining the notification method for each team.

To be "deployable" each team member must:

1. Be fully qualified for their deployment position per the Technical Rescue/US&R TF standards.
2. Be registered with the Technical Rescue/US&R TF and have all team paper work in order.
3. Have participated in at least one full-scale deployment exercise **or an actual deployment** within the last 18 months.

During an actual deployment each Team Manager may select additional team members above the actual number to deploy as stand by personnel and

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to assist with the deployment. Deploying team members are required to carry their 72hour pack. The 72 hour pack contains all of the personal gear to keep the team member self sufficient for 72 hours without support from the cache including fluids and food. The remaining gear is contained in the member's duffel bag. The duffel bag is packed with the cache equipment in the trailer and may be unavailable until the trailer arrives at the BOO and is broken down. Prior to actual deployment, each member must pass a physical examination administered by the medical team. Final decision for deployment rests with the Medical Team Manager.

DEPLOYMENT REIMBURSEMENT

Deployment reimbursement policy is determined by Red Deer Search & Rescue (RDSAR). In general, RDSAR may pay for a member's mileage from the beginning of the deployment until the member returns home, including demobilization. Members must have their mileage logs approved by their applicable Manger prior to the completion of the demobilization.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

All members are required to sign in on the attendance roster at each training/work session and/or meeting. All signatures must be original. Each member is expected to attend a minimum of 40 hours of training during each calendar year. Each member is also expected to put in at least 20 hours per year of attendance at non-training events (administrative meetings, cache rehab, maintenance, etc) each calendar year.

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REQUIRED PROTECTIVE GEAR

All members are required to have to following equipment at all training session requiring protective gear and deployments:

- (1) One pair Leather Work Gloves
- (1) One pair Safety Glasses with side protection and/or Safety Goggles
- (2) Two sets Hearing protection Ear plugs
- (1) One Helmet with Chinstrap (Petzel Vertex or Ecrin Roc Helmets are the Team Standard) Red for Team Member White for Leadership
- (1) One pair Protective Boots with Safety Toe and Shank
- (2) Litres of Water (in personal gear bag)

Members without protective gear are prohibited from participating in training activities.

Protective gear must meet standards set forth in the next section.



UNIFORM AND PROTECTIVE GEAR STANDARDS

Official Uniform is to be worn whenever activated, when the Task Force is on public display and/or and when ever directed. The official uniform is Black or Tan colored poly/cotton rip-stop BDU's, Top is a 4 pocket BDU that hangs outside pants. Bottom is BDU style, capable of being tucked in boots or bloused at the top of the boot. Boots are per standards issued by the Task Force Safety Officer. RDSAR patch is worn on right shoulder. Technical Rescue Team patch is on left shoulder. Canadian Flag is over left pocket. Name badge is over right pocket. NO other patches or pins are allowed.

Including but not limited to: EMT/paramedic/MD/first responder/hazmat/home town jurisdiction.

RDSAR-TRT shirts are the only imprinted shirts allowed as part of the official uniform. Camo BDU's in place of Black or Tan colored BDU's are allowable during training exercises only. Camo (woodland or ACU colored only) gear other than uniforms (wet weather, ECWCS, duffels, web gear, canteens, etc) is allowable anytime.

Effective/approved eye protection is to be worn when necessary or as directed by Safety Officer. Team Safety policy requires that eye protection will be worn at all times in hazard zones. Safety Goggles provide superior protection



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under dusty conditions, but many models tend to fog up while working. Anti-fog products applied to the goggle lenses can help. Safety Glasses are more comfortable and less fog prone when dust is not a factor. The best option is to have both and wear what is needed in a given situation. Safety Glasses and goggles must comply with ANSI Z87.1-1989 and should be marked with the Z87 marking. Under the standard, all major components except lenses must be marked Z87. Adding plastic side shields to a pair of prescription glasses that meet ANSI Z87 standard is acceptable under the Technical Rescue/US&R TF and OH&S regulations. Unrated sunglasses are not eye protection and cannot be worn in hazard areas. Helmets should meet ANSI Z89.1, NFPA 1972 or OSHA specifications for protective helmets and have attached chinstrap. Marking the helmet the team name is strongly recommended for field ID purposes. Helmets: Must meet standards set by Safety. Red in color and helmet labelling is optional. If you are considering purchasing a helmet not currently being used by the Task Force (Petzel Vertex Brand), you are encouraged to get the Safety Officer's Approval prior to purchase.

Protective Boots must be of the lace up or zipper configuration rather than pull on to provide adequate ankle support. Protective Boots shall be at least eight (8) inches high. Protective Boots must have either a steel safety toe or composite safety toe cap which meets ANSI Z41 Protective Boots shall either be of all leather construction or shall be certified to meet the NFPA 1974, Standard on Protective Footwear for Structural Firefighting. The FEMA draft standard on Protective Clothing and Equipment for Urban Search and Rescue describes performance requirements for the footwear uppers involving resistance to melting, second degree burn times, abrasion and puncture resistance that light nylon uppers cannot meet.

ISSUED EQUIPMENT

Equipment that is issued to Task Force members from the cache is the property of Technical Rescue/US&R Task Force and must be returned when membership is terminated. Damaged or lost equipment must be reported immediately. The Team Logistics Manager has forms for issuing and returning equipment as well as damage reporting.

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INJURY AND LIABILITY



All team members train as unpaid volunteers. The responsibility for injury insurance rests with the individual volunteer. A report must be filed and request for this coverage must occur within 3 days of the injury. The report is available from the Task Force Leader. When a team member is deployed by RDSAR for an actual emergency, the member is covered by Workers Compensation. If an injury occurs, a report must be filed with the RDSAR Task Force Leader or designate at site, and the Workers Compensation. The Medical Team Manager has the necessary forms.

In all events, injuries, no matter how minor must be reported to the Medical Team Manager and the report forwarded to the Task Force Leader.

FORBIDDEN ACTIONS

The following actions are prohibited:

1. Consumption of alcohol during or 6 hours prior to team activities unless specifically exempted by the Task force leader.
2. Firearms during training or deployments.
3. Freelancing.
4. Horseplay during training or deployments.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read and understand the above policies and procedures.

Print Name

Sign Name

Date

Witness