



Illinois Urban Search and Rescue Team

Medical Specialist Applicant Information

The MABAS - Illinois Urban Search and Rescue Team, Illinois Task Force 1 (IL-TF 1), is looking to fill current vacancies with highly qualified and detailed oriented individuals to serve as Medical Specialists. Applicants for this position must be actively participating in pre-hospital care.. The preferred candidate will be licensed/ certified as an EMT-Paramedic and have met all the requirements of their local jurisdiction or meet any of the following requirements listed below:

- Physician Assistant
- Registered Nurse Practitioner
- Registered Nurse who is currently certified/ licensed as a Physician Assistant
- Registered Nurse who is certified within an accredited organization or municipality and meets the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician- Paramedic Standards or State Certification Requirements and is actively practicing advanced pre-hospital life support

Following the National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) standard, IL-TF 1 has identified required, preferred and recommended training levels for candidates

Minimum requirements for application:

- Valid Driver's License
- ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800
- Technical Rescue Awareness or Basic Operations Firefighter
- EMT- Paramedic or
- Physician Assistant or
- Registered Nurse/ Physician Assistant or
- Registered Nurse and National Registry or State Licensed EMT-Paramedic practicing advanced pre-hospital care
- Rope Operations

Preferred Training Levels:

A maximum of 10 points will be awarded to candidates who have completed the preferred training levels outlined in the National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) standard. After appointment, a development plan will be made for individual candidates to attend any required courses. Failure to complete the development plan is grounds for dismissal from the team.

- 2 points – Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLS) or Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)
- 2 points- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- 2 points- Pediatric Advanced Life Support
- 2 points- TEEX US&R Response System Medical Specialist Computer Based Training
- 2 points- Rope Technician (Note: Vertical 2 must include Rope Tech Bridge Course)
- 2 points- Confined Space Technician
- 2 points- Trench Technician
- 2 points- Structural Collapse Technician

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- 2 points- Vehicle & Machinery Technician
- 2 points- Canine Emergency Medical Course
(Note: Illinois OSFM certification is not needed to fulfill this requirement)

Required application documents:

- Completed application with appropriate references
- Resume
- Qualification worksheet (including copies of certifications, licenses, course completion records or documentation for each of the required, preferred and recommended training courses in the sequence listed)
- A letter of endorsement from their Fire Chief for the position of Rescue Specialist

Applicant processing information:

- Based on a review of the application and points awarded for completion of the preferred and recommended training curriculum, initial interviews will be scheduled for a minimum 30 individuals.
- A total of 100 points can be awarded as follows:
 - 10 points – Preferred Training Levels
 - 70 points – Oral Interview
 - 20 points – Manager's points
- An eligibility list of applicants will be established. A score of 70 points or better is required to be added to the list.
- The eligibility list is valid for a period of three years from the date it is established.
- Further participation in the selection process will take place as vacancies occur.
- Candidates selected for the initial interview will be required to bring in additional documents, including a current firefighter fitness for duty documentation. Individuals will be provided with this information when they are contacted for an interview.
- Following appointment, the new Medical Specialist will be required to satisfy other general, position specific and team training requirements (as listed below in the National US&R training descriptions).
- Failure to complete the general and position specific training requirements is grounds for removal from the team.
- Failure to attend 50% of the scheduled team training activities is grounds for removal from the team.
- The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) identifies a 5 year commitment to the team.
- Newly appointed Medical Specialists will be assigned to that position for 3 years. Any voluntary request to transfer to a different position will not be accepted in this timeframe.
- IL-TF 1 members can remain active members on any of their department's and MABAS division's Speciality Team(s).
- IL-TF 1 is a MABAS statewide deployable team. IL-TF 1 members cannot be listed on the statewide deployment roster for any other MABAS Specialty Team.
- Candidates may update their application file with additional medical course completion records.

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- Resolution of any discrepancies will be settled by the US&R Branch Chiefs

Application documents shall be submitted to:

Illinois Task Force 1
MABAS-IL
233 W. Hintz Road
Wheeling, IL 60090

Application process timeline:

- **October 1, 2023** – Recruitment notice distributed
- **November 30, 2023** – all components of the application must be received by 5:00 PM at the address listed above
- **2nd Week of December 2023** – Applicants will receive an email from “...@mabas-il.org” to schedule their interview.

Questions related to this process should be directed to:

US&R Branch Chief – Administration
Joe Moore
moore@mabas-il.org
847-403-0516

For reference, the following pages list:

- Page 36- Urban Search and Rescue Standard, Emergency Management Accreditation Program, EMAP US&R 2-2019

General Training Requirements:

Each individual participating on an Urban Search & Rescue Resource shall:

1. Complete Critical Incident Stress awareness training.
2. Complete IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800B online training courses
3. Complete their jurisdictional US&R Response System/Team Orientation
4. Complete training at the First Responder Operations Level for Hazardous Materials (OSHA 29 CFR, 1910.120)
 - a. Complete annual refresher training as required for First Responder Operations Level for Hazardous Materials (OSHA 29 CFR, 1910.120).
5. Be currently certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (persons currently licensed or certified as EMT (all levels) and licensed Board-Certified Emergency Physicians inherently meet this requirement).
6. Complete respiratory protection training per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 (k)
 - a. Complete refresher training as required for respiratory protection training per OSHA 29
 - b. CFR 1910.134 (k)
 - c. Have successfully completed an annual quantitative respiratory protection fit test required per 29 CFR 1910.134 App. A
7. Complete NFPA 1670 Awareness Level training for:
 - a. Confined space rescue operations
 - b. Water rescue operations
 - c. Structural collapse operations
8. Complete Blood-borne Pathogen training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR
9. US&R WMD Enhanced Operations course or equivalent
10. Complete GPS Awareness Level Training

MEDICAL SPECIALIST

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Functional Description:

The Medical Specialist is responsible for performing the medical function of the US&R Resource incident operation. The Medical Specialist reports directly to the Medical Team Manager.

Description of Duties:

The Medical Specialist is responsible for:

- General health considerations of and delivery of medical care to all US&R Resource personnel, victims, and search dogs, while under the supervision of the Medical Team Manager, during disaster events;
- Implementing the medical action plans specified by the Medical Team Manager;
- Ensuring accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs for all issued equipment; and
- 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 Medical Specialist in support of the US&R Resource's activities. The intent of these requirements is to select personnel fully capable of providing medical care required by the US&R Resource in various disaster environments.

Required Training:

The Medical Specialist shall:

- Complete all of the required General Training requirements;
- Be currently certified/licensed as an EMT-Paramedic and have met all the requirements in their local jurisdiction. Must be actively participating in pre-hospital care;
 - OR – Actively practicing advanced pre-hospital life support and currently dual certified/licensed as a State/National EMT-Paramedic and a:
 - Physician Assistant - must be certified and maintain the following: BTLs, ACLS, and PALS regimens (or equivalent); or
 - Registered Nurse-Practitioner - must be certified and maintain the following: BTLs, ACLS, and PALS regimens (or equivalent); or
 - Registered Nurse - must be certified and maintain the following: BTLs, ACLS, and PALS regimens (or equivalent).
- Complete the FEMA National US&R Response System Medical Team Training course, or equivalent;
- Complete the FEMA National US&R Response System WMD Considerations for the Medical Team course, or equivalent; and
- Complete all of the required Technical Rescue Skill Sets.

Recommended Training:

- Complete a canine emergency field care course

IL-TF 1 Medical Specialist - Candidate Qualification Worksheet (updated 10/23)

Last name, First name, Middle initial

Fire Department

Phone number

e-mail

REQUIRED TRAINING	Copy/certificate must be included	Issuing Agency:	IL-TF 1 comments:
Driver's License	Expiration date:		
IS - 100	Date issued:		
IS - 200	Date issued:		
IS - 700	Date issued:		
IS - 800	Date issued:		
Technical Rescue Awareness or Basic Ops FF	Date issued:		
Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic or- Physician Assistant or-	Date issued:		
Registered Nurse/ Physician Assistant or-	Date issued:		
Registered Nurse and EMT-Paramedic	Date issued:		
Rope Operations	Date issued:		
PREFERRED TRAINING	Copy/certificate must be included	Value	Points requested
ACLS	Date issued:	1 point	
PALS	Date issued:	1 point	
BTLS or PHTLS	Date issued:	1 point	
TEEX US&R Medical Specialist Computer Based Training	Date issued:	1 point	
Rope Technician (Note: Vertical 2 must include Rope Tech Bridge Course)	Date issued:	1 point	
Confined Space Technician	Date issued:	1 point	
Trench Technician	Date issued:	1 point	
Structural Collapse Technician	Date issued:	1 point	
Vehicle & Machinery Technician	Date issued:	1 point	
Canine Emergency Medical Course	Date issued:	1 point	
Maximum amount of points that can be awarded = 10 points		Point total =	

Signature

Date



Application Date: _____

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Team Application

I. General Information: (print legibly)

LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:	MIDDLE:	POSITION APPLYING FOR:	
HOME ADDRESS:		CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
HOME PHONE:	MOBILE PHONE:	WORK PHONE:	E-MAIL:	
DATE OF BIRTH:	Mobile Carrier:	PLACE OF BIRTH:	HEIGHT:	WEIGHT:
DRIVERS LICENSE #:	STATE OF ISSUE:	DL CLASS:	EXP DATE:	ENDORSEMENT(S):
MILITARY SERVICE: (Branch and Rank)		MILITARY SPECIALTY:	YEARS OF SERVICE:	
ENGINEER LICENSE #:		MEDICAL LICENSE OR CERT #:		
ARE YOU A US CITIZEN:		IF NOT A CITIZEN OF THE US, GIVE COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP:		
EMERGENCY CONTACT 1:	RELATIONSHIP:	MOBILE PHONE:	OTHER PHONE:	
EMERGENCY CONTACT 2:	RELATIONSHIP:	MOBILE PHONE:	OTHER PHONE:	

II. Current and Previous Employer Information:

FIRE DEPARTMENT/EMPLOYER:		IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR:		SUPERVISOR PHONE:	
ADDRESS:		CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:	
POSITION/RANK:	SHIFT:	EXEMPT/NON-EXEMPT:		HOURLY WAGE:	
FIRE CHIEF:	FIRE CHIEF PHONE:	FIRE CHIEF E-MAIL:		MABAS DIVISION WORK:	MABAS DIVISION HOME:
FIRE DEPARTMENT/EMPLOYER ADDRESS:		CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:	
BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR DUTIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:					
PREVIOUS OR SECONDARY EMPLOYER: (leave blank if none in the past 10 years)		IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR:		SUPERVISOR PHONE:	
ADDRESS:		CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:	
POSITION/TITLE/RANK:					



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BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR DUTIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:		
OTHER JOB RELATED POSITIONS OR AFFILIATIONS:		
OTHER SKILLS OR SPECIALTIES: (i.e. foreign language spoken)		
ARE OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT/EMPLOYER ON IL-TF 1?	IF SO, HOW MANY?	NAME OF MEMBER(S)

III. References - must list 3 (2 professional and 1 personal reference):

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT, YOU MUST LIST ANOTHER MEMBER OF YOUR DEPARTMENT (NON-CHIEF OFFICER) AS A REFERENCE			
PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE 1:	PHONE:	EMAIL:	HOW ARE YOU ASSOCIATED?
PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE 2:	PHONE:	EMAIL:	HOW ARE YOU ASSOCIATED?
PERSONAL REFERENCE:	PHONE:	EMAIL:	RELATIONSHIP:
OTHER REFERENCE:	PHONE:	EMAIL:	HOW ARE YOU ASSOCIATED?

IV. Education:

HIGH SCHOOL:	HIGH SCHOOL CITY:	HIGH SCHOOL STATE:	GRADUATION YEAR:
COLLEGE 1:	COLLEGE 1 CITY:	COLLEGE 1 STATE:	COLLEGE 1 GRAD YEAR
COLLEGE 1 FIELD OF STUDY:		COLLEGE 1 DEGREE RECEIVED:	
COLLEGE 2:	COLLEGE 2 CITY:	COLLEGE 2 STATE:	COLLEGE 2 GRAD YEAR:
COLLEGE 2 FIELD OF STUDY:		COLLEGE 2 DEGREE RECEIVED:	

V. Medical Information:

PHYSICIAN:	PHONE:
ADDRESS:	



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VI. Uniform Sizes: (Indicate size and length as necessary)

BDU JACKET:	RAIN JACKET:	WINTER JACKET:	RESPIRATORY MASK:
BDU PANT:	RAIN PANT:	WINTER BIBS: (Waist x Length)	HAT SIZE:
WORK GLOVE:	RESCUE GLOVE:	T-SHIRT:	SWEATSHIRT:
BDU SHORTS: (Waist Size)	LONG UNDERWEAR TOP:	LONG UNDERWEAR BOTTOM:	
SHOE SIZE:	SHOE WIDTH:		

Sizing – Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large, XXX-large unless otherwise indicated

VII. Certification:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that all of the information on and attached to this application is true, correct, complete and made in good faith. I understand that false or fraudulent information on or attached to this application may be grounds for dismissal from the Illinois Urban Search and Rescue Team. Dismissal may be carried out before, during or upon the completion of any US&R mission. I understand that any information I give may be investigated by my current employer or the Department of Homeland Security.

I understand that participation on the Illinois Urban Search and Rescue Team is voluntary. I further understand that, as part of an elite rescue team, I may be assigned tasks that are extremely dangerous and not common to the job I am accustomed to. I understand that I may be asked to participate in missions that involve transportation in aircraft from a variety of agencies, both government and private. I understand and accept that I will be subject to a medical evaluation before and upon completion of any Task Force mission. I understand that it is my responsibility to maintain the training requirements respective to my position or to communicate to my component coordinator the impending expiration of the needed position specific certification, recertification, or licensure. I understand that any rank I may hold at my fire department or agency does not correlate to my position on the US&R team.

Applicant's Signature:	Date:
US&R Branch Chief Signature:	Date:
Office Only – Date Received:	Office Only – Date Entered in D4H: