



Illinois Urban Search and Rescue Team
Rescue 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 Rescue Specialists. Applicants for this position must be a member of a recognized fire agency or department. The preferred candidate will have completed NFPA 1006 Technician level training in the disciplines of confined space, rope, structural collapse, trench and vehicle and machinery rescue. Following the National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) standard, IL-TF 1 has identified required, preferred and recommended training levels for candidates. In identifying these qualification levels, the training requirements for a deployable member on a statewide MABAS-Illinois Divisional Technical Rescue Team and the rescue certifications available through the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) have been considered.

Minimum requirements for application:

- Valid Driver's License
- IS 100, 200, 700 and 800
- OSHA First Responders Operations Level for Hazardous Materials (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120) -or- Illinois OSFM Hazardous Material Operations
- Current EMT-B (Basic) license (Note: EMT-P (Paramedic) meets this requirement)
- Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter
- Rope Rescue Technician
- Confined Space Rescue Technician
- Trench Rescue Technician
- Structural Collapse Rescue Technician
- Vehicle & machinery Rescue Technician
- Explanation or description of any structural collapse operations experience which could include training, participation in exercises, real world incidents or deployments

(Note: Illinois OSFM certification is not needed to fulfill this requirement)

Preferred Training Levels:

A maximum of 20 points (1 point per course or qualification) will be awarded to candidates who have completed recommended training curriculum (see worksheet for a description of this curriculum).

Required application documents:

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

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Applicant processing information:

- Based on a review of the application and points awarded for completion of the preferred training curriculum, initial interviews will be scheduled for a minimum 30 individuals.
- A total of 100 points can be awarded as follows:
 - 20 points – Preferred Training Levels
 - 60 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 Rescue 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 Rescue 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 departments and MABAS division’s Specialty 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 rescue course completion records.
- 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

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- **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

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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

**RESCUE SPECIALIST
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Functional Description:

The Rescue Specialist is responsible for performing the rescue function of the US&R Resource incident operation. The Rescue Specialist reports directly to the Rescue Squad Officer.

Description of Duties:

The Rescue Specialist is responsible for:

- 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, maintenance, and minor repairs for all issued equipment;
- Evaluating and modifying rescue tactics as needed; 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 Rescue Specialist in support of the US&R Resource's activities. The intent of these requirements is to select personnel fully capable of providing the rescue tactics and techniques required in various disaster environments.

Required Training:

The Rescue Specialist shall:

- Complete all of the required General Training requirements;
- Meet requirements of the latest edition of the NFPA 1006 Rescue Technician:
 - Rope Rescue Technician;
 - Confined Space Rescue Technician;
 - Trench Rescue Technician;
 - Vehicle and Machinery Technician; and
 - Complete refresher training as required by the AHJ in accordance with Rescue Technician (NFPA 1006);
- Complete the FEMA National US&R Response System Structural Collapse Specialist course, or equivalent; and
- Have a current Certification in Basic First Aid for First Responder, or equivalent.

Recommended Training:

The Rescue Specialist should:

- Complete Chapter 11: Surface Water Rescue.

IL-TF 1 Rescue 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:		
Hazardous Materials Operations	Date Issued:		
Technical Rescue Awareness or Basic Ops FF	Date issued:		
Emergency Medical Technician - Basic (Note: EMT Paramedic meets this requirement)	Date issued:		
Rope Technician (Note: Vertical 2 must include Rope Tech Bridge Course)	Date issued:		
Confined Space Technician	Date issued:		
Trench Technician	Date issued:		
Structural Collapse Technician	Date issued:		
Vehicle & Machinery Technician	Date issued:		
Rescue Experience	Describe experince (use separate sheets as necessary):		
PREFERRED TRAINING	Copy/certificate must be included	Value	Points requested
Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic	Date issued:	2 point	
Swiftwater Technician Level 1	Date issued:	1 point	
Swiftwater Technician Level 2 (Advanced)	Date issued:	1 point	
Water Craft Technician	Date issued:	1 point	
TEEX Heavy Equipment & Rigging Computer Based Training	Date issued:	1 point	
Tower Rescue Operations	Date issued:	1 point	
Tower Rescue Technician	Date issued:	1 point	

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Animal Rescue Operations	Date issued:	1 point	
Animal Rescue Technician	Date issued:	1 point	
Wilderness Search & Rescue Operations	Date issued:	1 point	
Wilderness Search & Rescue Technician	Date issued:	1 point	
Cave Rescue Operations	Date issued:	1 point	
Cave Rescue Technician	Date issued:	1 point	
Mine & Tunnel Rescue Technician	Date issued:	1 point	
Helicopter Rescue Operations	Date issued:	1 point	
Helicopter Rescue Technician	Date issued:	1 point	
Other Water Rescue Technician	Date issued:	1 point	
Other Rescue Ops or Tech course	Date issued:	1 point	
ICS 300	Date issued:	1 point	
Member of MABAS Divisional TRT	Copy of Roster:	1 point	
Structural Collapse or Rescue Instructor	Agency:	1 point	
Driver's License- Class A	Expiration date:	1 point	
Driver's License- Passenger Bus Endorsement	Expiration date:	1 point	
Hazardous Materials Technician (80 hr. Hazmat Tech course -or- Hazmat Tech A & B)	Date issued:	1 point	
Hazardous Materials Incident Command	Date issued:	1 point	
Maximum amount of points that can be awarded = 20 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: