



EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION #9

URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE ANNEX

PRIMARY AGENCIES:

- State: Division of Emergency Management
- Local: Phoenix Fire Department
- Federal: Federal Emergency Management Agency

SUPPORT AGENCIES:

- State: Department of Administration
State Fire Marshal
National Guard
Department of Health Services
Department of Public Safety
Department of Transportation
- Volunteer: Civil Air Patrol

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

Describe the use of Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) assets located within Arizona and the procedures necessary to obtain other US&R assets.

B. Scope

Locating, extricating and providing for the immediate medical treatment of victims trapped in collapsed structures.

II. SITUATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. One of the first federal US&R teams to be fully trained and equipped is located within the state. Phoenix Fire Department contains US&R, Arizona Task Force (AZTF) #1 that is on 24-hour call.

B. Disasters may cause conditions that vary widely in scope, urgency and degree of devastation. Substantial numbers of persons could be in life-threatening situations requiring prompt rescue and medical care. Because the mortality rate will dramatically increase beyond 72 hours, search and rescue must begin immediately. Rescue personnel will encounter extensive damage to buildings, roadways, public works, communications and utilities. Fires, landslides, flooding and hazardous materials releases will compound problems.

- C. Local search and rescue organizations will be assigned and unable to respond.
- D. Local residents, workers and volunteers will initiate activities to help US&R operations and require coordination and direction.
- E. Access to damaged areas will be restricted. Some sites may only be accessible by air or on foot.
- F. The effects of earthquakes, aftershocks and other disasters will threaten survivors and search and rescue personnel.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. Phoenix US&R-AZTF #1 will be the primary responder tasked by ADEM if not committed to a similar city emergency.
- B. Other federal US&R teams will be tasked through FEMA.
- C. US&R teams will be supported as required with tasking assigned to:
 - 1. Department of Administration
 - 2. Civil Air Patrol
 - 3. State Fire Marshal
 - 4. National Guard
 - 5. Department of Public Safety
 - 6. Department of Transportation
- D. Each committed unit will remain under the command and control of their own organization. Upon arrival at the disaster site all units will report to the incident commander.

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Primary Agencies

- 1. **ADEM** will coordinate US&R activities and supplement the activities of local government.
- 2. **Phoenix Fire Department - US&R-AZTF #1** will:
 - a. Maintain AZTF #1 according to the FEMA US&R response system;
 - b. Provide training to upgrade, develop and renew skills required for each position; and
 - c. Develop, practice and implement an internal call-out system.

3. **FEMA** will provide federally designated urban search and rescue teams as requested.

B. Support Agencies

1. **Department of Administration** will:
 - a. Supplement the administrative staff of responding agencies; and
 - b. Assist with the implementation of ESF #7 as directed by the Director, ADEM.
2. **State Fire Marshal** will:
 - a. Provide training and certification for functional elements of the team; and
 - b. Monitor implementation of ESF #4 if activated.
3. **National Guard** will:
 - a. Provide personnel, heavy equipment and helicopter support;
 - b. Assist with the transport of rescue workers and response personnel; and
 - c. Provide additional security.
4. **Department of Health Services** will:
 - a. Coordinate the efforts of public/private sector health care organizations;
 - b. Direct the activities of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) and their Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT); and
 - c. Implement ESF #8 as directed by the Director, ADEM.
5. **Department of Public Safety** will:
 - a. Assist local law enforcement in providing security;
 - b. Assist with the control of ingress and egress; and
 - c. Implement ESF #13 as directed by the Director, ADEM.
6. **Department of Transportation** will:
 - a. Provide heavy equipment and operators;
 - b. Implement ESF#1 as directed by the Director, ADEM; and
 - c. Provide barricades and other equipment to ensure the security of the disaster area.
7. **Civil Air Patrol** will:
 - a. Provide photo surveillance; and
 - b. Provide air reconnaissance.

V. Plan Development and Maintenance

The Arizona Division of Emergency Management in coordination with the Phoenix Fire Department is responsible for the development and maintenance of this ESF.