



Kansas Search & Rescue Response System

MEDICAL SPECIALIST

Position Description

The Medical Specialist is responsible for performing the medical function of the task force/team during incident operations. The Medical Specialist reports directly to the Medical Team Manager, or other supervisor as assigned.

The Medical Specialist is responsible for:

- The general health considerations of and delivery of medical care to all task force/team personnel, victims, and canines during disaster events
- Developing and implementing the medical action plans as part of the task force/team tactical action plan and/or tactical worksheet
- The accountability, maintenance, and minor repair of all issued equipment
- Adhering to all safety procedures
- 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 the Kansas Search & Rescue Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select personnel fully capable of providing the medical care required by the task force/team in the disaster environment.

Required Training

The Medical Specialist shall:

- Complete all administrative and general training requirements
- Be currently certified/licensed as an EMT-Paramedic and have met all the requirements in their local jurisdiction and be actively participating in pre-hospital care
 - OR -
- Be currently certified/licensed as a Physician Assistant, Registered Nurse-Practitioner, or Registered Nurse with 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. 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
- Complete the Technical Rescue Skill Sets

Recommended Training

The Medical Specialist should:

• Complete a canine emergency medicine course