FEMA USAR Training

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The FEMA National Urban Search and Rescue Response System (System) was established in 1989 and has evolved into a robust national disaster response program with twenty-eight (28) task forces participating from nineteen states.
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Training Program Manual (TPAM)

provides a guide for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) personnel to train and maintain qualified personnel for the National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System.
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• The TPAM is applicable to key elements of the Task Force Training Program, to include: types of training, criteria and approval processes, instructor credentialing, member certification and records management.

• Standardized administration & management of task force training programs to all 28 USAR teams

• They are all structured same way for all USAR team (personnel, cache, etc.)
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General Training Requirements

• Complete critical incident stress awareness training
• Complete IS-100 and IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800B on-line courses
• Complete the National US&R Response System Orientation course as part of the task force orientation
• Complete initial training at the first responder operations level for hazardous materials (OSHA 29 CFR, 1910.120)
• Complete annual refresher training as required for first responder operations level for hazardous materials (OSHA 29 CFR, 1910.120).
• Maintain certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
• Task force members currently licensed or certified as EMT (all levels) and licensed board-certified emergency physicians inherently meet this requirement.
• Complete respiratory protection training per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 (k)
• Complete refresher training as required for respiratory protection training per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 (k)
• Complete the National US&R Response System WMD Enhanced Operations Course
  - Complete NFPA 1670 awareness level training for the following:
  - Confined space rescue operations
  - Water rescue operations
  - Structural collapse operations
  - Complete initial blood-borne pathogen training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR1910.1030
Task Force Specific Training

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NOTE: Discipline Specific CE (e.g. Search, Comm, Medical, Plans/HS, Structural, etc.) is coordinated and scheduled at the discipline level.

| USAR / CATF2 Training | CATF-2 Training | Continuing Education / Cal EMA Courses / FEMA Activities |
The task force develops a three year exercise plan, using Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) principles and submits the plan to the National US&R Branch annually adhering to the following guidelines:

- Include all five (5) modules – typically anticipated to be one or more modules per year, (over a three year period).

Or

- Complete all modules during a Deployment Exercise to meet the recommendation in one calendar year.
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Readiness Assessment Program

- In 2003, the System developed an initial operational readiness self-evaluation process that focused on a task force’s administrative capabilities.
- Phase I Self-Evaluation, and is typically reported annually.
- Phase II Administrative Readiness Evaluation (ARE’s) all twenty-eight (28) task forces participated in an on-site evaluation based on standards developed and approved by the System and conducted by their peers and staff from the US&R Program Office.
- Phase III Operational Readiness Exercise and Evaluation Process (OREEP) within the individual task force organization
US&R System Exercise Process -

- Operational Readiness Exercise and Evaluation Program (OREEP) – conducted by the National US&R Branch with assistance of task force peer personnel with the goal to have each task force evaluated every three years. Task force’s will be evaluated on five (5) modules.
- Mobilization
- Transportation of personnel and cache
- Establishing a Base of Operations (BoO)
- Onsite Operations
- Demobilization
Preguntas?