



US&R Rescue Specialist Certificate

This program is designed for members of a search and rescue task force working towards the highest level of training and expertise in structural collapse rescue operations. This certificate includes all major courses relevant for responders working as a rescue specialist on an urban search and rescue task force. Upon completion of all requirements for this certificate, responders will have completed at least 304 hours of advanced rescue training. For more information, click [here](#).

Overview

How do I apply for this new certificate?

- At least 3 of the 6 required courses used on your application must be provided by TEEEX.
- No college degree required.
- No annual membership dues.
- Credit granted for previous training.
- The Advanced 3, 4, and 5 courses do not have to be completed in order.

List of Required Courses:

Prior to starting work on the US&R Rescue Certificate, we strongly suggest that you discuss with TEEEX if you have completed an acceptable Rope Rescue and Structural Collapse course.

Course Name	Minimum Course Hours	Required to be a TEEEX course
1. NFPA 1006 Rope Rescue (Levels I & II or Technician)	50 hours	No
2. Structural Collapse Technician 2 (or 80 hour equivalent)	80 hours	No
3. Advanced Structural Collapse 3	50 hours	Yes
4. Advanced Structural Collapse 4	50 hours	Yes
5. Advanced Structural Collapse 5	50 hours	Yes
6. One elective selected from the list below	at least 24 hrs	No
Total hours for the US&R Rescue Certificate	304 hours	

In order to ensure that participants completing this certificate program are exposed to other job requirements of working on a US&R task force, each participant is required to complete one elective course listed below. For all elective courses not taken from TEEEX, the curriculum will need to match or mirror the appropriate FEMA National US&R System or TEEEX curriculum.

List of Elective Courses (choose one):

Elective Course Name (choose one)	Minimum Course Hours	Required to be a TEEEX course
1. Passenger Rail Rescue	40 hours	Yes
2. Rescue in a Contaminated Environment	24 hours	Yes
3. Multi-National US&R Exercise at Disaster City®	60 hours	Yes
4. Search and Rescue Plans Officer	40 hours	No
5. Search and Rescue Safety Officer	32 hours	No
6. Disaster Logistics Specialist	40 hours	No
7. Disaster Medical Specialist	50 hours	No
8. Disaster Medical Technician	40 hours	Yes
9. NFPA 1006 Swiftwater Rescue (Levels I&II or Technician)	32 hours	No
10. Disaster Technical Search Specialist	40 hours	No
11. Disaster Canine Search Specialist	50 hours	No
12. Wide Area Search	24 hours	Yes



List of Approved Training Providers

TEEX Course Name or Equivalent	Minimum Course Length	Training Provider
Structural Collapse Technician 2 (or 80 hour equivalent using the FEMA National US&R System or the United Kingdom Fire Service College curriculum)	80 hours	List A
NFPA 1006 Rope Rescue (Levels I & II or Technician)	50 hours	List A
Search and Rescue Plans Officer (Planning Team Training)	40 hours	List A
Search and Rescue Safety Officer (Safety Officer Specialist)	32 hours	List A
Disaster Logistics Specialist (Logistics Specialist)	40 hours	List A
Disaster Medical Specialist (Medical Team Training)	50 hours	List A
Disaster Technical Search Specialist (Technical Search Specialist)	40 hours	List A
Disaster Canine Search Specialist (Canine Search Specialist)	50 hours	List A
NFPA 1006 Swiftwater Rescue Levels (Levels I & II or Swiftwater Rescue Technician)	32 hours	List B

Approved Training Provider List A

1. Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)
2. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
3. The designated state fire training agency
4. REACT Facility in Wisconsin
5. Spec Rescue based in Virginia
6. The United Kingdom Fire Service College

Approved Training Provider List B

1. Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)
2. The designated state fire training agency
3. Rescue 3 International
4. The United Kingdom Fire Service College

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