

# Colorado Identification and Credentialing Program Guidance

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## *Appendix C*

### *Attachment I: ESF # 9 Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Personnel Credentialing*

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## **ESF # 9: Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Personnel Credentialing**

The Colorado Credentialing Working Group has developed minimum training standards for several positions and has grouped them using the Emergency Support Function framework so that it is easier to locate a specific credential.

To participate in the Colorado Identification and Credentialing Program, urban search and rescue (USAR) personnel (ESF # 9) must possess and/or provide proof of completed, position-specific requirements, including the following:

- Prerequisites
- Education
- Training
- Experience
- Physical capabilities
- Certifications
- Licenses
- National or local standards
- Completion of task books and/or adherence to job performance requirements (JPRs)
- Any other miscellaneous qualifications

In accordance with NIMS standards, all personnel are also required to complete the following base training courses (in addition to any other required coursework specified for respective positions): IS 100, 200, 700, and 800. Personnel must also have a current, valid driver's license or State-issued ID card.

Note: All personnel credentialing attachments are available online at:

<http://dhsem.state.co.us/emergency-management/operations/logistics/credentialing>

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) (FEMA-US&R) program sets all requirements for members of the USAR system Nationally, Colorado has no modifications or enhancements to this program as it is not within our authorities. Colorado does allow the USAR credential to be placed on our IDCC's as CO-TF1 may be called upon as a State asset and/or members may perform these functions in the native jurisdiction in the course of daily duty.

The below qualifications are based upon FEMA-US&R Manual 12-014. Any questions regarding FEMA USAR qualifications shall be directed to the Colorado USAR Task Force at 303-274-0814 ext.11.

Additionally the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) is in the process of establishing Colorado USAR qualifications and at such time they are released this document will be updated.

ESF # 9 includes the following Federal US&R response credentialing positions:

- US&R R Canine Search Specialist (US&R \_K9SRCHSPEC)
- US&R Communications Specialist (US&R \_COMMSPEC)
- US&R Hazardous Materials Specialist (US&R \_HMSPEC)
- US&R Hazardous Materials Team Manager (US&R \_HMTEAMMGR)
- US&R Heavy Equipment Rigging Specialist (US&R \_HERSQPEC)
- US&R Logistics Specialist (US&R \_LOGSPEC)
- US&R Logistics Team Manager (US&R \_LOGTEAMMGR)
- US&R Medical Specialist (US&R \_MEDSPEC)
- US&R Medical Team Manager (US&R \_MEDTMMGR)
- US&R Planning Team Manager (US&R \_PLNTMMGR)
- US&R Rescue Specialist (US&R \_RSQSPEC)
- US&R Rescue Squad Officer (US&R \_RSQSQOFCR)
- US&R Rescue Team Manager (US&R \_RSQTMMGR)
- US&R Safety Officer (US&R \_SFO)
- US&R Search Team Manager (US&R \_SRCHTMMGR)
- US&R Structures Specialist (US&R \_STRUCSPEC)
- US&R Task Force Leader (US&R \_TFLDR)
- US&R Technical Information Specialist (US&R \_TECHINFOSPEC)
- US&R Technical Search Specialist (US&R \_TECHSRCHSPEC)
- US&R Water Rescue Specialist (US&R \_WTRRSQCSPEC)

US&R Incident Support Team (IST) (US&R-IST) response credentialing positions:

- US&R-IST Communications Unit Leader (USAR-IST\_COML)
- US&R-IST Demobilization Unit (USAR-IST\_DEMOB)
- US&R-IST Division / Group Supervisor (US&R-IST\_DIV/GS)
- US&R-IST Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (US&R-IST\_VET)
- US&R-IST Documentation Unit Leader (US&R-IST\_DOCS)
- US&R-IST Facilities Unit Leader (US&R-IST\_FACL)
- US&R-IST Ground Support Unit Leader (US&R-IST\_GSUL)
- US&R-IST IST Leader (US&R-IST\_ISTLDR)
- US&R-IST Liaison to the Joint Field Office (US&R-IST\_JFOLOFR)
- US&R-IST Logistics Section Chief (US&R-IST\_LSC)
- US&R-IST Operations Branch Director (US&R-IST\_OPSBD)
- US&R-IST Operations Section Chief (US&R-IST\_OSC)
- US&R-IST Planning Section Chief (US&R-IST\_PSC)
- US&R-IST POA / Mobilization Center Specialist (US&R-IST\_MOBCTRSPEC)

- US&R-IST Information Officer (US&R-IST\_PIO)
- US&R-IST Resources Unit Leader (US&R-IST\_RESL)
- US&R-IST Safety Officer (US&R-IST\_SFO)
- US&R-IST Situation Unit Leader) (US&R-IST\_SITL)
- US&R-IST Structures Specialist (US&R-IST\_STRUCSPEC)
- US&R-IST US&R Specialist (US&R-IST\_US&RSPEC)

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