



# Indiana Task Force – 1

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
National Urban Search and Rescue  
Response System



To Whom It May Concern:

Indiana Task Force One is one of 28 FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces in the United States. The team is comprised of firefighters, law enforcement officers, Medical personnel and civilians from throughout the State of Indiana. The team exists to meet its stated objective of rescuing trapped civilians from the effects of natural and man-made disasters and austere environments.

INTF-1 stands first as a local USAR asset serving Central Indiana, secondly as a State Wide asset, and third as a Federal asset. As a local and State response partner, INTF-1 strongly believes in being a leader in the training, certification, and continuing education of its members. To that end, we have been training and certifying our members using the IDHS certification system for Technical Rescue disciplines and following the NFPA 1670 Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents since 2005. Although the team is not required by FEMA to certify its members using the IDHS system, the team feels it is important to lead by example in this area.

INTF-1 has scheduled a Rescue Specialist Course to train and certify 25 members in 2018. Participants in the course will be trained and certified to the Technician level in Vehicle/Machinery Rescue, Rope Rescue, Swift Water Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Trench Rescue, and Structural Collapse Rescue. The training is scheduled to begin in March and will conclude in October. Please see the schedule below:

Course Schedule:

March 19-23	Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Technician
April 2-6	Rope Rescue Technician
May 14-18	Swift Water Rescue Technician
August 20-24	Confined Space Rescue Technician
September 10-14	Trench Rescue Technician
September 24-28	Structural Collapse Rescue Technician
October 1-5	Structural Collapse Rescue Technician

This schedule represents a significant investment from both INTF-1 and the participating agencies. In order to ensure all members have the opportunity to receive certification to the Technician level for their participation in the course, INTF-1 is requesting a Variance be granted by the board for course participants to take course exams for Operations and Technician concurrently.

Additionally, INTF-1 requests a variance from the board to allow members to participate in written examinations and receive certification prior to holding an in-hand certification for a prerequisite course.

The board requirement for members to hold an in-hand certificate for an Operations level course prior to participating in a Technician level course, poses the real possibility to have an interruption to the certification of INTF-1 members. As well as, adding a significant financial impact to the costs associated with course delivery. We appreciate your consideration of this request and your assistance in maintaining the capabilities of INTF-1.

Sincerely,

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**Importance:** High

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Donna,

I have the list of names below. We are still waiting on a couple people to let me know if they are going to take the courses. Some of the folks have a class or two completed so they won't be in every course. I also capped the course at 25 so we won't have any more than that for sure. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ryan Takacs	4557-2935	Jeffery Keithley	6006-1775
Jared Pearish	6554-5520	Jennifer Blake	5938-6044
Chris Baker	8465-8838	Rob Gaylor	5868-6685
Collin Elliot	7307-0477	Scott Mamaril	1863-9285
Nathan Joseph	2488-1157	Scott Tierney	3390-5202
Ben Lasater	9557-7726	Marty Roberts	9179-1011
Kyle Stewart	8668-5969	Roger Tuchek	6906-0430
Willie Thompson	9701-3386	Amber Clouser	9637-2005
Aaron Reese	2452-0500	Mark Rapp Jr.	2404-6069
Matthew Steele	7970-7949	Scott Floyd	4243-0762
Thurgood "Marshall" McFadden	8380-2233	Scott Huff	8766-7909
Michael Turner	8885-6890		

Thank you,

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