

South Carolina Task Force 1 (SC-TF1) Fact Sheet

South Carolina Task Force 1 is a multi-disciplinary, all-hazards, Urban Search and Rescue team providing a coordinated response to disasters in urban and rural environments. Skilled in locating and extricating victims in all environments, SC-TF1 is capable of responding to State and National disasters including earthquakes, hurricanes, widespread tornadoes, and man-made technological and terrorist events.



SC-TF1 is a multi-disciplinary organization that includes several areas of specialists:

- Search operations, including hazard assessment, physical search, and electronic search.
- Rescue operations, including wood, steel, and concrete structures (reinforced and un-reinforced), as well as flood and swift water.
- Medical treatment, including injured task force members and victims.
- Technical support for task force operations, to include assessments of structural integrity, hazmat and weapons of mass destruction situations. The specialists also serve as liaisons to heavy equipment operators.
- Communications, ensuring that communication is continuous from pre-deployment, deployment, demobilization, to readiness.

Background:

- SC-TF1 was formed in 2004.
- The personnel that make up SC-TF1 represent many emergency service organizations in the state.
- SC-TF1 is part of SC State Fire's Emergency Response Task Force System, along with Firefighter Mobilization, the SC Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team (SC-HART), and the Palmetto Incident Support Team.

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