

These National Urban Search and Rescue Task Force functional courses are usually delivered under contract to the 28 US&R teams. Course materials may be requested by writing to the US&R Program Office at DHS/FEMA, 500 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20472 Attn: Richard Brown.

**US&R Safety Officer Training Course:**

The primary purpose of this course is to provide functional training to the Task Force members who serve as a Safety Officer on a US&R Task Force. The objectives of this course are:

1. Describe the responsibilities of the Task Force Safety Officer (TFSO) as it relates to focusing on the safety aspects of the incident;
2. Identify the duties of the TFSO;
3. Describe the characteristics of an effective TFSO
4. Explain the position and reporting responsibility of the TFSO within the ICS;
5. Distinguish the relationship between the TFSO and the other major functional areas; and
6. Discuss instances when the TFSO can alter, suspend, or terminate task force activities.