

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 Communications Specialist Training Course:**

The primary purpose of this course is to train US&R Communications Specialist on the US&R Task Force communications requirements in the US&R disaster environment, including the frequency band plan. Other topics contained in this course are:

1. The role of the Communications Specialist in the development and implementation of communications plans;
2. Through classroom presentations, demonstration and hands-on experiences, guide the Communications Specialist through tasks, procedures and guidelines that are required of the position;
3. In-depth, hands-on experience with the communications equipment listed in the Task Force Cache — Communications Equipment Group;
4. Safety issues that are focused on the general activities of a US&R task force while operationally deployed;
5. To provide each student opportunities for interaction and networking with other Communications Specialists; and
6. To test the student's knowledge and skills through an examination and practical exercises.