**ARROWHEAD REGION SPECIAL OPERATIONS** **URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE**

2019 RECRUITMENT

The Arrowhead Regional Special Operations (ARSO) Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team is accepting applications for membership. We are looking for highly motivated, highly trained members to fill positions within ARSO USAR team.

The Arrowhead Regional Special Operations USAR team will be comprised of local responders who are highly trained in technical rescue. The team is available to assist municipalities/departments, as well as other counties, 24/7. Arrowhead Regional USAR can assist at incidents such as structural collapse (breaching/breaking, shoring), technical rescue, heavy lifting, confined space rescue, specialized rope rescue.

### Application process:

The 3-part application process will consist of the membership application, skills verification, and an oral interview.

In order to be considered for the team, interested applicants should complete and return the following:

1. A completed City of Virginia Employment application.
2. A letter of recommendation supporting your application for ARSO USAR team membership from your department or organizational head.
3. A resume with work and relevant certification/licensure details.

Submit all items via email no later than 4 p.m. on June 3rd, 2019 to usar@virginiamn.us. Applicants who meet the qualifications will be contacted for an interview. Applicants who successfully make it through the interview process will be invited to attend a hands-on practical session to validate their rescue skill set. Skill areas that may be validated include basic rope and confined space rescue. All skill stations are designed to meet the NFPA 1670 operations level.

\*NOTE\* Team members wages and workers compensation will not be covered by the City of Virginia. This will be the responsibility of the department from which they are currently on roster/ employed with.

An optional information session will be offered at the Virginia Fire Department on May 20th at 1800.

### General Requirements:

1. Must be regularly available on short notice to mobilize within 30 minutes of request.
2. Must be capable of improvising and functioning for long hours under adverse conditions.
3. Must be able to function safely at heights and on or around rubble.
4. Must be aware of signs, symptoms and corrective measures of critical incident stress syndrome.
5. Must understand and adhere to safe working practices and procedures as required in the urban disaster environment.
6. Must possess training and experience in the use of respiratory protection equipment and personal protective equipment to the appropriate level.
7. Must have a working knowledge of the Incident Command System.
8. Must not continue to be an existing member of another rescue team/task force.
9. Must have a valid MN Driver’s license.
10. Must not have a record of criminal convictions.

### Minimum Training Requirements:

* Current MNEMSRB EMT-Basic (current).
* NFPA 472 Hazardous Materials Operations.
* National Incident Management System classes IS100, IS200, IS700, IS800
* IFSAC/ Pro Board or MN State Certified FF II
* Basic Ropes and knots knowledge
* Confined Space Rescue awareness
* Basic Vehicle Rescue

### Preferred Advanced Training:

* NREMT/ MNEMSRB Paramedic (current)
* Tower Rescue Awareness
* 1670 or 1006 Rope Rescue Technician
* 1670 or 1006 Trench Rescue Technician
* 1670 or 1006 Vehicle & Machinery Technician
* 1670 or 1006 Confined Space Technician
* 1670 or 1006 Structural Collapse Technician
* 1670 or 1006 Water Rescue Technician

Courses within the National and State Fire Academies, or Community College System, are examples of acceptable training. Other documented training courses from 3rd party training agencies may be acceptable if they meet the competencies outlined in NFPA 1670 and the FEMA US&R Specialist Curriculum.

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**2019 Team Application – Training Checklist**

### Name: Date:

**Address: Email Address:**

**Phone #:**

Please put an “X” in the box corresponding to the requirements listed below that you have completed. Please attach copies of certificates to this form.

*Minimum Training Requirements:*

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|  | X |  | X |
| NREMT-BASIC (current) |  | BASIC VEHICLE RESCUE- TECHNICIAN |  |
| MNEMSRB-EMT BASIC (current) |  | NFPA 1006 ROPE RESCUE- OPERATIONS |  |
| NIMS 100/200/700/800 |  | NFPA 472 HAZARDOUS METERIALS-OPERATIONS |  |
| MNSFCB/ IFSAC FIREFIGHTER II (current) |  | CONFINED SPACE RESCUE OPERATIONS (CSR) |  |
| AHA HEALTHCARE PROVIDER (current) |  | NFPA 472 HAZARDOUS METERIALS-OPERATIONS |  |

*Preferred Advanced Training:*

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|  | X |  | 1670 | 1006 |
| 1006 General Requirements (Core) |  | 1670/1006 Rope Rescue Technician |  |  |
| NREMT-PARAMEDIC (current) |  | 1670/1006 Trench Rescue Technician |  |  |
| MNEMSRB Paramedic (current) |  | 1670/1006 Vehicle & Machinery Technician |  |  |
|  1670/1006 Water Rescue Technician |  | 1670/1006 Confined Space Technician |  |  |
|  1670/1006 Structural Collapse Technician |  |  |  |  |

ARROWHEAD REGIONAL USAR APPLICATION- TRAINING CHECKLIST CONTINUED:

*Please list any additional training you have that could benefit our team: (FEMA SCT, CSR etc.)*

*Please let us know why you want to be a part of Arrowhead Regional USAR Team: (Use additional pages, if needed)*

*Have you ever been a part of an active technical rescue? If so, What was your role?*

**Questions about the application process, and completed applications should be sent to** **usar@virginiamn.us**