

Resource Typing Initiative Glossary of Resources Search & Rescue

Term	Aliases	Definition
Air Search and Rescue Team		Team provides airborne search and rescue, emergency airlift and other special services. Varying levels of specialized management support and command and control capabilities are included in team structures.
Airborne Reconnaissance (Fixed Wing)		Team provides airborne reconnaissance utilizing fixed wing platforms with a variety of sensors, both visual and technologically aided, to support federal, state, and local agency needs. Varying levels of specialized management support and command and control capabilities are included in team structures.
Alpine Search and Rescue Team	Snow and Ice Rescue	Team conducts search and rescue operations for individuals in a high-altitude alpine environment, which requires advanced snow skills and the ability to operate in high altitudes and above the timberline (5000 feet and higher).
Canine Recovery Team	Cadaver Dog Team K-9 Recovery Team	Team provides highly trained recovery dog teams for search and recovery operations for deceased victims.
Canine Search Team	Search Dog Team Dog Rescue Team K-9 Rescue Team	Team provides highly trained search dog teams for <u>search</u> , <u>rescue</u> , and recovery operations for living and deceased victims in a variety of environments.
Canine Urban Search and Rescue Team	Urban Search and Rescue Team (K-9 Team) (Dog Team)	Team provides highly trained dog teams for operations supporting <u>US&R task forces</u> and <u>collapse search and rescue teams</u> .
Cave Search and Rescue Team	Technical Rescue Team	Team performs search and rescue services to assist in locating and removing injured or lost individuals from caves. Team members work in dark cramped conditions, which may include cold and the presence of water.
Confined Areas Search and Rescue Team		Team is a group of individuals trained and equipped to respond to confined space emergencies. Confined space is defined by OSHA as a space that is 1) large enough and so configured that an employee can bodily enter and perform assigned work; 2) has limited or restricted means for entry or exit; and 3) is not designed for continuous employee occupancy. Permit-required confined space is defined as a confined space with one or more of the following characteristics: 1) contains or has the potential to contain a hazardous atmosphere; 2) contains a material that has the potential for engulfing an entrant; 3) has an internal configuration such that an entrant could be trapped or asphyxiated by inwardly converging walls or a floor which slopes downwards and tapers to a smaller cross section; or 4) contains any other recognized serious safety or health hazard.

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Desert Search and Rescue Team	Wilderness Search and Rescue Team	Recommended deletion from the glossary
Electronic Search and Rescue Team		Team provides response search and rescue services, including search and rescue management capabilities and specialized electronic search teams equipped to capably locate emergency beacons. Beacons may be of varied types; i.e. emergency locator transmitters, emergency position indicating radio beacons, and personal locator beacons. Teams can expect to search in varied localities; i.e. airfields, marinas, and geographically remote areas.
Mine Rescue Team		A specially trained and equipped team that searches for, rescues, and/or recovers individuals from working in abandoned mines and tunnels.
Water Search and Rescue Team	Swiftwater, Flatwater, Surface and Ice	Team conducts surface and subsurface search and rescue operations in all-water environments, including swift water and flood conditions. Water rescue teams come with all team equipment required to safely and effectively conduct operations. Water rescue teams can be assigned to special events to provide for the safety of citizens.
Wilderness Search and Rescue Team	Ground Search and Rescue	Team provides ground search and rescue services, including all-weather search and rescue of missing persons, search and rescue management capabilities, evidence collection, trained ground search teams of all levels, technical rescue specialists, specialized wilderness medical personnel, and safety and survival education.