

# IA-TF1 Application Package

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Member of the Iowa Task Force One (IA-TF1). This Task Force is a volunteer Urban Search and Rescue Team that is authorized by the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division of the Iowa Department of Public Defense.

IA-TF1 conforms to US&R Operational Procedures that were developed by FEMA. IA-TF1 will be a 70 person Task Force comprised of six major functional elements: Search, Rescue, Medical, Logistics, Planning, and HazMat, including associated supervisory positions. It is anticipated that each of the 70 positions on the Team will be staffed three-deep, thereby increasing overall Membership to 210 persons.

Members of the IA-TF1 Selection Committee will review your application and all of the attached documents. Your application package will be reviewed for training and certification suitable to your prospective assignment to the team.

**The Selection Process will take into consideration the following requirements:**

- Applicant submits a completed IA-TF1 Application Package
- Non-fire or non-LEA applicants selected for the team must submit to a National Criminal History and fingerprint background check.
- Applicants must attach a Memorandum of Understanding signed by their Participating Agency/Employer to be accepted as an IA-TF1 Member.
- Applicants must have a completed Critical Task and Fitness Standards Form signed by a physician before they can be accepted as an IA-TF1 Member.  
**Note: Applications will be accepted without a completed and signed Critical Task and Fitness Standards Form.**
- Applicant successfully passes the Physical Ability Test
- Applicant successfully passes the application review by the Selection Committee
- Applicant successfully passes an oral interview and skills assessment

**Attach copies or originals of the following as appropriate: (check as appropriate)**

- Valid state motor vehicle operator license
- CPR Certificate
- First Responder/EMT/Paramedic/MD license or certificates of training
- First Responder Awareness Level for Hazardous Materials Certificate (or higher)
- Engineering Certificate if you are a structural engineer
- Law enforcement related education and training certificates (where appropriate)
- Resume describing any suitable experiences
- A short letter detailing your goals, interests, and experiences would be helpful, but is not required

**Complete this application packet and forward it by US Mail to one of the IA-TF1 Divisions:**

**Sioux City Fire Department**  
Attn: IA-TF1 Division Director  
601 Douglas St  
Sioux City, IA 51101

**OR**

**Cedar Rapids Fire Department**  
Attn: IA-TF1 Division Director  
222 Third St. N.W.  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405-3939