



## Urban Search and Rescue

### Administrative Manual

# Urban Search and Rescue Team Code of Conduct

## **ISSUE STATEMENT**

To provide general rules of conduct for all team members and intended to protect the integrity of VA-TF2.

## **REQUIRED ACTIONS**

- All VA-TF2 personnel are required to read, understand and comply with all rules, regulations, policies and procedures of National US&R Response System PD 2018-006 and VA-TF2.
- It shall be the responsibility of the team member to seek clarification from the Task Force leadership as to the meaning or application of any law, rule or regulation, policy or procedure, written or verbal order.

## **US&R Code of Conduct**

It is understood that members are representatives of their respective jurisdictions and state organizations. Further, it is understood that all members represent the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency and the United States Government. Members must constantly remember that their actions will reflect on these agencies and that they will be held accountable for those actions.

With this in mind, it is incumbent on all members that they act in a professional manner while performing their respective duties and assignments. Members will always ensure that they are in proper uniform and in a ready state while under the obligation of a deployment.

Members will treat other Task Force personnel, local responders and the citizens they serve in a courteous and considerate manner. Any situations or conditions that would precipitate confrontations or serious disagreements will be reported to the Task Force Leader or Team Manager immediately.

Members will only procure equipment through appropriate channels and any emergency procurement will be reported at the earliest possible opportunity to the Task Force Leader or Team Manager.



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Members are restricted from carrying firearms or being in possession of non-prescribed or illegal drugs. Further, members are restricted in the possession of alcohol while under the obligation of a deployment.

As a basic guide, Task Force members will base all actions and decisions on the ethical, moral and legal consequences of those actions. It is in this manner that positive and beneficial outcomes will prevail in all disaster deployment events.