

MFD Special Operations Teams

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Response Teams



MINNESOTA TASK FORCE 1

URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE



Special Operations Division:

The mission of the Special Operations Division is to plan, equip, and train the Special Operations Forces, and to respond to fires, emergency operations, technical rescue incidents, hazardous materials incidents, chemical/biological incidents and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), terrorism, domestic attack incidents, and to provide the Incident Commander with specialized equipment and personnel extensively trained in the above disciplines. This division encompasses special disciplines within emergency services. It trains for and is equipped for emergencies that fall outside of the normal fire and rescue calls we normally respond to. The Minneapolis Fire Department Special Operations Division fields the following teams: Haz-Mat, Collapse, Urban Search and Rescue, Technical Rescue, Water Rescue, Ice Rescue, Swift Water River Rescue.

Each of these teams are comprised of firefighters and officers that have completed specialized training above the firefighting level. Many of these teams require yearly recertification in these fields. Special operations teams train several hours a month in addition to typical firefighting training. While we are all pressed for time, these members go above and beyond in preparing themselves for helping and serving our citizens.

Minnesota Task Force 1 (MN-TF1):



Minnesota Task Force 1 is an urban search and rescue (USAR) team based in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota. MN-TF1 is a State of Minnesota resource developed to assist with emergencies involving natural or manmade disasters that require highly skilled search and rescue personnel in a collapse or specialized rescue environment. Although MN-TF1 is a State resource, the team works for and in support of local response agencies. MN-TF1 is made up of highly trained firefighters, police officers and paramedics who perform in a wide variety of disciplines. These disciplines include: Search Specialists, Heavy Rescue Specialists, Haz-Mat Specialists, Medical Specialists, Heavy Riggers and Structural Engineers.

MN-TF1 draws these specialists from several public safety organizations including:

- Minneapolis Fire Department
- Dakota County Special Operations Team
- Edina Fire Department
- Rochester Fire Department
- Saint. Paul Fire Department

