
Unit 3:

Overview of the Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader Positions



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Visual 3.1

Unit Terminal Objective

Describe the role and responsibilities of the Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader



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Unit Enabling Objectives

- **Describe the difference between a Strike Team/ Resource Team and a Task Force.**
- **Explain the purpose of using a Strike Team/ Resource Team or Task Force as it relates to managing resources.**
- **Explain what information the Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader provide the Division/Group Supervisor.**



Strike Teams/Resource Teams

Specified combinations of the same kind and type of resources, with common communications and a leader.



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Task Force

A group of mixed resources with common communications and a leader that may be pre-established and sent to an incident or formed at an incident.



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Task Force (Cont.)

A Task Force can include:

- **Any combination of resources that does not meet the criteria for a Strike Team/Resource Team.**
- **Any combination of one kind of resource with other kinds of resources.**



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Utilization Principles

- **The Strike Teams/Resource Teams and Task Forces concept is designed to maximize the efficiency of multiple resources on an incident.**
- **Packages resources to maintain span of control.**
- **Similar operational concept for both ST and TF.**



Utilization Principles (cont.)

The Strike Team/Resource Team and Task Force concept works by:

- **Maximizing the use of resources.**
- **Reducing the manager's span of control.**
- **Simplifying communications.**



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Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader

- **Responsible for performing tactical assignments assigned to the Strike Team/Resource Team or Task Force.**
- **The Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader is the Strike Team/Resource Team or Task Force point-of-contact for the Division/Group Supervisor.**



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Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader (Cont.)

- **Typically reports to a Division/Group Supervisor on extended response and major incidents.**
- **Reports work progress, resources status, and other important information.**
- **Maintains work records on assigned personnel.**
- **Can be a great source of feedback.**





Activity 3.1: Compare and Contrast Positions

Allotted Time: 30 minutes



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Objectives Review

- 1. What is the difference between a Strike Team/ Resource Team and a Task Force?**
- 2. What is the purpose of using a Strike Team/ Resource Team or Task Force as it relates to managing resources?**
- 3. What information does the Task Force/Strike (Resource) Team Leader provide the Division/Group Supervisor?**

