

Nebraska Task Force 1 – Management Policy
Code of Conduct (MP 1000.23)

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Purpose

To describe the Code of Conduct for the members of Nebraska Task Force 1 (NE-TF1). The basis for this policy and regulations within it follows the FEMA Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Program policy.

Policy

It is understood that members are representative of their respective jurisdictions and state organizations. Further, it is understood that all members represent the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA) and the United States Government. Member actions will reflect on these agencies.

It is incumbent on all members to act in a professional manner while performing their respective duties and assignments. Members will always be 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 (TFL) 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 TFL or team manager.

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

As a basic guide, the members of NE-TF1 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.

NE-TF1 members who violate this Code of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action. This may include being sent home during a deployment and/or dismissal from NE-TF1.