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## **LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE**

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### **NE-TF1 In New York City**

#### **C CURRENT SITUATION**

The Lincoln Fire & Rescue's Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, NE-TF1, has deployed to New York City to assist in the rescue efforts at the World Trade Center.

#### **C CRITICAL ISSUE**

None

#### **C ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Yesterday September 24, 2001 at approximately 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. CST the Lincoln Fire Department's Urban Search & Rescue Task Force, NE-TF1 departed from the Lincoln Airport in two aircraft. After a 3 ½ hour flight, they arrived at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. The team off loaded personnel and equipment and traveled by ground to the Javits Center, arriving at 11:00 p.m. EST where they set up their Base of Operations and rested, awaiting assignment.

#### **C RESOURCES ASSIGNED**

The entire team is currently supporting the New York City Fire Department.

#### **C PLANNED ACTIVITIES (next 24 - 72 hours)**

This morning at 7:30 a.m. the team reported that they were preparing for their assignment. The team will be split into two 31 person units. Both units will provide Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) for the New York City Fire Department. The Task Force will continue this assignment for the next 72 hours, in the boroughs of Queens and Manhattan. New York Fire Department has assigned a staff liaison to provide an interface to normal ongoing efforts within the city.

#### **C ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

At the end of this assignment, the Lincoln team will engage in active search and rescue at the World Trade Center. The Lincoln team search effort is expected to continue for an additional 3 -5 days before FEMA will replace the team.