



# NEWS RELEASE



## LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE

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### NE-TF1 In New York City

#### C **CURRENT SITUATION**

NE-TF1 is a fully equipped and staffed FEMA Urban Search & Rescue Task Force of 62 people. For their current assignment, NE-TF1 has been divided into two teams; Rapid Response Task Force #2 (RRTF#2) at the Jacob Javits Convention Center, and Rapid Response Task Force #1 (RRTF#1) at Fort Totten. The terminology "Rapid Response Task Force" is non-standard and has been created to accommodate this non-traditional application of a US&R Task Force.

#### C **CRITICAL ISSUE**

None

#### C **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Base of Operations set up has been completed.

#### C **RESOURCES ASSIGNED**

All members of the team are currently supporting the New York City Fire Department as Rapid Response Teams.

RRTF#1 & 2 is comprised of 31 people and four vehicles that are stocked with equipment normally carried by a US&R Task Force. In this case, the equipment cache assigned for use by NE-TF1 contains the search, breaking & breaching equipment, but only a portion of the normal quantity.

Lumber is carried on the response vehicle. Cribbing, wedges and shores are being carried on the current vehicles for immediate use if needed.

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

NE-TF1 Rescue Response Team #1 & 2 will be conducting team training and preparing for their assigned duties.

#### C **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Both teams #1 and #2 are anxious to get down to the World Trade Center site and work. Possible start on Friday.

Friday Lincoln Fire & Rescue will receive a conference call from Chief Spadt at 10:30 a.m.