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Part 16
Emergency Response Team

53-2a-1601 Definitions.

As used in this part:

(1) "Emergency responder" includes a:
  (a) firefighter;
  (b) structural engineer;
  (c) physician;
  (d) physician assistant;
  (e) paramedic; or
  (f) technical rescue specialist.

(2) "Emergency response team" means a group of emergency responders placed at the direction, control, and funding of the Division of Emergency Management, in accordance with an agreement between the Division of Emergency Management and a sponsoring agency and the provisions of this part, to assist in urban search and rescue:
  (a) in response to a disaster, emergency, or important event; or
  (b) in anticipation of a forecasted severe weather event, a flood, or a planned important event.

(3) "Emergency response team member" means an individual who is:
  (a) an emergency responder;
  (b) a member of an emergency response team; and
  (c) acting within the scope of the individual's duties for an emergency response team.

(4) "Important event" includes an event attended by one or more officials of the United States or one or more foreign dignitaries and where a large crowd has or is anticipated to gather.

(5) "Sponsoring agency" means an entity in the state that executes a written agreement to organize a National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task force as described in 44 C.F.R. Part 208 to assist the Federal Emergency Management Agency during a disaster or emergency.

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53-2a-1602 Emergency response team agreement -- Creation.

(1) The division may enter into an agreement with a sponsoring agency to establish terms and conditions that apply to an emergency response team.

(2) If the division enters into an agreement described in Subsection (1), the agreement shall allow the division to reimburse the sponsoring agency for costs related to the operation of an emergency response team at rates equivalent to those described in 44 C.F.R. Part 208.

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53-2a-1603 Purposes for which an emergency response team member is considered an employee of the division.

An emergency response team member is considered a division employee only for the following purposes:

(1) receiving workers' compensation benefits, which shall be the exclusive remedy for any injuries or occupational diseases, as provided under Title 34A, Chapter 2, Workers' Compensation Act, and Title 34A, Chapter 3, Utah Occupational Disease Act;
(2) operating a motor vehicle or equipment if the emergency response team member is properly licensed and authorized to do so; and
(3) receiving the protection and indemnification normally afforded a division employee.

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