

MINNESOTA STATE FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS

State Emergency Response Teams at a Glance

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety State Fire Marshal Division manages the State Emergency Response Teams. These teams support and work with the local incident commanders. There is no charge for the State Hazardous Materials Teams, Bomb Teams, or MART. MnTF1 and MnTF2 may assess a fee as part of Chapter 12 in State Statute.

Fire departments or government agencies can contact the Minnesota Duty Officer at 651-649-5451 or 800-422-0798 to request a team's assistance.

Learn more on our website: sfm.dps.mn.gov.

Bomb Squads

There are four bomb squads across the state. Bomb squad team members are licensed Minnesota peace officers who are certified hazardous device technicians. Teams are equipped with hazardous device robots, portable digital X-ray machines, and containment vessels.

Urban Search and Rescue Teams (Minnesota Task Force 1 and 2)

Urban search and rescue (USAR) teams have varied capabilities to assist with structural collapse, heavy rescue, wide-area search, trench rescue, confined space rescue, rope rescue and advanced medical care. MnTF1 includes physicians and medical specialists who can provide medical care and direction in the disaster area. MnTF1 is equipped for 24-hour operations and can work in any disaster area, including those with little or no infrastructure. MnTF2 has varied capacities.

Hazardous Materials Response Teams

There are 11 Chemical Assessment Teams (four of which are also Emergency Response Teams) across Minnesota. The teams can help prevent a hazardous release, mitigate a release, and stabilize an incident. They do not provide firefighting capabilities. Teams provide local incident commanders with technical support. They deploy with trained responders, specialized equipment and support of other state agencies.

The Minnesota Aviation Rescue Team (MART)

MART specializes in rescue and extraction of victims from locations that cannot be easily reached by ground or water, or pose excessive risk to rescuers. MART can assist with searches using visual and thermal images from the air. MART helps public safety agencies across the state maximize victims' safety and minimize risk to responders. MART can also be requested through State Patrol Dispatch at 651-582-1500.

