

StS2 COURSE DESCRIPTION

This very important training is offered to Task Force Structures Specialist (StS) candidates who previously completed the introductory Structures Specialist Training (StS1), and are in need of this Refresher/Recertification training. It is recommended that this training be completed every 4 or 5 years, unless the StS has been deployed to a major building collapse incident.

This course consists of a series of tabletop scenarios that will challenge students to exercise judgment and make the type of decisions that are required at an actual rescue response site. In addition, two of the afternoon sessions will involve students in the testing of rescue shoring and the monitoring of distressed structures. A third field session will test the student's physical and mental skills, including operations while donning protective suits and full-face masks. There will also be case study presentations of past and recent incidents in order to focus on the lessons learned from the Structures Specialist standpoint.