

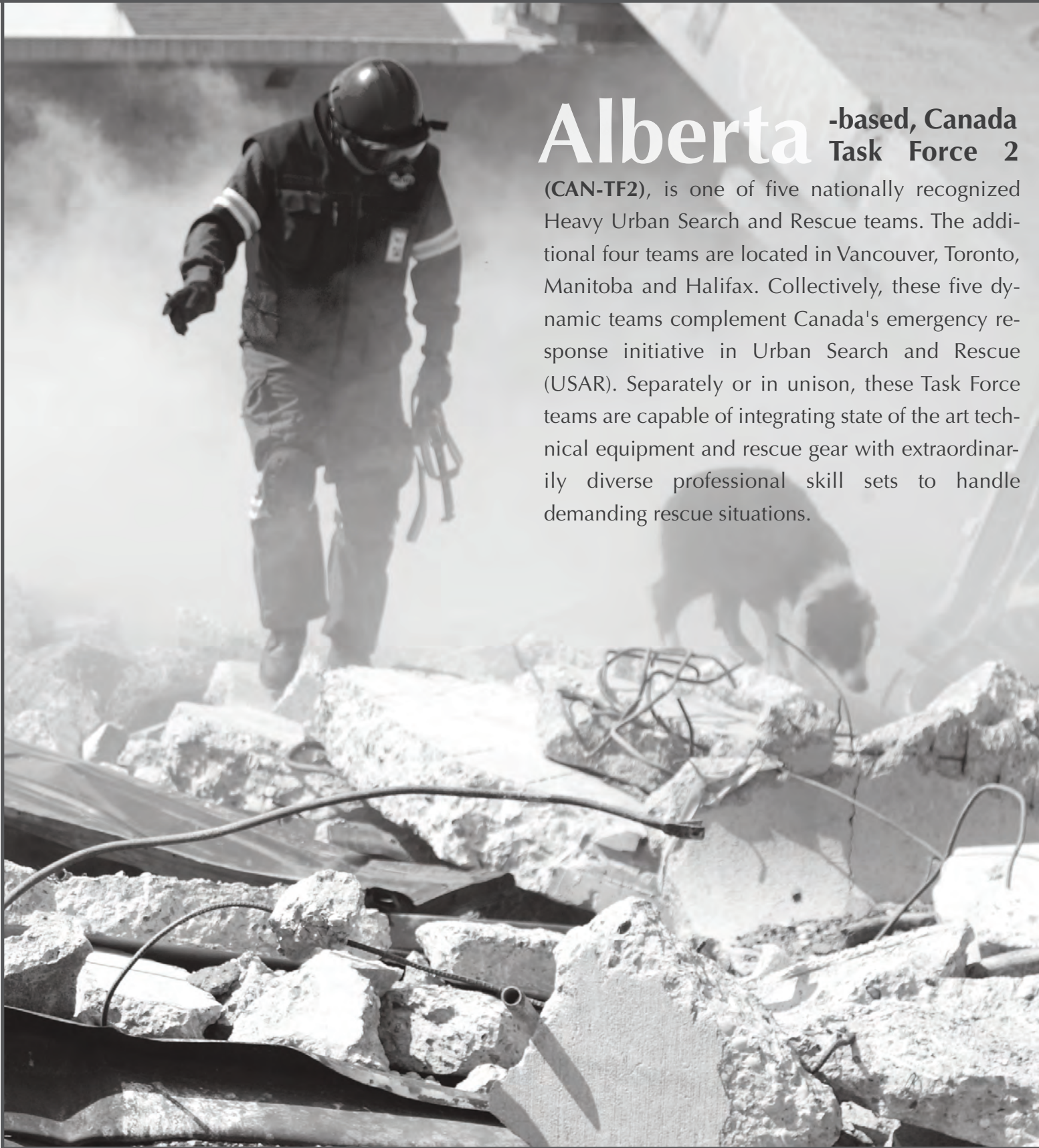
CANADA TASK FORCE 2

URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE

NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Alberta-based, Canada Task Force 2

(CAN-TF2), is one of five nationally recognized Heavy Urban Search and Rescue teams. The additional four teams are located in Vancouver, Toronto, Manitoba and Halifax. Collectively, these five dynamic teams complement Canada's emergency response initiative in Urban Search and Rescue (USAR). Separately or in unison, these Task Force teams are capable of integrating state of the art technical equipment and rescue gear with extraordinarily diverse professional skill sets to handle demanding rescue situations.



The mandate of the Task Force is to locate, extricate and facilitate immediate medical care to individuals affected by natural or human-caused disasters.

Initially, Canada Task Force 2 started with assistance from the *Calgary Fire Department's* Heavy Rescue team. In 2007, the *Calgary Fire Department* partnered with *Alberta Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS)* to further develop the team's strengths and to support a sustainable deployment team able to respond locally, provincially, nationally and internationally when an emergency occurs.

teamwork

integrity

professional

volunteerism

In 2008, CAN-TF2 plans to recruit 50 to 60 volunteers, living within a four hour radius of the *Multi Agency Training Centre* in Calgary, Alberta. With this first contingent of personnel the initial structure of the team will be formed. The future of CAN-TF2 is with its personnel. The team will bolster its ranks to 120 members by 2009 and will be available for deployment near the end of 2008.

The intention of CAN-TF2 is to be available for all Albertans. Negotiations are currently taking place with the newly formed *Alberta Emergency Management Agency* to increase functionality within the Alberta Emergency Plan. The goal is to develop a strong relationship with this provincial agency to better serve Albertans.

TEAM CAPABILITIES

In the event of a large-scale emergency, Canada Task Force 2 (CAN-TF2) becomes a vital link in a multi-agency rescue effort; combining resources with other agencies, such as police, fire, EMS, public utilities and the military.

Task Force teams are trained to complete a quick and thorough triage assessment of a damaged structure. This assessment determines the structural integrity before initializing a search for survivors. Within Alberta, the STARS helicopter is an integral part of the team — providing a bird's eye view of the disaster site, executing reconnaissance with team leaders and the rapid transport of search personnel and equipment.

ur-ban search and res-cue :

the capacity to rescue victims from major structural collapse or other entrapments. It can range from lightly equipped teams to self-contained, fully mobile Heavy USAR (HUSAR) teams

ur-ban search and res-cue team :

a group of specialized rescue skills supplemented by search, medical and structural assessment resources combined in a mobile, highly integrated team

—Public Safety Canada (PSC)



technical

resourceful

efficient

dedicated

Team members are trained in the following areas:

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| Incident command | Logistics |
| Communications | Medical |
| Technical Search | Hazardous Materials / CBRNE |
| Canine Search and Rescue | Air Support |

Technical rescue — including rope rescue, trench and excavation, mechanical entrapment, confined space and structural collapse

Canada Task Force 2 can be deployed anywhere in Canada, at any time, in all weather conditions. The teams are ready and en-route within a matter of hours.

HEAVY URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE

Locating people trapped in collapsed structures using search dogs and sophisticated electronic equipment

Breaching or shoring up structural components such as walls

Removing debris using heavy equipment such as cranes

Extricating and treating victims

For more information, please visit our website: cantf2.com

