
Vita- Russell McCullar

Russell is a Senior Instructor with the Mississippi State Fire Academy. His responsibilities include the management of NFPA 1006 Rescue Programs. In two decades in the fire service, he completed the National Executive Fire Officer Program, holds a Masters in Homeland Security, and a Bachelors in Business Administration.

Another one of Russell's roles is that of Rescue Specialist and Technical Search Specialist with FEMA Tennessee Task Force 1. Additionally, he sits on the Rescue Subgroup of the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Advisory Organization. As a SPRAT Level 3 Technician, he spends much of his time dedicated to risk analysis and safety consultation.



As a researcher and an inquiring mind, he continually encourages his students and audiences to challenge the status quo and ask *Why?* His research, writing, and publications range from theses, to the National Fire Academy, to trade magazines and blogs. He has presented at many regional and national conferences. His speaking awards include *Best New Research*, *Most Thought Provoking Research*, and overall *Best Presentation* at the International Technical Rescue Symposium.

A lifelong student of technical rescue, Russell spends his time instructing other rescuers around the State of Mississippi and the country. His extra time is spent teaching and consulting around the U.S. with his company Craft Rescue, and volunteering as an instructor for the National Cave Rescue Commission. He resides in Brandon, Mississippi with his wife, Sydney, daughter Anna Kate, and son DJ.