

Urban Search and Rescue

Major structural collapse can present significant clinical, technical and logistical issues to emergency service responders. This presentation will discuss the role of the USAR task force and how it integrates within State and National counter disaster arrangements. In addition it will explore issues regarding provision of health and medical support in this environment, and look at some of the clinical challenges that USAR medical team members are likely to come up against.

Bio – Dave Tingey

Dave started with SAAS in 1992, and joined Special Operations Team in 1996. He was appointed as the first full-time SOT Team Leader 1997 – a position he held for 12 years. In 2008 he was successful in gaining the position of Retrieval Paramedic Clinical Manager with MedSTAR Emergency Medical Retrieval.

Professional highlights include aeromedical and USAR study tour of USA in 2001, deployment to Banda Aceh with SA Health medical response team in 2005, and being involved in the development of MedSTAR.

Education:

- Dip App Sc Ambulance Studies 1993-1995
- Intensive Care Paramedic course in 1996
- Bachelor Health Science (Paramedic) Victoria University 2001
- Professional Certificate of Management Adelaide Uni 2003
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment 2008
- Diploma of Project Management 2008
- Currently completing MHS Sc majoring in Aeromedical Retrieval

Positions Held (past and present):

- Professional Associate Victoria University
- Senior Lecturer James Cook University
- Lecturer Flinders University
- Member (and former Chair) State Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Committee
- Council of Ambulance Authorities (CAA) representative National USAR Committee
- Associate Fellow of Australian College of Ambulance Professionals

Husband and father to a very patient family!! (wife Cathy, son Jack (11), daughter Erin (8))

Enjoys camping, SCUBA diving, red wine.