LSA ANACONDA, Iraq - While most of the firefighters here wear Air Force uniforms, there are a few to be found wearing U.S. Army tapes.

The small, seven-man team that makes up the 452nd Ordnance Company, a Reserve unit based in South Dakota, is a rarity in the Army.

Working closely with Air Force firefighters, the unit labors to control structural, grass, dumpster, electrical, and other types of fires on Anaconda.

Furthermore, the Army firefighters take part in an important mission while in Iraq to recover injured Soldiers in vehicle accidents during convoys.

The Rescue Air Mobility Squad is a team of firefighters who are ready to react to a convoy emergency by helicopter, 24 hours per day.

If a call comes in for assistance, a RAMS team will load up and fly out to the accident location taking with them only a “basket” full of gear that weighs more than 200 pounds, said Sgt. Aaron Leming, a firefighter in the unit.

The team’s mission on site is to get to casualties as quickly as possible and get them out of the disabled vehicles. Casualties may be trapped inside a burning or crushed vehicle, so timeliness is key.

Once on the ground, the firefighters use special tools: manual, electric, and hydraulic equipment, to wrench, rip, and cut their way to a casualty. Sledgehammers, saws, and mechanical spreaders are all part of a firefighter’s tool kit.

The unit, along with their Air Force counterparts, train with these tools periodically to become as proficient as possible, and to be ready if a call should come.

Firefighters use special equipment to free people from wrecked vehicles.