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US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2015-074a

August 13, 2015

FOR: National Urban Search & Rescue Response System
Task Force Representatives

FROM: Dean Scott, Chief
Operations Section
Urban Search and Rescue Branch

SUBJECT: US&R General Memorandum 2015-074a – (Revised) S-420 Training Course
Announcement

This revision adds the attendees noted in red below.

On behalf of the National Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System) Indianapolis Task Force One (IN-TF1) is hosting the S-420 Training Course for Incident Support Team members (ISTs) scheduled for September 14-18, 2015 in Indianapolis, IN. The System sincerely appreciates IN-TF1 supporting this important training opportunity.

Using the process described in GM 2015-065 – *S-420 C&GS Course-Sep 14-18, 2015*, the following IST members were selected to attend the course, and have received the required approval from their Task Force Representative and Sponsoring Agency:

Shelly Jamison, AZ-TF1	Gerald George, IN-TF1	Keith Bevan, UT-TF1
Rick Godinez, CA-TF1	Rick McKinney, IN-TF1	Mike Ulibarri, UT-TF1
Craig White, CA-TF1	Chuck Flanagan, MA-TF1	Billy Moreland, VA-TF1
John Haugh, CA-TF2	Scott Olsen, MO-TF1	Wayne Black, VA-TF2
John Warren, CA-TF3	Doug Westoff, MO-TF1	Cynthia Butler-Fajardo, WA-TF1
Steve Dohman, CA-TF5	John Huff, NE-TF1	Tom Richardson, WA-TF1
Dave Lesh, CA-TF6	Karl Lee, NV-TF1	Pete Bakersky, FEMA
Jim Colston, CA-TF8	Joe Jardin, NY-TF1	Dianne Wilson, FEMA
Dave Quintana, CO-TF1	Jim Covington, TN-TF1	John Brogan, FEMA
Jeff Rouse, FL-TF1	Jon Selberg, TN-TF1	Ted Young, FEMA
Gio Ulloa, FL-TF1	Paul Gunnels, TX-TF1	

These personnel are directed to make their arrangements at the contracted hotel, no later than Thursday, August 27, 2015. Questions concerning the S-420 course should be directed to Mr. Bill Brown at: (317) 362-4971; or wbrown@brownsburgfire.org. Questions regarding the attached logistics letter can be directed to Candace Harris at: (317) 327-6761; or email at candace.harris2@indy.gov.

Attachment:

IN-TF1 Logistics Letter

cc:

US&R Strategic Group
US&R Advisory Group
US&R Branch Staff
FEMA Regional/Federal/International ESF #9 Representatives
Red, White, Blue & Alternate IST Personnel



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**National Urban Search and Rescue Response System
US&R S420 Command & General Staff Training – September 14-18, 2015**

The following information will assist in your preparations for this training.

Logistical

- Training is scheduled for September 14-18, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Downtown Union Station Hotel. Training will begin promptly at 8:00 am on Monday, September 14 and will conclude at 12:00 pm on Friday, September 18. **Do not plan to leave the hotel before 12:00 pm on Friday.**
- Students are responsible for arranging their own air and/or ground transportation to and from Indianapolis. Students should fly into Indianapolis International Airport (IND). **Travel days for the course are Sunday, September 13 and Friday, September 18.**
- Ground transportation from the Indianapolis International Airport is available by taxi or by Carey Limousine. Students are responsible for transportation from the airport to the hotel with a fare taxi of approximately \$20.00, or Carey Limousine (317) 241-6700 at \$18.73 per person with tip (Share Ride).
- The training will take place on the main floor of the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Downtown Union Station Hotel. Attendees will not need rental vehicles for the course.

Hotel Accommodations

The Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Downtown Union Station Hotel, 123 W. Louisiana St, Indianapolis, IN 46225, has been secured for this event. Please make your reservations by **August 27, 2015** either by calling the hotel directly at (317) 631-2221 (the block of rooms is listed under “Indiana Task Force One”) or online at: [S-420 Course Hotel Link](#).

- Guest room availability and the per diem rate of \$98 + 17% tax are not guaranteed after August 27, 2015. **It is very important that all attendees stay at the hotel provided for the course.**
- The hotel charges \$26.00 per vehicle /day and the current overnight valet rate is \$36.00. Self-parking facilities are located in an underground parking garage directly across the street from the hotel with rates of \$14 for 2-12 hours; and \$22 for overnight parking.
- Complimentary Wireless Internet access in all guestrooms
- For additional information regarding the hotel please visit its website at: <http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/indianapolis/inddt/hoteldetail>

Meals

- Meals will not be provided during the course.

Course Requirements

Each attendee must bring a laptop. Internet will be provided in the meeting space.

IN-TF1 personnel will work closely with you to ensure your training experience and stay in Indianapolis is a positive one. Any questions regarding the logistics letter can be directed to Candace Harris at: (317)327-6761; or via email Candace.Harris2@indy.gov.