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

FROM: Fred Endrikat, Chief
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SUBJECT: US&R General Memorandum 2015-017 – Advisory Organization – 2016
Subgroup and Unit Leader Appointments

This General Memorandum (GM) announces the National Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System) Advisory Organization personnel appointed to serve as Subgroup or Unit Leaders, with terms effective May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017.

This election process was conducted as a process defined in US&R PD 2014-008 *US&R Administrative Manual – Annex A – Advisory Organization (“Annex A”)*. Per *Annex A*, Subgroup and Unit Leaders are elected annually by the members of each group, and the Advisory Group Chair then submits the names to the US&R Branch Chief for final approval and appointment.

The following Advisory Organization personnel are appointed to serve as 2016 Subgroup or Unit Leaders:

- Operations Functional Group
 - Rescue Subgroup – Steve Shupert, OH-TF1
 - Search Subgroup – Jim Ingledue, VA-TF2
 - Hazmat Subgroup – Mark Hundley, VA-TF2
 - Medical Subgroup – Mike Kurtz, PA-TF1
 - Structures Subgroup – Peter Keating, TX-TF1
 - Canine Subgroup – Scott Mateyaschuk, NY-TF1
- Logistics Functional Group
 - Equipment Subgroup – Frank Fee, NY-TF1
 - Transportation Subgroup – Mark Rapp, IN-TF1
 - Communication Subgroup – Richard Atwood, CATF2
- Planning Functional Group
 - Management Subgroup – Brad Thavenet, NE-TF1
 - Training Subgroup – Mike Cayse, OH-TF1
 - Policy / Documentation Subgroup – Kevin Fetterman, CA-TF5
 - Safety Unit – Jim Colston, CA-TF8
 - Exercise Coordination Unit – Steve Walshire, AZ-TF1

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- Finance/Admin. Functional Group
 - Finance Subgroup – Elwood (Buddy) Ey, MD-TF1
 - Public Affairs Subgroup – Karl Lee, NV-TF1

Any questions related to the 2016 Advisory Organization Subgroup or Unit Leader appointments should be directed to the appropriate TFR-D.

cc:

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