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US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2016-0XX

April 19, 2016

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 2016-032 – Canine Search Team Certification
Evaluation – Live Find Announcement, MA-TF1 – June 4-5, 2016

Massachusetts Task Force One (MA-TF1) is hosting a National Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System) Canine Search Team Certification Evaluation – Live Find (CSTCE-LF) in Littleton, Massachusetts on June 4 and 5, 2016. There will be no registration fee for this evaluation, but task forces will be responsible for their members' travel, lodging and per diem expenses. The CSTCE-LF is open to System candidates who have passed a Foundation Skills Assessment and are seeking to certify, or re-certify, as System CSTs.

Space is limited to 28 candidates and applications must be submitted to Scott Mateyaschuk and Janet Merrill at: scott.mateyaschuk@nypd.org and wahospjm@tellink.net by May 6, 2016. The attached logistics letter includes event specific information and the application. For additional information, contact the individual identified on the logistics letter.

This CSTCE is within scope of the FY2015 Readiness Cooperative Agreement. Funding for registration, travel and related costs to send System members are allowable expenses, provided the individual's task force has budgeted for this expense. Task Force Representatives are asked to coordinate this information as appropriate with their Task Force Training Managers.

Attachments:

MA-TF1 CSTCE-LF Announcement
Application

cc:

US&R Strategic Group
US&R Advisory Group
US&R Branch Staff
FEMA Regional/Federal/International ESF #9 Representatives



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DATE: 13 April 2016
TO: FEMA US&R National Response System
FROM: Massachusetts Task Force 1 (MA-TF1)
SUBJECT: Canine Search Specialist Certification Evaluation – “Live Find”

Massachusetts Task Force 1 will be hosting a National Urban Search & Rescue Response System Canine Search Team Certification Evaluation – “Live Find” in Littleton, MA. The event will be held at Aggregate Industries, 149 Ayer Road, Littleton, MA 01460 on June 4 & 5, 2016. The following logistical information is provided to assist in the planning for candidates to attend. There is no application fee to participate in this evaluation. Task Forces who send participants will be responsible for supporting their member’s travel, lodging and per diem expenses.

The Certification Evaluation is open to candidates who have passed a Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) and are seeking to certify or re-certify as FEMA Canine Search Specialist Team. The application for this evaluation is attached.

Please forward the completed applications (typed, signed and emailed) to:

Name: [Scott Mateyaschuk](#)
E-mail: scott.mateyaschuk@nypd.org
CC: Janet Merrill wahospjm@tellink.net

Space is limited to 28 applicants. The due date for applications is **May 6, 2016**. Accepted applications will be confirmed by e-mail on **May 10, 2016**. If space is available, applications *may* be accepted after the due day to fill any open spots.

A mandatory Orientation/Safety Briefing will take place the night before the candidates test date at 7:00 pm at the Westford Regency Inn & Conference Center. Applicants will also be expected to attend the evaluation debriefing at the conclusion of their test date.

Ground Transportation: Candidates are responsible for transportation to/from the airport, hotel and evaluation site. A rental car is recommended.

Airport: *Boston Logan International Airport (BOS) or Manchester Airport (MHT)*

Lodging: Westford Regency Inn & Conference Center, 219 Littleton Road, Westford, MA 01886. (978) 692-8200. Accommodations are available at the federal per diem rate of \$136.00/night plus tax. Reservations will be available beginning April 20th under the “**FEMA K9**” block and candidates must secure their reservations no later than **May 13, 2016** in order to receive the federal per diem rate.

Candidates are expected to provide their own personal protective equipment appropriate for rubble pile entry. **Teams without proper personal protective equipment will not be allowed to participate in the evaluation.** Portable kennels are also the responsibility of the candidate.

Questions may be directed to:

Janet Merrill
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(603) 533-8784

Or

Anita Arnum
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We look forward to your participation!



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FEMA National US&R Response System
Application for Certification Evaluation Live Find/Certification Preparation Live Find
(Please Type)
 (Delivery and receipt of this application does not guarantee acceptance. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure acceptance or denial of this application)

CE-LF/CP-LF Date:	CE-LF/CP-LF Location:
Recert: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Prior Attempts:
Date of FSA-LF:	
Has the Team Taken a CP-LF Within the Last 12 Months? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Applicant's Personal Information

Name:	Task Force:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Contact Phone:	Email Address:	
Emergency Contact:	Emergency Contact Phone:	

Canine Information

Name:	Breed:
DOB:	Date of Rabies Vaccination:

My canine and I are physically sound and are currently under no restrictions. I understand and accept that the decisions of the evaluators are final. I affirm that I have read, understand and will abide by the FEMA/US&R Code of Conduct and understand that violation of said rules and Code of Conduct may result in loss of certifications, loss of evaluator status and/or referral to the appropriate authorities. I further affirm that I understand that abuse of the canine is not permitted at any time.

Applicant Signature:	Date:
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The above team is in compliance with the FEMA policy on aggression, successfully completed a TF administered FSA and is approved to participate in this evaluation.

Task Force Approval

Program Manager/Training Coordinator	Canine Coordinator
_____	_____
(Signature)	(Signature)
_____	_____
(Printed Name)	(Printed Name)
Date: _____	Date: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
_____	_____
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Email: _____	Email: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____