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## **US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2016-036**

April 28, 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 2016-036 – Advisory Organization – Law Enforcement Support Ad Hoc Group Establishment

Based on discussions with the National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System) Strategic Group and Advisory Group, a need was identified to update the System's law enforcement support requirements. This General Memorandum seats the Law Enforcement Support Ad Hoc Group to address this need.

In accordance with the Strategic Plan 2016-2020, *Objective 2.2 Deployment Risk Management* will be the main focus for the Ad Hoc Group to include:

- Development of recommendations that address risk assessment criteria for use prior to any System deployment.
- Development of recommendations that afford adequate safety and security in terms of accountability, Base of Operations site security, and force-protection during operations, particularly if there is a change in the mission or environment.
- Development of recommendations that include options for the potential utilization of local, State, and Federal law enforcement support through the parameters of Emergency Support Function #13.

The Law Enforcement Support Ad Hoc Group will be assigned to the Operations Functional Group, and any recommendations will be submitted to the Advisory Group Chair through the Operations Functional Group Leader.

After a review of the applications submitted in response to GM 2016- 024a - *(Revised) Advisory Organization – Solicitation of Members for Ad Hoc Group – Law Enforcement Support*, the following personnel are assigned as either a Law Enforcement Support Ad Hoc Group member or as a Subject Matter Expert (SME):

- Co-Chair – Michael Kenny (NY-TF1)
- Co-Chair – Lance Gilmore (FEMA)

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Members

- Scott Grane (AZ-TF1)
- William Wickers (AZ-TF1)
- Jerry Piland (IN-TF1)
- Roger Tuchek (IN-TF1)
- Todd Reed (NE-TF1)
- Steve Shupert (OH-TF1)
- Rocco Alvaro (VA-TF1)
- Michael Ronan (VA-TF2)
- Mike McCaffree (WA-TF1)

SMEs

- Christian Dreyer (NJ-TF1)
- Stephen Finnegan (NY-TF1)

Additional SMEs may be added as appropriate based on requirements.

In accordance with the System's Administrative Manual, Annex A – Advisory Organization, the Ad Hoc Group shall meet as required (anticipated to be primarily via electronic means) to fulfill their mission and assignments as determined by the Advisory Group Chair and the US&R Branch Chief, but not to exceed two years. Upon a request from the Advisory Group, the US&R Branch Chief will either: disband the Ad Hoc Group when all requirements have been completed, but no later than April 28, 2018; extend the term of the Ad Hoc Group an additional two years; or may authorize it to become a standing Subgroup or Unit.

Each System member should coordinate all expenses with their task force Program Manager and Grant Manager to ensure that any allowable costs incurred for this Ad Hoc Group are properly accounted for within the appropriate Readiness Cooperative Agreement. Ad Hoc Group members who are non-System members will be responsible for any related expenses that are incurred.

Questions regarding this Ad Hoc Group may be directed to Lance Gilmore of the US&R Branch at: [lance.gilmore@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:lance.gilmore@fema.dhs.gov).

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