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## **US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2016-052**

July 6, 2016

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

**FROM:** Wanda Casey, Chief  
Program Management Section  
Urban Search and Rescue Branch

**SUBJECT:** US&R General Memorandum 2016-052 – Aircraft Response Module Load Plan  
Exercise – August 22-24, 2016

This General Memorandum serves as notice for an exercise to be conducted by members of the National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System) Logistics Functional Group's Equipment Subgroup and Transportation Subgroup on August 22-24, 2016.

The Equipment Subgroup and Transportation Subgroup will be conducting an Aircraft Response Module (ARM) Load Plan Exercise utilizing the Texas Task Force One (TX-TF1) cache, August 22-24, 2016. This activity is being conducted to verify that the ARM Equipment Cache List Inventory revised by the Functional Groups and Subgroups is attainable. The ARM Load Plan Exercise will utilize an ARM equipment inventory list combining the ARM Load Plans identified during the MD, OH, and NY exercises with some changes recommended by the Logistics Functional Group and Subgroup SMEs. The objective of the Equipment Subgroup and Transportation Subgroup is to confirm that the revised ARM Equipment Cache List Inventory maintained an eight pallet configuration.

The following System members are identified as participating in this exercise:

- Logistics Functional Group:
  - Rich Ventura – CA-TF5
  - Andy Hubert – US&R Branch
- Equipment Subgroup:
  - Francis Fee – NY-TF1
  - Mark Alvarez – CA-TF8
  - Scott Schernerhorn – VA-TF1
  - Keith Plagemann – UT-TF1
  - Keith Brown – TX-TF1
  - Kevin Ganger – OH-TF1
  - Justin Mantai – CA-TF5
  - Dennis Burke – VA-TF2
  - Frank Beach – TN-TF1
- Transportation Subgroup:
  - Mark Rapp – IN-TF1
  - Mike Greensides – UT-TF1
  - Matt Maurer – OH-TF1
  - Ron Ripley – CA-TF2
  - Nick Molinaro – TN-TF1

Hotel reservations may be made by calling (979) 268-2200 named “TEEX Texas Task Force 1” at \$114.00, plus tax Marriott Residence Inn, Bryan College Station, 720 University Drive East, College Station, TX 77840. Hotel reservations can also be made by accessing this link: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1404159479&key=214571E3>.

The Westin San Diego Gaslamp is in walking distance to all downtown restaurants, the historic Gaslamp Quarter, the Port of San Diego and the USS Midway Museum, Copley Symphony Hall and next-door neighbor Westfield Horton Plaza. All participants should arrive via San Diego International Airport (SAN), which is a convenient 10 minute cab ride to the hotel. The approximate cost for a cab is \$20.00.

By way of this GM, all task forces are authorized to spend appropriate Cooperative Agreement funding on this and other travel-related expenses pertaining to this event (per 2 CFR Part 225 – Appendix B, Item 43), provided that the task force has this expense within their budget plan and is not prohibited by their task force Sponsoring Agency.

Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Rich Ventura, Logistics Functional Group Leader, at: [RichardVentura@ocfa.org](mailto:RichardVentura@ocfa.org), or cell: (714) 292-1613.

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