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## **US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2016-055**

July 11, 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 2016-055 – Heavy Equipment and Rigging  
Specialist Course Announcement, CA-TF7, November 7-10, 2016

**COURSE:** SP2016-006

On behalf of the National Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System), California Task Force Seven (CA-TF7) is hosting the Heavy Equipment and Rigging Specialist (HERS) Course, November 7-10, 2016.

This blended learning HERS Course is 38.0 hours in length; 6.0 hours of Computer Based Training (CBT), and 32.0 hours of Instructor Led Training (ILT). The ILT will be conducted at the Operating Engineers Local Three Training Facility 14738 Cantova Way, Sloughhouse CA 95683.

Registration is limited to 28 students. Task force management **MUST** register students via the LMS. Student selection is solely the decision of task force management and new or existing students or instructors are welcome. Students registered for this course are required to complete the CBT portion, and bring their CBT Certificate of Completion on the first day of class. Upon confirmation of acceptance, registration for the ILT portion of the class is also required. System members requiring assistance with online CBT and ILT registration should contact Mr. Brian Smith of TEEEX at: (979) 458-5636, or by email at: [brian.smith@teex.tamu.edu](mailto:brian.smith@teex.tamu.edu). Since this class is expected to be full, a wait list will be established within the LMS.

Additional inquiries can be directed to Mr. Joe Hiponia at: [joe.hiponia@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:joe.hiponia@fema.dhs.gov).

**Attachments:**

CA-TF7 Logistics and Registration Letter

**cc:**

US&R Strategic Group  
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US&R Branch Staff  
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Mr. Brian Smith, TEEEX Training Coordinator



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# FEMA Urban Search & Rescue Heavy Equipment & Rigging Specialist

- DESCRIPTION:** This is a FEMA Sponsored Heavy Equipment and Rigging Training Course. This course is being hosted by CA-TF7 (Sacramento). This course meets all FEMA requirements for HERS. Students will be trained in ordering and helping to set up cranes, communicating with crane operators, making lifts that are unique to US&R, and normal crane and rigging operations.
- PREREQUISITE:** Students must be members of a FEMA US&R Task Force and been through a minimum of a team orientation. This class is designed for all students who meet the FEMA Task Force Position Description General Training Requirements. Students will be provided a list of equipment to bring to class in an enrollment confirmation letter.
- DATES & TIMES:** **November 7-10, 2016.** Mon-Thurs, 0800-1700; Travel Days: November 6 (Sunday) and November 11 (Friday) \*\* For those who prefer to travel home on the final day of class (Thursday), plan on travel/air travel after 1900.  
\*\*All students must complete 6 hours of CBT (Computer Bases Training) through the [www.esf9training.org](http://www.esf9training.org) Learning Management System prior to the first day of class. Task Force Training Managers are responsible for enrolling their students in the CBT if the Task Force has not enabled the self enroll feature.
- LEAD INSTRUCTOR:** Mike Wolfe, CA-TF7  
**TASK FORCE POC:** Greg Powell, CA-TF7 - [CATF7@sacfire.org](mailto:CATF7@sacfire.org), (916) 956-9952
- LOCATION:** Operating Engineers Local 3 Training Facility  
14738 Cantova Way, Sloughouse, CA 95683 (near Sacramento)
- ENROLLMENT:** Deadline to register is Friday, October 28, 2016. Enrollment is limited to 1 student per US&R Task Force. If additional spots are needed, please contact Nicole Paskey at (916) 591-2982 or by email at [nicole.paskey@fireandrescuetraining.ca.gov](mailto:nicole.paskey@fireandrescuetraining.ca.gov) to be added to the wait list. A fee of \$240.00 is required for breakfast & lunches provided Mon-Thurs. Complete the attached Registration Form and email to [nicole.paskey@fireandrescuetraining.ca.gov](mailto:nicole.paskey@fireandrescuetraining.ca.gov). All students can be registered for the Instructor-Led Training (ILT) Course within the [www.esf9training.org](http://www.esf9training.org) Learning Management System. All enrolled students will receive a confirmation letter with more detailed information including required equipment.
- TRAVEL & LODGING:** Agencies are responsible for each student's travel & lodging. Closest Airport is Sacramento International Airport (SMF). It is recommended that air travelers rent a vehicle; training is at a remote location. Breakfast & Lunch will be provided Monday-Thursday at the training site. Agencies are responsible for remaining per diem.  
Travel time to and from Airport and Training Site is approximately 20 minutes from the Hotel. A group rate of \$119.00 per night (plus tax) is available at Hyatt Place Sacramento Rancho Cordova under the name "FEMA HERS." Reservations can be made by contacting the Hyatt Place Sacramento Rancho Cordova directly at (916) 635-4799. This room rate is valid until **October 7, 2016.**
- CLASS ATTIRE:** Task Force Uniform is required dress (BDU's). A specific list of PPE and equipment will be issued with the class confirmation letter.
- CERTIFICATION:** A Certificate of Completion will be provided by CFRTA as well as a FEMA Certificate.



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## FEMA Urban Search & Rescue Heavy Equipment & Rigging Specialist November 7-10, 2016 ~ Sacramento CA Student Registration Form

Note to Agencies: Please provide student's address information for mailing of any pre-course information and/or enrollment confirmation.

### Task Force Information

Contact Name	TF
Address	Phone
City/ST/Zip	E-Mail

### Student Information

Name	Phone
Address	Fax
City/ST/Zip	Email
<b>Program Manager Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Program Manager Email</b>	<b>CA TF</b>

### Payment Information

Method of Payment ~ <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order		
CC#	Expiration Date	CVV#
Agency	Contact	
Billing Address	Name printed on card	
City/ST/Zip	Cardholder's signature	

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