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US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2016-057

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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 2016-057 – Vigilant Guard 16 Exercise – July 27-30, 2016

This General Memorandum serves as notice for the National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System) that Massachusetts Task Force One (MA-TF1) will be conducting an exercise in support of Vigilant Guard 16, a weeklong National Guard sponsored exercise in Vermont with a US&R scenario. MA-TF1, State, Federal and military US&R capable assets are participating on July 27-31, 2016.

Participants include:

- MA-TF1 with a NIMS type 1 US&R task force and a NIMS type 3 US&R task force
- FL-TF2 with a NIMS type 3 US&R task force
- The State of Vermont US&R team
- An All Hazard type 3 IMT reinforced with FEMA US&R Incident Support Team (IST) personnel to oversee the US&R response
- Two Air National Guard 20 PAX US&R teams
- One EPA data collection team
- One 20 man LUSAR team
- Two type 4 regional US&R teams
- Two CERF-P Search and Extraction teams
- Burlington, VT NOAA office
- University of VT Drone/UAS team (aerial imaging)
- Two National Guard Medical Teams
- Six National Guard CST units

The IMT and participating agencies will be pre-stage at Camp Ethan Allen Training Site (CEATS) in Jericho, VT. The exercise will involve wide area search activities at CEATS as well as a second large collapsed structure venue at Camp Johnson in Colchester, VT approximately 15 miles west of CEATS. It is anticipated that the IMT will locate at CEATS and provide command and control of US&R assets at CEATS as well as the Camp Johnson collapse venue.

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

- Rick Warford – VA-TF2
- Juan Mestes – FL-TF2
- Bill Brown – IN-TF1
- Carl Kustin – CA-TF3
- Johnathan Rigolo – VA-TF2
- Ken Wright – TX-TF1
- Terry Hale – CO-TF1
- Keith Bevan – UT-TF1
- Embrett Fossum – UT-TF1
- Daniel Yeh – CA-TF5
- Louis Montoya – CO-TF1
- IST Cache Grnd. Sup.– VA-TF2
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- Dean Scott – US&R Branch
- Lance Gilmore – US&R Branch

Travel days for the IST are July 26th and July 31st. The facilitators, IST and IMT personnel will be staying at a hotel:

Hotel: Baymont Inn & Suites
Address: 27 Susie Wilson Rd, Essex Junction, VT 05452
Phone : (802) 872-5200
Room Block: Massachusetts Task Force 1

Rates for room with two queen beds: \$74 Thursday night, \$109 for Friday and Saturday nights. Rates for two bedroom mini-suite (two queens and one king): \$134 for Thursday night, \$174 for Friday and Saturday nights (Fed per diem for lodging is \$128.00). You can book direct through the room block but please ensure it's reserved with your credit card and not under MA-TF1. The closest airport is Burlington International Airport (BTV). Rental cars will be required for transportation to the hotel and exercise sites.

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 exercise may be directed to Sean Brown, Logistics Team Manager at: sbrown@matf.org or O: 978-922-5680 or C: 603-491-7505

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