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## **US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2016-084**

September 27, 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 2016-084 – Canine Search Team Certification  
Evaluation – Live Find Announcement, FL-TF2 – January 21-22, 2017

Florida Task Force Two (FL-TF2) is hosting a National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System) Canine Search Team Certification Evaluation – Live Find (CSTCE-LF) in Plantation, Florida on January 21 and 22, 2017. 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 at: [scott.mateyaschuk@nypd.org](mailto:scott.mateyaschuk@nypd.org) by November 30, 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-LF is within scope of FY2015 and FY2016 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:**

FL-TF2 CSTCE-LF Announcement  
Application

**cc:**

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



**DATE:** September 16, 2016

**TO:** Task Force Representatives, FEMA US&R NRS

**FROM:** Florida Task Force 2 (FL-TF2)

**SUBJECT:** ***Canine Search Team Certification Evaluation – Live Find***

Florida Task Force 2 will host a Canine Search Team Certification Evaluation – Live Find (**CSTCE-LF**) in Plantation, Florida on January 21 & 22, 2017. The following logistical information is supplied to assist in your planning to send candidates from your Task Force. There will be 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 an FSA and are seeking to certify or re-certify as FEMA Canine Search Teams.

The application for this evaluation is attached.

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

Name: Scott Mateyaschuk

E-mail: [scott.mateyaschuk@nypd.org](mailto:scott.mateyaschuk@nypd.org)

Space is limited to 28 applicants. Due date for applications is **November 30, 2016**. Receipt of application will be confirmed by email. Accepted applications will be confirmed by e-mail on **December 5, 2016**. If space is available, applications will be accepted after the due date to fill any open spots.

Please be advised that there will be no pre-evaluation meeting. Two weeks before the test all participants will receive an email from the Chief Evaluator stating their testing times, instruction for staging and any additional information for the exam.

Applicants are expected to attend the Debriefing immediately following the test each day.

Transportation to/from the airport, hotel and evaluation site is the responsibility of the candidate.

**Airport**                    (*Ft. Lauderdale, **FLL.**) this one is **closest** to site*  
*(Miami International, **MIA.**)*

**Lodging**                    **Residence Inn Fort Lauderdale Plantation**  
  
130 N University Drive  
  
Plantation, Florida 33324  
  
*(**Cutoff** date for hotel block booking is Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. When making reservations ask for **FEMA/K9**)*

**CE location**                **Broward Fire Academy**  
  
2600 SW 71 Terrace  
  
Davie, Florida 33314

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

Questions may be directed to:

Chief Craig Radelman [CRadelman@miamigov.com](mailto:CRadelman@miamigov.com)

or

Julie Padelford [peahead61@comcast.net](mailto:peahead61@comcast.net)



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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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Phone: _____	Phone: _____