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US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2017-007

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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 2017-007– LMS Structural Collapse Technician (SCT) Course v4.0 Pilot Delivery, February 28-March 7, 2017

COURSE: SP2017-001

On behalf of the National Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System), the new US&R Structural Collapse Technician (SCT) Course v4.0 pilot delivery is being offered.

This blended learning SCT Course is **88.0** hours in length; **8.0** hours of Computer Based Training (CBT) through the System's Learning Management System (LMS), and **80.0** hours of Instructor Led Training (ILT). The ILT will be conducted at Disaster City, College Station, TX February 28-March 7, 2017. Students are required to complete the CBT portion prior to the start of the ILT Class, and are directed to bring their CBT certificate of completion to class as verification.

Task force management **MUST** register students via the LMS. Additional students may be registered by providing task force priorities/needs in the comments section. TEEEX will review the comments to ensure that any remaining seats are filled in consideration of task force needs. **Each Task Force should register two credentialed SCT instructors. Instructor/students, after completing the CBT and ILT course of instruction, will return home, credentialed to instruct the new SCT curriculum.** Following completion of this pilot and final content approval, the CBT portion will become openly accessible to the System.

Task Forces requiring assistance with online CBT and ILT registration should contact Mr. Paul Gunnels at: (979) 458-5636 or by email at paul.gunnels@teex.tamu.org. Because this is a pilot delivery, only students registered for this course will be able to complete the CBT portion.

Please see the attached Logistics Letter from TEEEX. Additional inquiries can be directed to Mr. Joe Hiponia at: joe.hiponia@fema.dhs.gov.

Attachments:

TEEX Logistics Letter

cc:

US&R Strategic Group
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US&R Branch Staff
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US&R Training Subgroup
Mr. Paul Gunnels, TEEEX

Structural Collapse Technician Pilot Course Logistics Information February 28 - March 7, 2017



The Pilot Delivery of the new US&R Structural Collapse Technician course will be conducted by TEEX at Disaster City®. This document will provide information to help you during your Disaster City® training experience and provides links to course information, hotels, and other information that is useful while training in the College Station area. If you have questions about the course you will be attending, or questions related to traveling to Texas, please call Paul Gunnels at the TEEX US&R Training Office at 979-458-5636.

Students will need to bring a copy of their Certificate of Completion for the Structural Collapse Technician Computer-Based Training (Course Code: 9P2630). The course can be accessed at www.esf9training.org

Course Information:

- Travel to College Station: Monday, Feb. 27, 2017
- Class begins at 0800 on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017
- Class ends at 17:00 on Tuesday, Mar. 7, 2017
- Return travel should be scheduled on:
Wednesday, Mar. 8, 2017

Hotel Information:

Hotel arrangements and payment are the responsibility of the student. The negotiated rate of \$99 per night (excluding local taxes) has been pre-negotiated for a block of rooms at:

Four Points By College Station
1530 South Texas, Ave
College Station, TX 77845

Hotel Reservation Line: 1-866-716-8133

Group Code: TB26AA

Reservation Due Date:

Students have until **February, 12th, 2017 at 11:59pm** to book your reservations under this discounted group block.

Airline Travel:

United Airlines and American Airlines fly to the College Station - Easterwood Airport (Airport Code CLL).

The following airports are also within driving distance of College Station:

[Austin Bergstrom International](#) – (Airport Code AUS): 2 hrs

[Houston George Bush Intercontinental](#) (Airport Code IAH): 1.5 hrs

[Houston Hobby Airport](#) (Airport Code HOU): 2 hrs

Ground Transportation

Rental cars are available at all airports listed above. Students are responsible for transportation from the airport to the hotel and to class each day. Task Forces are encouraged to coordinate and cooperate with each other and share rides in the rental car.

Ground transportation is also available from the College Station, TX Airport is available by Taxi.

Course Locations:

The physical address for Disaster City® is:
11000 Stillwater Road, College Station, TX.

Each student will receive an informational email one week before class begins with a driving map, the specific classroom and building number and any last minute information.

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Length of Training Each Day:

Students should expect to be training for at least 9 to 10 hours or more each day. The last day of the course has an exercise that will last around 8 to 10 hours.

Requirements:

Students must bring the following with them to the course:

Students should bring the following Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) to class:

1. Safety-toe Boots
2. Rescue helmet with chin strap
3. Goggles/Safety Glasses
4. Gloves
5. Long sleeve shirts and pants suitable for a US&R environment
6. Foul weather gear
7. Hearing protection
8. Knee and elbow protection
9. Half-face Air-Purifying Respirator (APR) with Cartridges
10. Flashlight and extra batteries
11. Canteen/Web Gear

Students may wish to bring one laptop computer loaded with software that can read PDF files and access Microsoft Power Points

Additional PPE Information:

Rescue helmet

The helmet must be ANSI rated Z89.1-1997 Type 1. The helmet should be designed for urban search and rescue work and have a chin strap. It is recommended you bring the same helmet used by your department.

Safety-toe safety boots

The boots must be steel-toe or safety toe and must meet ANSI Z41 PT99 M1/75C/75

Eye protection

The eye protection must meet the standard ANSI Z-87.1

Standard work/duty clothing

All shirts must be long sleeve and enough for 8 days of training. Long pants are required at all times in the training area and shorts are not allowed at any time. This course requires significant training outside so bring a work jacket if the weather conditions warrant.

Raingear suitable for search and rescue operations

Training is conducted rain or shine.

Work gloves and kneepads

We recommend rescue or construction gloves with full palm and finger protection.

Respiratory and Hearing Protection

N-95 dust masks and hearing protection will be provided by TEEX when required.