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US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2015-079

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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 2015-079 – LMS Medical Team Specialist (MTS)
Course

On behalf of the National Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System), the newly developed Medical Team Specialist (MTS) Course is being offered on the System's Learning Management System (LMS) developed through a National Training contract with Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX).

This new blended learning MTS Course is 55.0 hours in length; 13.0 hours of Computer-Based Training (CBT), and 42.0 hours of Instructor Led Training (ILT). The ILT will be conducted in Disaster City, in College Station, TX. September 14-17, 2015.

Students must use their FEMA Student Identification Number (SID) and log into www.esf9training.org and complete the 13.0 hour Computer-Based Training prior to arrival at the Instructor Led Training (ILT) in College Station, TX. Students not completing the CBT prior to the start of class will not be allowed to graduate from the ILT course. This course also tests LMS functionality, so students are directed to bring their CBT certificate of completion to the first day of class as backup verification.

Registration is limited to 36 students. Each task force can send one student to the course and also identify one student to be added to the Waitlist. Waitlist students will be notified as spots become available. Task force management should utilize the LMS to identify which student will be designated on the Waitlist, and 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. Task forces electing to not send any members to the course should notify TEEX as soon as practical so they can assign other members on the Waitlist. Task Forces requiring assistance with online CBT and ILT registration should contact Mr. Brian Smith of TEEX at: (979) 458-5636, or by email at: brian.smith@teex.tamu.edu.

Due to the Pilot Status of this course, only students that will attend the ILT course in College Station, TX should be registered for the CBT course. Following course completion of this pilot and final content approval, the CBT portion will become openly accessible to the LMS System.

Students are directed to register at the contracted hotel only. Please see the attached logistics letter from TEEX.

Additional inquiries can be directed to Mr. Joe Hiponia at: joe.hiponia@fema.dhs.gov.

Attachments:

TEEX Logistics Letter

cc:

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Mr. Brian Smith, TEEX Training Coordinator

Medial Team Specialist Pilot Course Logistics Information September 14-17, 2015



The Pilot Delivery of the new US&R Medical Team Specialist 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 Brian Smith at the TEEX US&R Training Office at 979-458-5635.

Course Information:

- Travel to College Station should be on Sunday, September 13, 2015
- Class begins at 0700 on Monday, September 14, 2015
- Class ends at 2200 on Thursday, September 17, 2015
- Return travel should be scheduled on Friday, September 18, 2015

Hotel Information:

Hotel arrangements and payment are the responsibility of the student. The GSA rate of \$102 per night (excluding local taxes) has been pre-negotiated for a block of rooms at:

- Hyatt Place, 1100 University Drive E. College Station, TX 77840
 - Complimentary AM Skillet breakfast
 - Mini-fridge in all rooms
 - Complimentary high speed Wi-Fi in all rooms and public space

When booking by phone:

Call **1-888-591-1234** and use the group code **G-TUSR** or mention the group name **TEEX/USAR Medical Disaster Specialist Pilot** to book.

Hyatt point of contact is Rachel Bing, Senior Sales Manager
Office: 979-595-9903 and Fax: 979-846-9801

When booking online:

Follow the web link below:

http://collegestation.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?corp_id=G-TUSR and this link will take them directly to the booking page.

Reservation Due Date:

Students have until **Tuesday, September 2nd, 2015 at 11:59pm** to book your reservations under this discounted group block.

Airline Travel:

Continental 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.

Length of Training Each Day:

Students should expect to be training for at least 10 hours or more each day. The last day of the course has a night time exercise that will go until approximately 2200 hours.

Computer Requirements:

Students should bring a laptop computer to class each day. The computer should be loaded with Microsoft Office and Adobe Acrobat Reader.

Course PPE Requirements:

Each student must bring the following to class:

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. A 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 4 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. One of the skill stations involves water spraying in the training area and students should expect to get wet.

Work gloves and kneepads

We recommend rescue or construction gloves with full palm and finger protection. Your gloves will get wet during training.

Respiratory and Hearing Protection:

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