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US&R PROGRAM DIRECTIVE – 2015-005

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FOR: National Urban Search & Rescue Response System
Task Force Representatives

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SUBJECT: US&R Program Directive 2015-005 – Canine Search Team Certification
Evaluations Handbooks

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To assist National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System) task forces in the acquisition, training, certification, and maintenance of Canine Search Teams, the Advisory Organization's Canine Subgroup has developed three Canine Search Team (CST) handbooks.

REQUIRED ACTIONS

The issue is approved for FEMA National US&R Response System implementation.

The following CST Certification Evaluation (CSTCE) handbooks have been reviewed by the System; all comments adjudicated; and are approved for implementation by the System:

1. CSTSE Handbook – Live Find (LF)
2. CSTSE Handbook – Human Remains Detection (HRD) – Bark Alert
3. CSTCE Handbook – HRD – Passive Alert (authorized for use until August 18, 2016)

In order to allow all System CST-HRD to meet the new Bark Alert requirement without affecting readiness, the *CSTCE – Handbook – HRD – Passive Alert* is authorized for one year's use. As of August 18, 2016 the *CSTCE – Handbook – HRD – Passive Alert* will no longer be used by the System, only the *CSTCE – Handbook – HRD – Bark Alert* will be used for System HRD Certification Evaluations.

Attachments:

CSTCE Handbook - LF (08-15)
CSTCE Handbook - HRD - Bark Alert (08-15)
CSTCE Handbook - HRD - Passive Alert (08-15)

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