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## US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2016-006

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

**FROM:** Dean Scott, Chief  
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**SUBJECT:** US&R General Memorandum 2016-006 – Disbanding the Strategic Planning  
Development Ad Hoc Group

The National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System) Strategic Group and Advisory Group identified a need to update the System's current Strategic Plan (2013-2017) and Strategic Training Plan using its vision and mission. To accomplish this, the Strategic Planning Development Ad Hoc Group was seated on May 28, 2015 by GM 2015-060.

This Ad Hoc Group examined the System's existing Strategic Plan and Strategic Training Plan, sought opinions of System stakeholders, reviewed appropriate FEMA plans to ensure they were taken into consideration, and then updated the System's Strategic Plan. This update included merging appropriate elements of the Strategic Training Plan into it. This completed the assigned work and the US&R Air Operations Ad Hoc Group is disbanded.

We would like to thank the following Ad Hoc Group members for their time and willingness to participate in this group:

- Co-Chair – Doug Nakama (CA-TF8)
- Co-Chair – Dean Scott (FEMA)
  - Chris Costamagna, CA-TF7
  - Kevin Fetterman, CA-TF5
  - Mike Good, CO-TF1
  - Dave Downey, FL -TF1
  - Jeff Strickland, FL -TF1
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