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US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2017-015

January 30, 2017

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 2017-015 – Canine Search Specialist (CSS)
Course, March 14-16, 2017

COURSE: SP2017-003

On behalf of the National Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System), Tennessee Task Force One (TN-TF1) is hosting the Canine Search Specialist (CSS) Course.

This blended learning CSS Course is 40.0 hours in length; 16.0 hours of Computer Based Training (CBT), and 24.0 hours of Instructor Led Training (ILT). The ILT content will be delivered at the TN-TF1 Training Facility 4381 OK Robertson Rd. Memphis, TN 38127.

Students must successfully complete the online, Computer Based Training (CBT) content of the course via the FEMA US&R Learning Management System (LMS) prior to attending the 3-day Instructor Led Training (ILT) and present their CBT certificate at the beginning of the ILT portion of the course. Registration is on a first come basis. Task Force management **MUST** register students via the LMS.

System members requiring assistance with online CBT and ILT registration should contact Mr. Paul Gunnels of TEEX at: (979) 458-5636, or: paul.gunnels@teex.tamu.edu.

Please see the attached TN-TF1 Logistics Letter.

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

Attachments:

TN-TF1 Logistics Letter

cc:

US&R Strategic Group
US&R Advisory Group
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FEMA Regional/International ESF #9 Representatives
US&R Training Subgroup
Mr. Paul Gunnels, TEEX Training Coordinator



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Canine Search Specialist Course
Memphis, Tennessee
March 14-16, 2017

Tennessee Task Force 1 (TN-TF1) is pleased to have the opportunity to host the National US&R Response System Canine Search Specialist Training Course in Memphis, Tennessee on March 14 through 16, 2017. Travel days should be March 13 and March 17.

Class Cost: No cost for class.

Logistical Information:

- Task Forces electing to send participants will be responsible for supporting their member's travel, lodging and per diem expenses.
- Participants are responsible for arranging their own air and/or ground transportation. The closest airport is Memphis International Airport (MEM). Shuttle service is not available from the airport to the hotel.

Lodging:

- A block of rooms have been reserved at The Hampton Inn, located at 8838 Hwy 51 N., Millington, TN 38053 (Phone 901-872-4435). Please request the Group Code "CSS" and/or Group Name "K-9 Search Specialist Training" when making your reservation. Room rates are \$98.00 this rate includes state tax per night. Make room reservations by March 1, 2017.
- The hotel offers a complementary hot breakfast every morning from 0600 to 0900, complimentary Wi-Fi, and free parking. Check in time is 1400 and check out is at 1100. Cancellation policy is 48 hours before check in date.
- You can book online by copying and pasting the following link in your browser. http://cp.mcafee.com/d/2DRPoO91MscCQm7DQTD3hO_sSrhhhhovjvspdEEEEIfFK8ECPpISHWGNel9MUzkOrjvsh5rILyGtTDXzD1MGgvd7b8GMqekThnkdKallm7mQsOOCYgdCPpISjDdqympjXdNZDyszVRxO-v0l2oNxd8_jUCtDalc8IGIU0xak5CVztk6P_e2Uo18Q5mHjb4WSwsdzgSdxkbwcRhrX2GN-Me4wK5N8o66Jz6hDjPAXEzHIEIJ8uJlpJNYVeW8WXA8VGQA3wMdw60E2w65MQawAc0MaxEc0E0NE6067izZFxm2HjIqGxG1Mn3qG2gM30G6wM2wUd1oQ90ASrud7dXCPTpqpJUTsTsSyrh
- Portable kennels for the hotel is the responsibility of the participant.

Registration/Contact Information:

- The course will be held at the TN-TF1 training facility located at 4381 O.K. Robertson Rd., Memphis, TN 38127. **Class starts at 0800 on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.**
- Email all applications to Bill Geyer at bill.geyer@memphistn.gov . You will receive a reply confirmation that your application has been received. His phone is 901-636-5751. Each student should contact their teams Training Coordinator to gain access to the Computer Based Training (CBT) through TEEX via the Student Portal <https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx>. All students must complete the 16 hour Canine Search Specialist CBT course (Course-9P1330) prior to attending the instructor lead course. Students will not be allowed to attend training unless they complete the CBT. Students are required to bring their certificate of completion to the first day of class.
- Participants are expected to provide their own personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate for rubble pile entry. **Teams without such equipment will not be allowed to participate in field exercises.** (Minimum PPE is steel toed boots, gloves, helmet, and eye protection) Participants are expected to be familiar with and adhere to the Code of Ethics and Aggression Policy.



Student Registration

Please Type or Print

Participant Name: _____

Task Force: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Select one option:

___ **Handler with canine (provide name/breed/training level)**

Canine Name _____ **Breed** _____ **Training Level** _____

___ **Handler without canine**

___ **Search Team Manager**

___ **Other (provide position)** _____