



US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM - 2013-034

March 13, 2013

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

FROM: Dean Scott, Section Chief
Operations Section
Urban Search and Rescue Branch

SUBJECT: US&R General Memorandum 2013-034 – MO-TF1 CSSCE Announcement –
May 4-5, 2013

On behalf of the National Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System), Missouri Task Force One (MO-TF1) is hosting a US&R Canine Search Specialist Certification Evaluation (CSSCE) in Columbia, MO, May 4-5, 2013. The CSSCE is open to System candidates who have passed an FSA and are seeking to certify or re-certify as FEMA Canine Search Specialist Teams.

Space is limited to 24 candidates and applications must be submitted to Debra Tosch at: Debra@SearchDogFoundation.org by April 1, 2013. The attached logistics letter includes event specific information and the application. For additional information, contact the individual(s) identified on the logistics letter.

Task Force Representatives are asked to coordinate this information as appropriate with their Task Force Training Managers.

Attachments:

20130504-05 MO-TF1 CSSCE Announcement – Application

cc:

US&R Strategic Group
US&R Branch Staff
FEMA Regional ESF #9 Representatives



BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MISSOURI TASK FORCE 1

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Date: February 25, 2013

To: Task Force Leaders, FEMA US&R National Response System

From: Doug Westhoff, Program Manager/TFL, MO-TF1

Subject: Canine Search Specialist Certification Evaluation May 4/5, 2013

Missouri Task Force 1 (MO-TF1) will host a Canine Search Specialist Evaluation at Columbia, Missouri on May 4-5, 2013. The following logistical information is supplied to assist in your planning to send candidates from your Task Force. There will be no application fee to participate in this evaluation. Task Forces who send participants will be responsible for supporting their member's travel, lodging and per diem expenses.

The Certification Evaluation is open to candidates who have passed an FSA and are seeking to certify or re-certify as FEMA Canine Search Specialist Teams.

The application for this evaluation is attached.

Please forward the completed application (typed, signed and emailed) to:

Name: Debra Tosch

Email: Debra@SearchDogFoundation.org

Space is limited to 24 applicants. Due date for applications is April 1, 2013. Receipt of application will be confirmed by email, and accepted applications will be confirmed by email on April 2, 2013. If space is available, applications will be accepted after the due date to fill any openings.

Applicants are expected to attend the Orientation/Safety Briefing the night before each test day. The Orientation/Safety Briefing will start promptly at 7pm, and be held in the Northeast Classroom of the Boone County Fire Protection District Headquarters which is located at 2201 I-70 Drive Northwest in Columbia, MO.

Applicants are also expected to attend the Debriefing immediately following the test each day. The Debriefing will be held at the test site in Classroom #2 at Boone County Fire Protection District's Training Center located at 5225 Roger I. Wilson Dr. in Columbia, Mo.

Airports: St. Louis (STL) or Kansas City (MCI) are each roughly 130 miles from Columbia, flights into Columbia Regional (COU) are limited but reduces the ground travel to 15-20 miles. Ground shuttle services and rental vehicles are available from the major airports; rental vehicles are also available at Columbia Regional Airport.

Lodging: Various options exist along the I-70 and US 63 corridors which is in very close proximity to the testing site. MO-TF1 is working with local vendors to secure a room block in the 70/63 area, and additional information will be provided to applicants who are selected to participate in the CE.

Candidates are expected to provide their own personal protective equipment appropriate for rubble pile entry. Teams without such equipment will not be allowed to participate in the CE. Portable kennels will also be the responsibility of the candidates.

Any questions should be directed to MO-TF1 Training Manager Capt. Kurt Doolady. Capt Doolady can be reached at kdoolady@bcfdmo.com or by calling BCFPD Headquarters at 573-447-5000.



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**DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System
Application for Certification Evaluation/Certification Preparation**

(Please Type)

(Delivery and receipt of this application does not guarantee acceptance. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure acceptance or denial of this application)

CE/CP Date:	CE/CP Location:
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Recert: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Prior Attempts:	Date of FSA:
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Has the Team Taken a CP Within the Last 12 Months? Yes No

Applicant's Personal Information

Name:	Task Force:
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Address:

City:	State:	Zip Code:
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Contact Phone:	Email Address:
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Emergency Contact:	Emergency Contact Phone:
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Canine Information

Name:	Breed:
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DOB:	Date of Rabies Vaccination:
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My dog and I are physically sound and are currently under no restrictions. I understand and accept that the decisions of the evaluators are final. I affirm that I have read, understand and will abide by the DHS/FEMA/US&R Code of Conduct and understand that violation of said rules and Code of Conduct may result in loss of certifications, loss of evaluator status and/or referral to the appropriate authorities. I further affirm that I understand that abuse of the canine is not permitted at any time.

Applicant Signature:	Date:
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The above team is in compliance with the DHS/FEMA policy on aggression, successfully completed a TF administered FSA and is approved to participate in this evaluation.

Task Force Approval

Program Manager/Training Coordinator	Canine Coordinator
_____ (Signature)	_____ (Signature)
_____ (Printed Name)	_____ (Printed Name)
Date:	Date:
Address: _____ _____ _____	Address: _____ _____ _____
Email:	Email:
Phone:	Phone: