



US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2013-011

January 31, 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 2013-011 – NY-TF1 CSSCP Announcement –
April 20-21, 2012

On behalf of the National US&R Response System, New York Task Force One (NY-TF1) is hosting a US&R Canine Search Specialist Certification Preparation (CSSCP) in Staten Island NY, April 20-21, 2013. The CSSCP is open to currently certified teams and those who have passed an FSA.

Space is limited to 12 candidates and applications must be submitted to Teresa MacPherson at tmacusar@yahoo.com by March 15, 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.

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Attachments:

20130420-21 NY-TF1 CSSCP Announcement – Application

New York Task Force 1



Canine Certification Preparation
April 20/21, 2013

TO: Task Force Leaders, US&R National Response System

FROM: John Grimm, Program Manager, NY-TF1

DATE: January 23, 2013

SUBJECT: Canine Search Specialist Certification Preparation

New York Task Force 1 will host a Canine Search Specialist Certification Preparation in Staten Island, New York April 20/21, 2013. The following information is supplied to assist in your planning to send candidates from your Task Force. Task Forces who send participants will be responsible for supporting their member's travel, lodging and per diem expenses.

There will be no application fee to participate in this evaluation. Applications for this event can be found attached to this memo. The Certification Preparation is open to currently certified teams or those who have passed an FSA.

Space is limited to 12 applicants. **Due date for applications is COB March 15th.**

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

Name: Teresa MacPherson

E-mail: tmacusar@yahoo.com

PLEASE NOTE that the delivery and receipt of the application does not guarantee acceptance. We will confirm by e-mail the receipt of application. Accepted applications will be confirmed by e-mail. If space is available, applications will be accepted after the due date to fill any open spots.

There will be a "mock test" on the first day. The second day will be dedicated to certification preparation training.

Applicants are expected to attend the Orientation/Safety Briefing the night before the mock test day, Friday, April 19th at 1800 hrs at the Canine Rubble/Training Pile. Applicants are expected to attend the Debriefing immediately following the certification preparation training on the second day.

Candidates are expected to be familiar with the guidelines set forth in the Canine Search Specialist Certification Process found at www.disasterdog.org and adhere to the Code of Ethics and Aggression Policy. Candidates are expected to provide their own personal protective equipment appropriate for rubble pile entry (as stated in the CSSC Annex).

Teams without such equipment will not be allowed to participate in the event.

Portable kennels will also be the responsibility of the candidate.

Transportation to/from the airport, hotel and evaluation site is the responsibility of the candidate.

New York Task Force 1

Canine Certification Preparation April 20/21, 2013

Airports: John F. Kennedy International Airport or Newark International Airport (preferred).

Lodging: Hilton Garden Inn 1100 South Ave, Staten Island, NY 10314; 718-477-2400. A block of rooms is available until March 26th for the rate of \$150.00 (without K9) and \$200.00 (with K9) listed under "Urban Search and Rescue".

Questions can be directed to John Grimm at 718-422-4838 jgrimm@oem.nyc.gov or Scott Mateyaschuk scott.mateyaschuk@nypd.org 646-739-8809.



FEMA

**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: