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## **US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2018-114**

December 4, 2018

**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 2018-114 – Canine Search Specialist Course –  
February 1-3, 2019

**COURSE:** **SP2018-018**

On behalf of the National Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System), Florida Task Force One (FL-TF1) is hosting the FEMA US&R Canine Search Specialist Instructor-Led Training (ILT) Course, February 1-3, 2019.

This blended learning Canine Search Specialist – Instructor-Led Training course (Course Code 9P1331) is 24.0 hours of instruction over three days and is scheduled for delivery at the FL-TF1 Training Center in Miami, FL. Registration is limited to 30 students and task force management MUST register students via the FEMA US&R Learning Management System (LMS). Student selection is solely the decision of task force management and new or existing students or instructors are welcome. Since this class is expected to be full, a wait list will be established within the LMS.

Students must successfully complete the online, Computer-Based Training (CBT) course (Course Code: 9P1330) via the FEMA US&R LMS prior to attending the Instructor-Led Training (ILT). Students must bring their printed certificate from the CBT course to the first day of the Instructor-Led Training.

FL-TF1 has prepared the attached logistics letter for this event.

System members requiring assistance with online CBT and ILT registration should contact their Task Force Training Manager. Questions regarding the logistics of this course should be directed to Jeff Rouse at [Jeffrey.Rouse@miamidade.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Rouse@miamidade.gov) or at (786) 331-4484.

Attachments:

2019 FL-TF1 Canine Search Specialist Course Announcement and Logistics Letter

CC:

- US&R Strategic Group
- US&R Advisory Group
- US&R Branch Staff
- FEMA Regional/Federal/International ESF #9 Representatives



# FLORIDA TASK FORCE 1

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Canine Search Specialist Course

Miami, Florida

February 1-3, 2019

Florida Task Force 1 (FL-TF1) is pleased to have the opportunity to host the FEMA sponsored National US&R Response System Canine Search Specialist Course in Miami, Florida on February 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup>. Travel days should be January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup>.

The maximum number of students for this course is 30. Only 15 students with canines will be accepted. The remaining 15 student positions will be offered to Search Team Managers (required training for the position), or any additional canine handlers without canines.

## **Logistical Information:**

- There is no registration fee for this course.
- 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 Miami International Airport (MIA). Shuttle service is not available from the airport to the hotel.
- Participants are required to provide their own personal protective equipment (PPE) for rubble pile entry. Teams without such equipment will not be allowed to participate in field exercises. Minimum PPE is steel toed boots, pants, gloves, helmet and eye protection. Participants are required to adhere by the FEMA Code of Ethics and Canine Aggression Policy.

**Lodging:**

Two hotels in the area accept working dogs (pet fee may apply):

Aloft Miami Dadeland  
7600 N Kendall Drive  
Miami, FL 33156  
(305) 595-6000

Hampton Inn Miami Dadeland  
8200 SW 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miami, FL 33143  
(305)269-0072

Portable kennels for the hotel is the responsibility of the participant. Please call and make your reservation as soon as possible since this is a very busy time in Miami.

**Registration:**

- The course will be held at the FL-TF1 US&R site located at 8000 SW 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, Florida 33173. Class starts at 0800 on February 1, 2019.
- Each student must pre-register for the course using the following link - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fema-canine-search-specialist-course-instructor-led-training-tickets-52870761872>
- Each student must be registered by their Training Manager using the FEMA US&R Learning Management System (LMS) in order to attend the Instructor-Led Training (ILT) course.
- Students will coordinate with their Training Manager to gain access and enroll in the Computer Based Training (CBT) through the FEMA US&R Learning Management System (LMS).
- All students must complete the 16 hour Canine Search Specialist CBT course (course code: 9P1330) prior to attending the Instructor-Led Training (ILT) course. Students will not be allowed to attend the ILT course unless they complete the CBT. Students are required to bring a printed CBT Certificate of Completion to the first day of class.