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## **US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2018-082**

August 29, 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 2018-082 – Canine Search Team Certification  
Evaluation – Live Find Announcement, TN-TF1, October 27-28, 2018

Tennessee Task Force One (TN-TF1) is hosting a National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System) Canine Search Team (CST) Certification Evaluation – Live Find (CSTCE-LF) in Memphis, TN on October 27-28, 2018.

The CSTCE-LF is open to System candidates who have passed a Foundation Skills Assessment and are seeking to certify, or re-certify, as System CSTs. Space is limited to 24 applications. The due date for the application is October 12, 2018. Application confirmation will be sent by email to the member taking the test. Applications should be typed, signed and submitted by email to Scott Mateyaschuk at: [scott.mateyaschuk@nypd.org](mailto:scott.mateyaschuk@nypd.org).

There will be no pre-evaluation meeting, two weeks before the test, the Chief Evaluator will send an email to all participants with their testing times, staging instructions and any additional evaluation information. Applicants do need to attend the debriefing held at the end of each day.

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

**Airport:** Memphis International Airport (MEM)

**Lodging:** A hotel block HAS NOT been established, however, Millington, TN is 10 miles north of the US&R Warehouse and has several hotel options. The Hampton Inn, located at 8838 Hwy 51 N., Millington, TN 38053 (Phone 901-872-4435), is canine friendly and has been used in the past.

Participants need to provide their own personal protective equipment appropriate (PPE) for a rubble pile and teams without PPE will not be allowed to participate in the evaluation. Portable kennels are the responsibility of the participants.

There will be no registration fee for this evaluation, but task forces will be responsible for their members' travel, lodging and per diem expenses. This CSTCE is within scope of the FY2016 and FY2017 Readiness Cooperative Agreements. Funding for allowable costs, provided the individual's task

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force has budgeted for this expense. Task Force Representatives are asked to coordinate this information as appropriate with their Task Force Training Managers.

Please direct questions to Deborah Burnett: at 901-262-1161 or [yappindogs@aol.com](mailto:yappindogs@aol.com).

Attachments:

- Application
- Logistics Letter

cc:

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

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**FEMA  
Canine Evaluation Live Find  
Memphis, Tennessee  
October 27/28, 2018**

Tennessee Task Force 1 (TN-TF1) is pleased to have the opportunity to host the National US&R Response System Canine Evaluation- Live Find on October 27 and 28, 2018. Travel days should be October 26 and the day after your test is completed.

**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:**

**There are many area hotels to choose from. A block HAS NOT been established at any one hotel. Millington, TN is about 10 miles north of the USAR Warehouse and has several hotels to choose from including:**

- The Hampton Inn, located at 8838 Hwy 51 N., Millington, TN 38053 (Phone 901-872-4435), is K9 friendly, and has been used before.
- The hotel offers a complementary hot breakfast every morning from 0600 to 0900, complimentary Wi-Fi, and free parking. Check in time is 1300 and check out is at 1100. Cancellation policy is 48 hours before check in date.
- For additional information click on the following link and choose below.  
<http://www.millingtonsuites.hamptoninn.com/>
- Portable kennels for the hotel is the responsibility of the participant.

**Registration/Contact Information:**

- Email registration to Scott Mateyaschuk at [scott.mateyaschuk@nypd.org](mailto:scott.mateyaschuk@nypd.org),
- The evaluation will be held at the TN-TF1 rubble pile located at 4390 O.K. Robertson Rd., Memphis, TN 38127.
- 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.