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US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2018-109

November 28, 2018

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

FROM: Dean Scott, Chief
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Urban Search and Rescue Branch 

SUBJECT: US&R General Memorandum 2018-109 – Advisory Organization – 21-Day
Review – Tire Care and Replacement Policy

The National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System) has identified an ongoing problem where System task forces deploy with tires that appear to be serviceable but have a high potential for sidewall failure due to age.

The Transportation Subgroup has submitted the attached recommendation for the Advisory Group to adopt a System *Tire Care and Replacement Policy*. Based on this, the Logistics Functional Group submitted recommendation LG-2018-002 *Task Force Tire Replacement Policy*. System task forces are asked to review and comment on the recommendation and its related documents as to whether System needs are addressed, process changes identified, budgetary impacts considered, and appropriate courses of action are included.

Information and the *US&R Comment Review Form* are available in the LG-2018-002 – *Tire Care and Replacement Policy* site at: <https://www.responsesystem.org/recommendations>. Comments must be submitted online using the System's *US&R Comment Review Form*. For every comment being made a new form needs to be submitted; do not combine comments into one form. **If a task force accepts the document as reviewed, one comment form should be submitted stating that the task force has no comment. Task Force Representatives should ensure that all comments are submitted by December 20, 2018, 16:30 EDT.** Upon comment adjudication, if further work is required for the document to be supported, it will be sent back for additional work, and resubmission into the approval process.

Questions regarding this document review process may be directed to the appropriate Divisional Task Force Representative or the Advisory Group Chair.

Attachments (available on [responsesystem.org](https://www.responsesystem.org)):

Tire Care and Replacement Policy
LG-2018-002 – *Task Force Tire Replacement Policy*

cc:

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