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US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2018-094

October 22, 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 2018-094 – Canine Search Team Certification
Evaluation – Live Find Announcement, NY-TF1, December 1-2, 2018

New York Task Force One (NY-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 Staten Island, New York City, NY on December 1-2, 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 November 15, 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.

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: Newark International Airport (EWR)

Lodging: A hotel block HAS NOT been established; refer to the attached Logistics Letter for recommended hotels.

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 Readiness Cooperative Agreement funding for allowable costs, provided the individual's task force has budgeted for this expense. Task Force Representatives are asked to coordinate this information as appropriate with their Task Force Training Managers.

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Please direct questions to Scott Mateyaschuk: at 646-739-8809 or scott.mateyaschuk@nypd.org.

Attachments:

- Application
- Logistics Letter

CC:

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

New York Task Force 1

Canine Evaluation
December 1st & 2nd 2018



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

FROM: John Grimm, Task Force Representative, NY-TF1

DATE: October 5, 2018

SUBJECT: Canine Search Specialist Certification

New York Task Force 1 will host a Canine Search Team Certification Live Find (CST-LF CE) in Staten Island, New York December 1st and 2nd 2018. 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 evaluation can be found attached to this memo in writable PDF format. All applications for evaluation must be signed by the Task Force Training Manager and Canine Coordinator who shall verify by their signature that the applicant has met all evaluation criteria, including successful completion of the FSA. Applications that are not signed will not be processed.

Candidates are expected to be familiar with the guidelines set forth in the Canine Search Team Certification Process found in the CST-LF Handbook (www.femacanine.org) and adhere to the Code of Ethics and Aggression Policy.

Logistical Information:

- Task Forces electing to send participants will be responsible for supporting their member's travel, lodging and per diem expenses.

Airport:

- Newark International Airport (EWR).
- Participants are responsible for arranging their own air and/or ground transportation.

Lodging: A block HAS NOT been established at any one hotel, the preferred hotels are;

- Hilton Garden Inn 1100 South Ave, Staten Island, NY 10314; 718-477-2400
- Hampton Inn 1120 South Ave, Staten island NY 10314 718-477-1600
- Portable kennels for the hotel is the responsibility of the participant.

Registration/Contact Information:

- Email registration to CSG Lead Scott Mateyaschuk at scott.mateyaschuk@nypd.org,
- The evaluation will be held at NYC Sanitation Fresh Kills Landfill / NYPD ESU K9 US&R Training Facility (Gate) 300 West service Rd. Staten Island NY

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.

Notice of Acceptance and Testing Time:

- Notice of acceptance will be posted to all Training Managers and Canine Coordinators
- Further logistics will be delivered by the Chief Evaluator prior to event