



US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM - 2012-073

November 29, 2012

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 2012-073 – CA-TF2 CSSCE Announcement –
February 23-24, 2013

On behalf of the National US&R Response System, California Task Force Two (CA-TF2) is hosting a US&R Canine Search Specialist Certification Evaluation (CSSCE) in Valencia, CA, February 23-24 2013. The CSSCE is open to System candidates who have passed an FSA and are seeking to certify or re-certify as FEMA Canine Search Specialist Teams.

Space is limited to 24 candidates and applications must be submitted to Teresa MacPherson at: tmacusar@yahoo.com by January 18, 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.

Distribution:

- US&R Task Force Representatives
- US&R Strategic Group
- US&R Branch Staff
- FEMA Regional ESF #9 Representatives

Attachments:

- 20130223-24 CA-TF2 CSSCE Announcement – Application



DATE: December 1, 2012

TO: Task Force Representatives, FEMA US&R National Response System

FROM: Battalion Chief John Boyle
Los Angeles County Fire Dept
California Task Force 2

SUBJECT: Canine Search Specialist Certification Evaluation

CA-TF2 will host a Canine Search Specialist Certification Evaluation at **Del Valle Regional Training Center** on **February 23/24, 2013**. The following logistical information is supplied to assist in your planning to send candidates from your Task Force. There will be no application fee to participate in this evaluation. Task Forces who send participants will be responsible for supporting their member's travel, lodging and per diem expenses.

The Certification Evaluation is open to candidates who have passed an FSA and are seeking to certify or re-certify as FEMA Canine Search Specialist Teams.

The application for this evaluation is attached.

Please forward the completed application (scanned and emailed) to:

Name: **Teresa MacPherson**
E-mail: **tmacusar@yahoo.com**

Space is limited to 24 applicants. Due date for applications is **January 18, 2013**. Receipt of application will be confirmed by email. Accepted applications will be confirmed by e-mail on **January 21, 2013**. If space is available, applications will be accepted after the due day to fill any open spots.

Applicants are expected to attend the Orientation/Safety Briefing the night before each test day. **The safety briefing will be held in the meeting room of the Hyatt, Valencia (see address below).**

Applicants are expected to attend the debriefing immediately following the test each day.

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

Airport - Burbank (BUR)
Lodging – Hyatt, Valencia
24500 Town Center Drive Valencia, CA 91355
(661) 799-1234
<http://valencia.hyatt.com>

Candidates are expected to provide their own personal protective equipment appropriate for rubble pile entry. **Teams without such equipment will not be allowed to participate in the evaluation.** Portable kennels will also be the responsibility of the candidate.

Questions may be directed to:

Captain Jasmine Segura
Los Angeles County Fire Department
Fire Station 158 “A”
captsegura@gmail.com
(310) 977-8969



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: