To: FEMA US&R National Response System

From: California Task Force 6

Subject: Canine Search Specialist Certification Evaluation – Life Find

California Task Force 6 (CA-TF6) is hosting a Canine Search Team Evaluation (CST) – Live Find (CSTCE-LF) in Riverside, California on November 13 and 14, 2021. The test will be held at City of Riverside Fire Department Fire training center (3085 Saint Lawrence St, Riverside, CA 92504). The following logistical information is provided to assist in your planning to send candidates from your Task Force. There will be no application fee to participate in this evaluation. Each Task Force will be responsible for travel, lodging, and per diem expenses for their participants.

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

Please forward the typed and signed applications to the Scott Mateyaschuk and cc Peter Sellas:

1. Scott Mateyaschuk – scott.mateyaschuk@nypd.org
2. Pete Sellas – Psellas@riversideca.gov

Space is limited to 24 applications. The due date for the application is October 13, 2021. Application confirmation will be sent by email.

Two weeks before the test, all participants will receive an email from the Chief Evaluator stating their testing times, instructions for staging and any additional information for the exam.

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

Airport: Ontario International Airport (ONT)

Lodging: Candidates are responsible for their own Lodging.

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

Please direct questions to Peter Sellas:
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