



**Canine Search Team Certification Evaluation
Live Find/Human Remains Detection
Maryland Task Force 1
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DATE: January 23, 2023
TO: Task Force Representatives, FEMA US&R NRS
FROM: Maryland Task Force 1 (MD-TF1)
SUBJECT: MD-TF1 Hosted CSTCE-LF/HRD

**Canine Search Team Certification Evaluation
Live Find/Human Remains Detection (CSTCE-LF&HRD)
Brooklyn, Maryland
April 1 & 2, 2023**

There will be no application fee to participate in this evaluation. Task Forces who send participants will be responsible for travel, lodging, and per diem expenses. Candidates are responsible for transportation to and from the airport, hotel, and evaluation site.

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

The application for this evaluation is attached. Please forward the completed and signed application to Scott Mateyaschuk at scott.mateyaschuk@nypd.org.

Space is limited to 24 applicants. Due date for applications is **March 1, 2023**. Receipt of application will be confirmed by e-mail. Approved applications will be confirmed by e-mail by March 6, 2023. Applications will be accepted after the due date to fill any open spots.

There will be no pre-evaluation meeting. Participants will receive an e-mail from the Chief Evaluator two weeks prior to testing that will include the test times, instruction for staging, and any additional information for the exam.

Airport: Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI)

Lodging: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Baltimore – BWI Airport North, 1510 Aero Drive, Linthicum Heights, Maryland 21090. \$108.00 per room, per day. Hotel room rates are subject to state and local taxes in effect at the time of check-in. There is no pet fee. Register by: **Friday, March 3, 2023**.

CE Location: Search and Rescue Assist (SARA) at Belle Grove Corporation, 6931 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard, Brooklyn, Maryland 21225

Equipment: 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. Applicants are expected to attend each post-test daily debriefing.

Questions: Contact Victoria Ledwell at victoria.ledwell@montgomerycountymd.gov.