**Search Markings Guide**

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**Purpose**: Establish a consistent guideline for the use of search markings during Search Operations. Proper markings identify operational priorities, and assist with their overall assessment of the event.

**Process**: The Assessment marking procedures are designed to identify specific information pertinent to each affected building.

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**Search Assessment Marking Guidelines:**

Orange peel and stick forms will be used to mark structures. A permanent marker should be used to write additional information on the form itself using these guidelines. Form instructions are also printed on the back of the form – see sample below

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| **Process**Forms will be fixed on the address side of the structure. An X on the form will be constructed in two operations - one slash drawn upon entry into the structure (or room, hallway, etc.) and a second crossing slash drawn upon exit.**Entry*** Single slash upon entry into  structure
* Company ID, department  abbreviation, date and entry time  noted
* Indicates ongoing search
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| **Exit** * Crossing slash upon exit
* Upon exit, date and time noted in top  field
* Additional information open areas of “X”

**Findings/Hazards*** Right Field- Hazards
* Bottom Field- Number of Victims  needing rescue or recovery (that  you were unable to assist)
	+ L for live victims needing rescued (your search team was unable to  rescue them)

If no live victims needing rescue assistance, indicate with a “0”.* D for deceased victims needing recovered from the building

If no deceased victims needing recovered, indicate with a “0”Note: This form represents the Search Operations and your findings. If you find live victims that you are able to rescue, the form should indicate “0 – L” because there is no-one needing Rescue Operations after your departure. **Terminated Prior to Completion*** When a search is terminated prior to  completion:
	+ Place filled circle at center of slash
	+ Add date and time search was terminated  at top
	+ Note hazards in right field
	+ Note areas searched in box at bottom
	+ use “F” to identify floors searched
	+ use “Q” to identify quadrants searched

 if only exterior was searched, write “No  Entry” in box |  |
|  **New Search*** When new search is completed, cross out  previous markings and complete new  markings on a new sticker
* Do not cover original sticker
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