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FOR: National Urban Search & Rescue Response System
Incident Support Teams
Task Force Leaders / Program Managers

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RE: US&R Program Directive 2008-012— 2009 Task Force Rotation Model

ISSUE STATEMENT

- The purpose of the Task Force Rotation Model is to reduce subjectivity in the task force activations. The model does not serve as approval for activation. It enables task forces to know when they are most likely to be activated during a major event. This should be a benefit to the task force when making training and maintenance schedules.
- The rotation model is based upon a monthly calendar rotation, and divides the task forces into three regions (West, Central and East). The task forces are listed in columns labeled “1st Rotation, 2nd Rotation, 3rd Rotation”, etc.
- Following an incident that requires US&R capabilities, the Program Office will activate the number of task forces it deems necessary for the incident. The first three task forces utilized will be the three geographically closest task forces that are operationally ready.
- Beyond those first three task forces, the Program Office will refer to the annual Task Force Rotation Model for resources:
 - Assuming that the three closest selected task forces have been activated, we then move to the “1st Rotation” column and select the next closest task force in that column for activation.
 - The task forces in each column will be used in order of the proximity to the incident – closest first.
 - After all of the Task Forces in the “1st Rotation” column are activated, we move to the “2nd Rotation” column, and the process is repeated.
- This protocol balances the immediate needs of the victims (by activating the closest task forces first) with the need to maintain a fair system of activations that will include all task forces.

APPROVAL

Issue is approved for Program implementation:

Signed:

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**NATIONAL URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE RESPONSE SYSTEM
2009 ROTATION MODEL – Revised: 21 Oct 2008**

IST	REGION	1st Rotation	2nd Rotation	3rd Rotation	4th Rotation	5th Rotation	6th Rotation	7th Rotation	8th Rotation	9th Rotation
JAN	W	WA-TF1	CA-TF6	CA-TF2	CA-TF7	CA-TF5	CA-TF4	CA-TF1	CA-TF8	CA-TF3
	C	NV-TF1	IN-TF1	MO-TF1	TX-TF1	UT-TF1	AZ-TF1	TN-TF1	CO-TF1	NM-TF1
	E	VA-TF1	MD-TF1	FL-TF2	OH-TF1	NY-TF1	FL-TF1	PA-TF1	VA-TF2	MA-TF1
FEB	W	CA-TF6	CA-TF2	CA-TF7	CA-TF5	CA-TF4	CA-TF1	CA-TF8	CA-TF3	WA-TF1
	C	IN-TF1	MO-TF1	TX-TF1	UT-TF1	AZ-TF1	TN-TF1	CO-TF1	NM-TF1	NE-TF1
	E	MD-TF1	FL-TF2	OH-TF1	NY-TF1	FL-TF1	PA-TF1	VA-TF2	MA-TF1	VA-TF1
MAR	W	CA-TF2	CA-TF7	CA-TF5	CA-TF4	CA-TF1	CA-TF8	CA-TF3	WA-TF1	CA-TF6
	C	MO-TF1	TX-TF1	UT-TF1	AZ-TF1	TN-TF1	CO-TF1	NM-TF1	NE-TF1	NV-TF1
	E	FL-TF2	OH-TF1	NY-TF1	FL-TF1	PA-TF1	VA-TF2	MA-TF1	VA-TF1	MD-TF1
APR	W	CA-TF7	CA-TF5	CA-TF4	CA-TF1	CA-TF8	CA-TF3	WA-TF1	CA-TF6	CA-TF2
	C	TX-TF1	UT-TF1	AZ-TF1	TN-TF1	CO-TF1	NM-TF1	NE-TF1	NV-TF1	IN-TF1
	E	OH-TF1	NY-TF1	FL-TF1	PA-TF1	VA-TF2	MA-TF1	VA-TF1	MD-TF1	FL-TF2
MAY	W	CA-TF5	CA-TF4	CA-TF1	CA-TF8	CA-TF3	WA-TF1	CA-TF6	CA-TF2	CA-TF7
	C	UT-TF1	AZ-TF1	TN-TF1	CO-TF1	NM-TF1	NE-TF1	NV-TF1	IN-TF1	MO-TF1
	E	NY-TF1	FL-TF1	PA-TF1	VA-TF2	MA-TF1	VA-TF1	MD-TF1	FL-TF2	OH-TF1
JUN	W	CA-TF4	CA-TF1	CA-TF8	CA-TF3	WA-TF1	CA-TF6	CA-TF2	CA-TF7	CA-TF5
	C	AZ-TF1	TN-TF1	CO-TF1	NM-TF1	NE-TF1	NV-TF1	IN-TF1	MO-TF1	TX-TF1
	E	FL-TF1	PA-TF1	VA-TF2	MA-TF1	VA-TF1	MD-TF1	FL-TF2	OH-TF1	NY-TF1
JUL	W	CA-TF1	CA-TF8	CA-TF3	WA-TF1	CA-TF6	CA-TF2	CA-TF7	CA-TF5	CA-TF4
	C	TN-TF1	CO-TF1	NM-TF1	NE-TF1	NV-TF1	IN-TF1	MO-TF1	TX-TF1	UT-TF1
	E	PA-TF1	VA-TF2	MA-TF1	VA-TF1	MD-TF1	FL-TF2	OH-TF1	NY-TF1	FL-TF1
AUG	W	CA-TF8	CA-TF3	WA-TF1	CA-TF6	CA-TF2	CA-TF7	CA-TF5	CA-TF4	CA-TF1
	C	CO-TF1	NM-TF1	NE-TF1	NV-TF1	IN-TF1	MO-TF1	TX-TF1	UT-TF1	AZ-TF1
	E	VA-TF2	MA-TF1	VA-TF1	MD-TF1	FL-TF2	OH-TF1	NY-TF1	FL-TF1	PA-TF1
SEP	W	CA-TF3	WA-TF1	CA-TF6	CA-TF2	CA-TF7	CA-TF5	CA-TF4	CA-TF1	CA-TF8
	C	NM-TF1	NE-TF1	NV-TF1	IN-TF1	MO-TF1	TX-TF1	UT-TF1	AZ-TF1	TN-TF1
	E	MA-TF1	VA-TF1	MD-TF1	FL-TF2	OH-TF1	NY-TF1	FL-TF1	PA-TF1	VA-TF2
OCT	W	WA-TF1	CA-TF6	CA-TF2	CA-TF7	CA-TF5	CA-TF4	CA-TF1	CA-TF8	CA-TF3
	C	NE-TF1	NV-TF1	IN-TF1	MO-TF1	TX-TF1	UT-TF1	AZ-TF1	TN-TF1	CO-TF1
	E	VA-TF1	MD-TF1	FL-TF2	OH-TF1	NY-TF1	FL-TF1	PA-TF1	VA-TF2	MA-TF1
NOV	W	CA-TF6	CA-TF2	CA-TF7	CA-TF5	CA-TF4	CA-TF1	CA-TF8	CA-TF3	WA-TF1
	C	NV-TF1	IN-TF1	MO-TF1	TX-TF1	UT-TF1	AZ-TF1	TN-TF1	CO-TF1	NM-TF1
	E	MD-TF1	FL-TF2	OH-TF1	NY-TF1	FL-TF1	PA-TF1	VA-TF2	MA-TF1	VA-TF1
DEC	W	CA-TF2	CA-TF7	CA-TF5	CA-TF4	CA-TF1	CA-TF8	CA-TF3	WA-TF1	CA-TF6
	C	IN-TF1	MO-TF1	TX-TF1	UT-TF1	AZ-TF1	TN-TF1	CO-TF1	NM-TF1	NE-TF1
	E	FL-TF2	OH-TF1	NY-TF1	FL-TF1	PA-TF1	VA-TF2	MA-TF1	VA-TF1	MD-TF1
JAN	W	CA-TF7	CA-TF5	CA-TF4	CA-TF1	CA-TF8	CA-TF3	WA-TF1	CA-TF6	CA-TF2
	C	MO-TF1	TX-TF1	UT-TF1	AZ-TF1	TN-TF1	CO-TF1	NM-TF1	NE-TF1	NV-TF1
	E	OH-TF1	NY-TF1	FL-TF1	PA-TF1	VA-TF2	MA-TF1	VA-TF1	MD-TF1	FL-TF2