

	FEMA National Urban Search & Rescue Response System		
	<b>Informational Bulletin</b>		
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<b>Subject:</b> USACE StS Central Division Regional Training Course, MO-TF1 – July 22-23, 2023			

On behalf of the National Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System), in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), a Structures Specialist (StS) Regional Training (RT) Course will be held at MO-TF1 on July 22-23, 2023. This will be the fourth delivery of the 2022-2023 Version 7 curriculum.

This training course is offered to System StS personnel who need initial or refresher training. This training focuses on assessing structural behavior of damaged buildings, task force interactions during a System response, wide area assessment (GPS & Survey 123), use of StS forms, Champlain Tower Collapse case study, tabletop exercises and other topics. Students who completed StS1 training and any previous RT training are highly encouraged to attend this RT skills enhancement session. This training will sharpen and add to knowledge that will enhance System capabilities and readiness.

Applications should be submitted by June 30, 2023. To register for the course, fill out the online application at [www.DisasterEngineer.org](http://www.DisasterEngineer.org) (select “Training Applications” from the top menu and click on the desired training course). After June 30<sup>th</sup>, students will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis according to the waiting list. The training is provided at no charge to the student; however, travel, hotel, and per diem costs will be the responsibility of the student and/or their task force. Students will be responsible for transportation from their hotel to the training location. This updated curriculum is based on feedback from StS within, and in support of, the FEMA National US&R Response System. Under ESF #9, and by Interagency Agreement, the USACE is directed to provide and facilitate training for StS. **System StS are required to bring one task force Total Station and a tripod for each one or two StS a task force sends to the RT training class.**

Any questions related to this training can be directed to Jeff Qunell, USACE US&R Program Manager at: (415) 503-6616 or: [Jeffrey.J.Qunell@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jeffrey.J.Qunell@usace.army.mil). Alternate information contact is Alan Fisher (MA-TF1) at: [afisher@cianbro.com](mailto:afisher@cianbro.com).

**Attachments:**

USACE StS Central Regional Training Logistics and Registration Letter

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- US&R Strategic Group
- US&R Advisory Group
- US&R Branch Staff
- FEMA Regional/Federal/International ESF #9 Representatives
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