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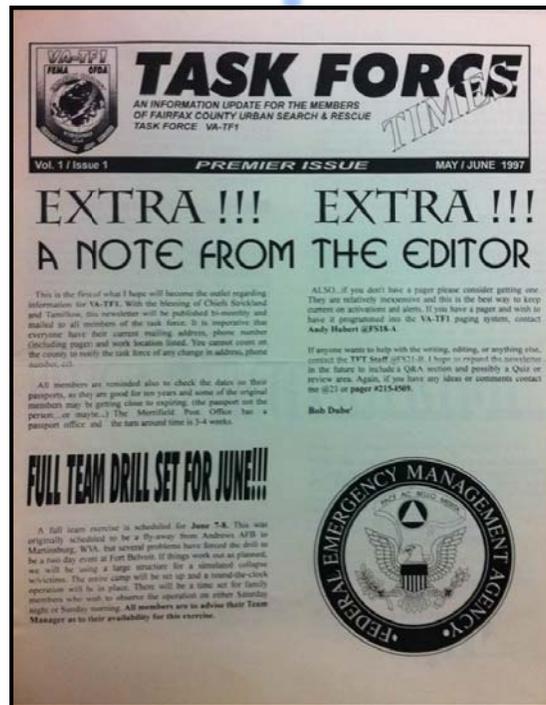
Return of the "Times" Issue

August 2013

For old "Times" Sake

In June of 1997, the Premier Issue of the Task Force Times was written and distributed to Team Members. The intent was to establish a bi-monthly informational newsletter. A lot has changed in the sixteen years since this first issue was written. In Issue 1, team members were encouraged to get a pager as "they are relatively inexpensive and...the best way to keep current on activations and alerts." Ohio Task Force One and Missouri Task Force One had just been added to the system as teams. We were manually tracking member information such as mailing addresses, phone numbers, pager numbers and work locations. Today, there are 28 Teams in the FEMA US&R System, pagers have been replaced by every type of

electronic communications device you can think of and we track team member information and analyze a myriad of data electronically on the VATF1 Website. We have come a long way as a Task Force and system since 1997. Do you have highlights or milestones you would like to share with members? We will be soliciting input for articles to be included in future publications of the Newsletter. We will be distributing the Task Force Times bi-annually as an informational bulletin for members and look forward to your input. Members can submit articles to their Section Leads to be forwarded to the Program Office for consideration. If you have any suggestions or input for the newsletter, please contact your Section Lead.



Giving Back to the Community

Since November 2012, the Task Force has been given several opportunities to assist in giving back to our Nations' wounded warriors. Boulder Crest Retreat, located in Bluemont, Virginia, is the site of four first class retreat cottages and a community barn for wounded veterans and their families to reconnect, recover and escape the mundane hospital confines, for free.

The founder, Mr. Ken Falke, has made a compassionate and generous donation of 37 acres. By giving to Americas bravest, he is truly an example of putting others before self. Our small task, with the help of local volunteers, was to cut down over grown brush and clear away dead trees from along the creek. The creek will be a path for the wounded warriors to stroll and enjoy the serene settings.

"The Cabins at Boulder Crest Retreat are almost ready to open their doors. They will be welcoming a handful of our wounded warriors and families over the course of the summer for trial stays to ensure everything is running smoothly before their ribbon cutting in early September."

The staff at Boulder Crest has been very appreciative of our members who have done an outstanding job and represented the Team honorably. Thank you to those members who took the time out of their busy schedules to participate in these worthwhile community events.

Please let your Section Lead know if there is a community outreach project that you think could benefit from participation by Task Force members.



<http://bouldercrestretreat.org/photos>

Current Task Force Members – Primary Positions Report

Name	Position	Name	Position
Chaney, Elizabeth	Canine Search Specialist	Alvaro, Rocco	Logistics Manager
Dickinson, Sally	Canine Search Specialist	Buchanan, Clyde	Logistics Manager
Grove, Charlotte	Canine Search Specialist	D'Amico, Michael	Logistics Manager
Harrison, Christine	Canine Search Specialist	Evans, Sean	Logistics Manager
Holmes, Christopher	Canine Search Specialist	Gonzalez, George	Logistics Manager
Kreitler, Elizabeth	Canine Search Specialist	<u>Neuhaus, Bruce</u>	<u>Logistics Manager</u>
MacPherson, Teresa	Canine Search Specialist	Barb, Todd	Logistics Specialist
Massey, Jennifer	Canine Search Specialist	Clement, Robin	Logistics Specialist
Sanders, Ron	Canine Search Specialist	Coffelt, Kenneth	Logistics Specialist
Serzan, Paul	Canine Search Specialist	Cox, Dean	Logistics Specialist
<u>Sloan, Heather</u>	<u>Canine Search Specialist</u>	Edmonston, Brian	Logistics Specialist
Dietrichson, Douglas	Communications	Klaren, Kimberlyn	Logistics Specialist
Fensterwald, Sean	Communications	Lago, Paul	Logistics Specialist
Knerr, Herbert	Communications	Lilley, John	Logistics Specialist
Marshall, Garner	Communications	McLaughlin, Eric	Logistics Specialist
Ritchie, Robert	Communications	Merritt Jr, Joseph	Logistics Specialist
Rogers, John	Communications	Moore, Nathaniel	Logistics Specialist
Tamillow, Matthew	Communications	<u>Nicholson, Timothy</u>	<u>Logistics Specialist</u>
<u>Vannoy, Richard</u>	<u>Communications</u>	Barbera, Joseph	Medical Team Manager
Allen, Antoine	Driver Mechanic	Barker, William	Medical Team Manager
Fellows, Archie	Driver Mechanic	Buzy, Joel	Medical Team Manager
May, Paul	Driver Mechanic	Hanfing, Dan	Medical Team Manager
Nast, Brian	Driver Mechanic	Macintyre, Anthony	Medical Team Manager
Richards, Jimmie	Driver Mechanic	Petinaux, Bruno	Medical Team Manager
<u>Smith, John</u>	<u>Driver Mechanic</u>	Weir, Scott	Medical Team Manager
Masiello, James	Hazmat Manager	<u>Yeatts, Dale</u>	<u>Medical Team Manager</u>
Menton, Mark	Hazmat Manager	Edwards, Kevin	Medical Team Specialist
Nash, Mark	Hazmat Manager	Johnston, Kelly	Medical Team Specialist
<u>Rocha, Vitor</u>	<u>Hazmat Manager</u>	Kordalski, Mark	Medical Team Specialist
Adams, Michael	Hazmat Specialist	Lewis, Jeffrey	Medical Team Specialist
Alessi, Carmen	Hazmat Specialist	Ouellette, Christopher	Medical Team Specialist
Atwell, William	Hazmat Specialist	Pacifico, Alfred	Medical Team Specialist
Barnett, Gregory	Hazmat Specialist	Pifer, R. Scott	Medical Team Specialist
Bartlett, Kristi	Hazmat Specialist	Schermerhorn, Scott	Medical Team Specialist
Bishop, Gregory	Hazmat Specialist	Schroeder, Mark	Medical Team Specialist
Black, Matthew	Hazmat Specialist	Stanley, Kathleen	Medical Team Specialist
Cunningham, Charles	Hazmat Specialist	Stark, Bruce	Medical Team Specialist
Dojcek, Gregg	Hazmat Specialist	Thurston, William	Medical Team Specialist
Fernandez, Mark	Hazmat Specialist	Vannoy, William	Medical Team Specialist
Hessler, David	Hazmat Specialist	<u>Williams, Jerome I.</u>	<u>Medical Team Specialist</u>
Jimenez, David	Hazmat Specialist	Burns, Matthew	Operations Chief
Kuley, Ron	Hazmat Specialist	Dye, Ben	Operations Chief
McGunnigle, Lawrence	Hazmat Specialist	Gray, Sam	Operations Chief
Mohamed, Anis	Hazmat Specialist	Hessel, Kit	Operations Chief
Ngo, Kevin	Hazmat Specialist	<u>Istvan, Michael</u>	<u>Operations Chief</u>
Onufrey, Steven	Hazmat Specialist	Jenkins, Jason	Plans Team Manager
Perkins, Nathanael	Hazmat Specialist	Luecke, Craig	Plans Team Manager
Robertson, Craig	Hazmat Specialist	Moreland, William	Plans Team Manager
<u>Ward, William</u>	<u>Hazmat Specialist</u>	<u>Morrison, John</u>	<u>Plans Team Manager</u>

Averys, Kathy	Rescue Specialist	Wood, Gregory	Rescue Specialist
Ayala, Juan	Rescue Specialist	<u>Wyatt, Eric</u>	<u>Rescue Specialist</u>
Barb, Timothy	Rescue Specialist	Carver, Thomas	Rescue Squad Officer
Black, Duane	Rescue Specialist	Craven, Eric	Rescue Squad Officer
Botha, Louis	Rescue Specialist	Garza, Robert	Rescue Squad Officer
Brecht, Matthew	Rescue Specialist	Low, James	Rescue Squad Officer
Brill, Ian	Rescue Specialist	Maham, Barry	Rescue Squad Officer
Bruley, Jon	Rescue Specialist	Plunkett, Mark	Rescue Squad Officer
Burchell, Allan	Rescue Specialist	<u>Vaughan, Rodney</u>	<u>Rescue Squad Officer</u>
Campet, Marc	Rescue Specialist	Burroughs, Earl	Rigging Specialist
Campodonico, Juan D.	Rescue Specialist	Perla, Raul	Rigging Specialist
Carpenter, George	Rescue Specialist	Snavely, Dewey	Rigging Specialist
Carrillo, Carlos	Rescue Specialist	<u>Willey, Stephen</u>	<u>Rigging Specialist</u>
Chapman, Ryland	Rescue Specialist	Davis, Michael	Safety Officer
Contreras, Alejandro	Rescue Specialist	Reilly, Michael	Safety Officer
Contreras, Rolando	Rescue Specialist	<u>Ruwe Jr, Robert Paul</u>	<u>Safety Officer</u>
Cueto, Sergio	Rescue Specialist	Bittinger, Randy	Search Manager
Danula, Trisha	Rescue Specialist	Conrad, David	Search Manager
Dawley, Rosemary	Rescue Specialist	Griffin, Thomas	Search Manager
DeVera, Patrick	Rescue Specialist	Powell, Diron	Search Manager
Deyneka, Mark	Rescue Specialist	Sheehan, Patrick	Search Manager
Eddy, Michael	Rescue Specialist	<u>Weinzapfel, Erick</u>	<u>Search Manager</u>
Feehan, Thomas	Rescue Specialist	Field, Robert	Structural Specialist
Gajewski, Daniel	Rescue Specialist	Kennedy, Sean	Structural Specialist
Gillingham, Brian	Rescue Specialist	Kercsmar, Christopher	Structural Specialist
Leland, Stephanie	Rescue Specialist	McLaughlin, Thomas	Structural Specialist
Loayza, George	Rescue Specialist	Mikula, Martin	Structural Specialist
MacQuilliam, Johnathan	Rescue Specialist	Sparrow, Jason	Structural Specialist
Mason, Glenn	Rescue Specialist	<u>Tung, Jon</u>	<u>Structural Specialist</u>
Matias, Isagani	Rescue Specialist	Brinkley, Edward	Task Force Leader
McDonell, John	Rescue Specialist	Dyer, Garrett	Task Force Leader
Miller, Michael	Rescue Specialist	Galvez, Ramiro	Task Force Leader
Mullin, Lawrence	Rescue Specialist	Kaleda, Joseph	Task Force Leader
Obert, Alexander	Rescue Specialist	Roatch, Richard	Task Force Leader
Parry, Cory	Rescue Specialist	Ryan, Charles	Task Force Leader
Petersburg, Brenden	Rescue Specialist	Schaff, Michael	Task Force Leader
Porter, Samuel	Rescue Specialist	<u>Zoldos, Robert</u>	<u>Task Force Leader</u>
Prohaska, David	Rescue Specialist	Duke, Andrew	Tech Info Specialist
Reedy, Andrew	Rescue Specialist	Goff, Jared	Tech Info Specialist
Reyes, Kevin	Rescue Specialist	Johnson, Keith	Tech Info Specialist
Reynolds, Annita	Rescue Specialist	Morrison, Keith	Tech Info Specialist
Runfola, Dominic	Rescue Specialist	Payne, K. Blake	Tech Info Specialist
Sacra, Kris	Rescue Specialist	<u>Pickett, Jessica</u>	<u>Tech Info Specialist</u>
Sandeen, Samuel	Rescue Specialist	Casey, Daryl	Tech Search Specialist
Scheetz, Adam	Rescue Specialist	King, Michael	Tech Search Specialist
Tomczak, Vernon	Rescue Specialist	Lucas, Mark	Tech Search Specialist
Wadley, Reggie	Rescue Specialist	<u>Schoenberger, Robert</u>	<u>Tech Search Specialist</u>
Williams, Christopher	Rescue Specialist		

Task Force Training/Travel Completed - FY2013

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Dates</u>
US&R Enhanced Operations in Contaminated Environment (T-t-T)	Clark County, NV	FEMA	2	Aug. 22-25, 2012
FFX/LA USAID Program Meeting	Los Angeles, CA	OFDA	5	July 22-28, 2012
Canine Cert Prep	VA Beach VA	FEMA	1	Aug 17-19,2009
IEC Australia	Brisbane, Australia	OFDA	2	Sept. 7-14, 2012
IHP support Staff Refresher Training	Estonia	OFDA	2	Sept. 10-14, 2012
UNDAC Refresher	Argentina	OFDA	1	Aug. 26-Sept. 2 2012
INSARAG EQ Exercise	Mexico City, Mexico	OFDA	8	October 7-13, 2012
Canine Evaluation	Tennessee	FEMA	2	October 6-7, 2012
DART/RMT and Orientation	Washington, DC	OFDA	3	October 29-Nov/ 9, 2012
Ops Work Group Meeting	Lakewood, CO	FEMA	2	September 18-20-, 2012
Plans/TIS Training	Beverly, MA	FEMA	2	October 8-12, 2012
Structural Specialist Training	Moffett Field, CA	FEMA	2	October 28-Nov.2, 2012
UK Field Exercise	Widley, UK	OFDA	3	November 13-19, 2012
INSARAG Working Group Meeting	Los Angeles, CA	OFDA	2	November 4-10, 2012
Medical Team Training	Harrisburg, PA	FEMA	2	December 3-7, 2012
Communication Specialist Training	College Station, TX	FEMA	1	Oct. 29-Nov. 3, 2012
Detailer	Washington, D.C.	OFDA	1 7/weeks	Oct. 1-31, 2012
Enhanced Ops in Conv Env	Clark County, NV	FEMA	2	December 4-7, 2012
Canine Search Specialist	College Station, TX	FEMA	2	December 10-14, 2012
IATA/AFMAN	Dayton, OH	FEMA	4	November 13-15, 2012
Canine Training Trip w/CA-TF2	Los Angeles, CA	FEMA	1	October 25-28, 2012
Cache Leveling	Herndon, VA	FEMA	1	
Communications & Records Coordinator	Washington, DC	OFDA	2	November 14-15, 2012
Canine Cert Prep - TTXF1 CSS Training	College Station, TX	FEMA	1	January 26-27, 2013
Cache Leveling	College Station, TX	FEMA	1	November 12-16, 2012
Canine Meeting	Los Angeles, CA	FEMA	4	Nov 30-Dec 12, 2012
IST Training	Denver, CO	FEMA	8	February 5-8, 2013
Plans Team Training	Redwood City, CA	FEMA	2	March 4-8, 2012
Task Force Leader Training	San Diego, CA	FEMA	3	April 29-May 2, 2012
IST Badging	Washington, DC	FEMA	1	November 19, 2012
AST Deployment	Guatemala City, Guatemala	OFDA	2	November 13-24, 2012
SERT LC	Washington, DC	OFDA	2 people / 15 Weeks	Jan 1- March 31, 2013
Hurricane Sandy After Action Meeting	Philadelphia, PA	FEMA	6	January 9-10, 2013
Canine CE	Phoenix, AZ	FEMA	1	January 19-20, 2013
Canine Certification Prep. Trip	Florida	FEMA	1	January 11-13, 2013
Search Info. AdHoc WG	Columbia, MO	FEMA	1	January 25-26, 2013
Logistics Work Group Meeting	Lakewood, CO	FEMA	1	February 4-5, 2013
SimEx Count Down Exercise	Kriens, Switzerland	OFDA	4	March 4-8, 2013
Canine Search Specialist Training	Miami, Florida	FEMA	4	March 4-8, 2013
Canine Evaluation	Los Angeles, CA	FEMA	1	February 23-24, 2013
Comm-N Workshop	Beverly, MA	FEMA	1	April 12-13, 2013
Ops Workgroup Meetings	Virginia Beach, VA	FEMA	10	June 24-27, 2013
Shelter & Settlements Workshop	Arlington, VA	OFDA	2	Feb. 19, 2013
Canine Maintenance and Prep	Staten Island, NY	FEMA	3	April 20-21, 2013
INSARAG Exercise	Peru	OFDA	1	April 29-May 3, 2013
Canine Search Specialist CE	Columbia, MO	FEMA	4	May 4-5, 2013
Technical Search Specialist Trng	Memphis, TN	FEMA	3	May 6-10, 2013
StS2 Training	Moffett Field, CA	FEMA	1	May 18-23, 2013
Logistics Course	Las Vegas	FEMA	5	May 13-17, 2013
Structures Subgroup Meeting	Moffett Field, CA	FEMA	1	May 4-5, 2013
Safety Officer Training	Sacramento, CA	FEMA	1	May 20-23, 2013
DART/RMT	Arlington, VA	OFDA	4	April 22- May 3, 2013
Medical Team Training	Harrisburg, PA	FEMA	1	April 22-26, 2013
Guardian Center Visit	Atlanta, GA	OFDA	5	June 6-7, 2013
Canine CE	Virginia Beach, VA	FEMA	3	June 8-9, 2013
Admin. Readiness Evaluation	Beverly, Mass/ Va Beach, VA	FEMA	1	May 5-11, 2013

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2013 Atlantic Hurricane Season Team Rotation Methodology

The 2013 Atlantic hurricane season officially started (June 1- November 30, 2013). The first Hurricane of the season "Andrea" made landfall on June 6th, 2013. Members need to ensure their personal preparedness at all times. Section Leads and members need to review absences, immunizations, passport information and overall deployable status to ensure optimal readiness.

Activating task forces methodology: Using the process established in Program Directive 2011-012 – "Process for Determining Closest Task Force Response", the geographically closest operationally deployable task forces will be used first, as determined by FEMA. US&R Branch may refer to the annual US&R Rotation Model for subsequent resource activations adhering to the considerations outlined in General Memorandum 2012-076 "US&R Rotation Model". This document can be found in the VATF1 Website: Document Section/ FEMA/FEMA General Memos - 2012 General Memos.

Oklahoma Tornado

On May 20, 2013, an EF5 tornado, with peak winds estimated at 210 miles per hour, struck Moore, Oklahoma, and adjacent areas, killing 24 people and injuring 377 others. The tornado was 1.3 miles wide at its peak. On May 21, 2013, four Task Force Members were activated and deployed as members of the FEMA Incident Support Team (IST) and were demobilized on May 24, 2013. VATF1 was well represented on this deployment by:

Barker, William	IST Deputy Medical Officer
Cox, Dean	IST Deputy Logs Section Chief
Moreland, William	IST Situation Unit Leader
Roatch, Richard	IST US&R Liaison Officer

K-9 Human Remains Kyrgyzstan Deployment

On May 8, 2013, Virginia Task Force One was contacted by the FBI and Department of Defense inquiring of our availability to respond with two K-9 human remains dogs and one team manager to the crash of an Air Force KC-135 in Kyrgyzstan. The Air Force had been unsuccessful in locating one of the three crewmen that was aboard the aircraft at the time of the crash. Permission was sought through the chain of command to the County Executive's Office for acceptance of this mission. Within minutes, Chief Bowers had received approval for VATF-1 to deploy and K-9 handlers Kreitler with Garo and Dickinson with Fielder were requested to respond for deployment. This was the first time VATF-1 would deploy as a DoD asset and we were honored to be requested to assist in such a mission as this.

The team left Dulles International Airport on a commercial flight and flew to Kuwait where they were met by military and embassy officials who coordinated the remainder of the transport via military aircraft. The team arrived in Manas Kyrgyzstan and was briefed by base commanders on the situation. Our team deployed the next day via helicopter to the crash site where they spent the next two days searching the crash site that covered six square miles. The team was successful with its requested search and recovery efforts and the search was terminated.

VATF-1 was demobilized and prepared for the return trip. The team left Kyrgyzstan with the Para-Rescue team they had worked with and proceeded to Bahgram Afghanistan where they would spend the next day training. VATF-1 left Afghanistan and was provided the opportunity to accompany the lost Airmen on his final flight home.

Fall 2013 Mobilization Exercise

The Task Force Fall 2013 Mobilization Exercise will be conducted November 2nd and 3rd. Members need to only sign up for one day of the exercise. The new mandatory Hazmat in the Contaminated Environment Training will be conducted at that time. Civilian team members will receive their CPR Refresher training during a portion of the day. All other members will attend breakout session training (topics will be announced at a later date) at the conclusion of the Hazmat portion. The dates have been posted to the VATF1 Website Training Section for members to register their availability. If you are unable to attend, you must indicate so on the website as well. More information will be distributed via EAN or email. **Note: This new Hazmat in the Contaminated Environment Training is mandatory for all members to remain deployable.**

New Task Force Ball Caps

New VATF1 Ball Caps were distributed during the April 2013 Field Exercise. Members who did not receive their issued ball cap during the exercise need to make a Logistics request through the VATF1 Website/Logistics Section.



Upcoming CEU Training August – September 2013

Tent Training - 8/8/2013
 Canine CEU Training - 8/10/2013
 Warehouse - Load Mangr/Deployment Trng - 8/14/2013
 Canine CEU Training - 8/24/2013
 Hazmat Warehouse Meeting - 8/27/2013
 Medical CEU Training - 8/28/2013
 Communications CEU Training - 9/10/2013
 Tech Search CEU Training - 9/10/2013 - 9/12/2013
 AST CEU Training - 9/10/2013 - 9/12/2013
 Tent Training - 9/12/2013
 Rigging CEU Training - 9/14/2013
 Canine CEU Training - 9/14/2013
 Hazmat CEU Training - 9/18/2013 - 9/19/2013
 Warehouse CEU Training - 9/19/2013
 Medical CEU Training - 9/25/2013
 Logistics CEU Training - 9/25/2013 - 9/26/2013
 Canine CEU Training - 9/28/2013

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