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### **"LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE NETF-1 ASSISTS IN COLUMBIA SPACE SHUTTLE INCIDENT SEARCH EFFORT."**

LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE NEBRASKA TASK FORCE 1 HAS DEPLOYED 3 CANINE TEAMS TO HOUSTON, TEXAS TO ASSIST IN THE SEARCH EFFORTS CONDUCTED AS A RESULT OF THE COLUMBIA SPACE SHUTTLE INCIDENT. THREE NETF-1 TEAMS, ELAINE SAWTELL/DITTO FROM SPRINGFIELD MO, HERSCHEL MCALISTER/MAX FROM OUTSIDE ST. LOUIS, MO, AND AMY RISING/LOUIE FROM PINE CITY, MN, WILL ALL ARRIVE IN HOUSTON BY 1100 HOURS TODAY WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY FEMA US&R INCIDENT SUPPORT TEAM PERSONNEL TO BE TRANSPORTED INTO THE AFFECTED AREA. THE TEAMS WILL BE PART OF A LARGER CONTINGENT OF SEARCH CANINES FROM THE US&R SYSTEM THAT HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO ASSIST IN THE SEARCH EFFORTS. OUR TEAMS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE SEARCH OPERATIONS ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND WILL START TO PERFORM SEARCH DUTIES FROM WEDNESDAY THRU SATURDAY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT CAPTAIN RICK KLEIN AT 402-441-8799.