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## **LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE**

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### **LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE'S, URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE TECHNICIAN CLASS FINAL DAY SCENARIO**

On Friday, September 10 from 7:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., the Lincoln Fire & Rescue Urban Search & Rescue task force will be conducting a structural collapse exercise at their training facility at 2<sup>nd</sup> and South streets.

The exercise is based on a 3 story concrete and steel building collapse scenario in which several persons (simulated) are trapped inside a collapsed structure. The exercise includes rescue team members from the NETF-1 Task Force engaged in operations to locate and remove simulated victims utilizing specialized tools and equipment to make access into concrete and steel structural elements.

10 of the 12 class members are new USAR Rescue Specialists from the Omaha Fire Department. They are the first members of OFD to join the Nebraska Task Force 1.

The media is invited to attend this training exercise, during the hours of 9:00-11:00 a.m. This exercise will provide the media the opportunity to inform our community about the capability of the Lincoln Fire & Rescue Urban Search and Rescue task force. For additional information, contact Deputy Chief Wright at 441-8355.