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## **LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE - NEBRASKA TASK FORCE 1 URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE FULL SCALE EXERCISE**

Nebraska Task Force 1, the Urban Search and Rescue team based at Lincoln Fire and Rescue, will be conducting a Full Scale Exercise Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>, which is designed to prepare the team to respond to large-scale manmade or natural disasters.

This exercise will be taking place at the Crisis City Disaster Training site just outside of Salina, Kansas. The exercise will be under way from 9:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. each day. Team members will assemble at 5:30 am each day and return to Lincoln at approximately 11:00 pm.

Team members will participate in a simulated disaster scenario where they will practice building and shoring techniques and demonstrate the management, communication and logistical skills needed to operate during a disaster.

The exercise will involve approximately 120 task force members participating over the two-day event. FEMA requires a full-scale mobilization exercise each year. All costs associated with the exercise are funded by FEMA, with no cost to the city of Lincoln for this event.

For more information on this event contact: Interim Fire Chief & NE Task Force 1 Program Manager, John Huff 441-8350.