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FOR: National Urban Search & Rescue Response System
Task Force Representatives / Incident Support Team Members

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RE: Oklahoma Tornado – ESF #9 Advisory #4

Situation: Information contained in this ESF #9 Advisory is as of 1500 EDT

An EF-5 tornado touched down near Oklahoma City, causing massive devastation in the cities of Newcastle and Moore, Oklahoma.

Current Operations: Search and rescue operations by local responders were supported by FEMA ESF #9 US&R task forces. Task forces partnered with local responders and conducted wide area searches of impacted areas plus primary searches of basements, cellars, and safe rooms in residential, commercial, and other structures (per City of Moore Safe Room Location list). Teams completed searching all 22 assigned areas with a total of 1,708 structures searched.

Due to the completion of all search assignments, release by the State, and per direction from Region VI, all three task forces and the Federal Search and Rescue Coordination Group demobilized as of 0900 EDT today.

The US&R Red Incident Support Team moved from their staging location at Oklahoma University to a facility at Will Rogers Airport in order to provide the space for use by displaced residents. At the airport they will conduct an After Action Review of the deployment in order to identify best practices and potential areas of improvement for future ESF #9 responses. The US&R Red Incident Support Team will demobilize as of 0900 EDT May 24, 2013.

Effective 1800 EDT, Thursday, May 23, 2013, the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) will transition to Normal Operations (Watch/Steady State).

Required Action: This is **ESF #9 Advisory**; no action is required at this time. Expenditure of funds is **not** authorized. **No requests for additional US&R activations have been received.** Should there be a request; US&R task forces would be activated based upon *US&R Program Directive 2011-012 – Process for Determining Closest Task Force Response*. Task Forces should monitor the status of this event as it progresses.

The US&R Branch will issue additional advisories as appropriate.

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