



# Florida Association for Search and Rescue

*A Professional Interest Section of the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association*

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Unify and coordinate the efforts of SAR Responders in the State of Florida.

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## Specifics regarding training and funding information from Business Meeting January 2022

US&R Operations and Technician Series being offered at FSFC. The tuition for these courses is being covered through some "extra" SHSPG Training funds that became available last June. Thank you for FL-TF8 for being the recipient of these funds and executing this contact with Marion Technical College at FSFC to provide these courses for our teams. A sign-up link will be sent to the Task Force Training Manager for each team where they will input names and I will register them for the courses (see attached list and let me know if there are any errors, edits, or additions). Course dates and basic information below:

## US&R Ops and Tech Series at FSFC

- Rope Rescue Operations (18)
  - 28 March – 1 April 2022
- Rope Rescue Technician (18)
  - 4 – 8 April 2022
- Confined Space Rescue Operations & Technician (18)
  - 11 – 15 April 2022
- Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Operations (18)
  - 25 – 29 April 2022
- Trench Rescue Operations and Technician (24)
  - 2 – 6 May 2022
- Structural Collapse Operations (18)
  - 9 – 12 May 2022
- Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Technician (18)
  - 23 – 27 May 2022
- Structural Collapse Technician (30)
  - 6 – 10 & 13 – 15 June 2022

	18	24	30
Type I/II	3	4	5
Type III	2	3	4
Type IV	2	2	3

- Tuition is covered through SHSGP – zero cost to teams
- No backfill
- No overtime
- No travel cost (working on getting dorms covered)

We received additional funds through a Legislative Budget Request (LBR) to host the following US&R Specialist Courses. The contract is out and hopefully will be finalized soon. Once it is finalized, we will send specifics for each course and how to register students. (Note – We will need to fill all of the seats in the Ops and Tech Series as well as the below Specialist Courses within the next six months or so. This is a heavy push and will require deep cooperation from all of the teams to

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get folks signed up and in class. We can do this, but it will take all of us to make it happen.) More info to follow.

- Technical Search Specialist
- Medical Team Specialist
- Logistics Specialist
- Canine Search Specialist
- Task Force Leader Certification
- Planning Team Certification
- Task Force Safety Officer
- Heavy Equipment and Rigging Specialist
- US&R Hazardous Materials Specialist, and
- Full Scale Training Exercise

The State Urban Search and Rescue Alliance (SUSAR) annual conference will be in Columbia, South Carolina, 17-19 May 2022. Pre-conference events and training will be 15-16 May 2022, and a Medical Specialist Course will be taught 12-15 May 2022. Registration information can be found here: <https://activeresponsesystem.org/susar-msoc-conference-2022/> Also, if anyone would like present at the SUSAR Conference, please contact: [rhill23@kc.surewest.net](mailto:rhill23@kc.surewest.net)

Following our response to Surfside, there is no question of the capability and operational readiness of Florida's eight US&R Task Forces. In the spirit of constant improvement, keep an eye out for an Administrative Readiness Evaluation (ARE) Self-Assessment Tool that will be sent to our teams sometime this spring ahead of Hurricane Season. More information to follow.

Domestic Security Funding process for FY 2023 is underway. Our first round of Focus Group Meetings will be 8-9 February 2022 in St Augustine with the Specialty Response Teams meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure we have representation and continued support from all of the Task Forces as we work through this round of funding.



**2022**  
**SUSAR-MSOC**  
**CONFERENCE**  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA  
MAY 17-19, 2022

**CALL FOR**  
**PRESENTATIONS**

Multiple break-out sessions will occur on May 18<sup>th</sup> in 90 minute blocks, each presented twice throughout the day. If you have a presentation or training course that you feel would be appropriate for the search & rescue or disaster medical community and a good fit for our annual conference, we encourage you to submit a presentation by email to [rhil23@kc.surewest.net](mailto:rhil23@kc.surewest.net).

Please include course name and description; instructor bio and picture; previous presentation experience, etc.