DISASTER MARKINGS

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Building markings are best accomplished with lumber crayons or spray paint but conspicuously visible is the goal. Use what you have.
- It is understood that crews may lack formal training in this arena. This is a resource intended to allow us to start to operate with consistency in a disaster <u>AND</u> to allow us to interface with what USAR teams will be doing.

USAR Building Assessment (Structural Integrity)		FEMA Victim Assessment Markings	
2'x 2' box at ALL normal entry point		2' x 2' markings in a conspicuous location	
	Structure is accessible and safe for search and rescue operations. Damage is minor with little danger of further collapse.	Single slash drawn upon entry to an area indicates search operations are currently in progress.	
	Structure is significantly damaged. Some areas are relatively safe, but other areas may need shoring, bracing, or removal of falling and collapse hazards.	Crossing slash drawn upon search personnel exit from the structure or area.	
	Structure is not safe for search and rescue operations and may be subject to sudden additional collapse.	Distinct markings will be made inside the four quadrants of the "X" to clearly denote the search status and findings at the time of this Assessment. EXAMPLE:	
4	Arrow located next to marking box; indicates the direction to the safest entrance to the structure should the marking box need to be made remote from the indicated entrance.	16:3 8105	
HM	Notes a Hazardous Material is present. Note the type.	Unit ID 3	L
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4/20/80 0530 HM- PROPANE FF Carlson	Include Date, Time, Hazards and rescuer ID	Number o	of Victims