

Memorandum



Date: January 15, 2010

To: Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, Chair
and Members of the Public Safety Committee

Subject: Texas Task Force2 Urban Search and Rescue

The Public Safety Committee will be briefed on the Texas Task Force2 Urban Search and Rescue on Tuesday, January 19, 2010.



Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager

Attachment

c: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council
Mary K. Suhm, City Manager
Deborah Watkins, City Secretary
Tom Perkins, City Attorney
Craig Kinton, City Auditor
Victor Lander, Administrative Municipal Judge
Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager
A.C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager
Forest E. Turner, Assistant City Manager
Dave K. Cook, Chief Financial Officer
Helena Stevens-Thompson, Assistant to the City Manager Mayor/City Council Office

Texas Task Force 2

Urban Search & Rescue



Public Safety Committee
January 19, 2010



About This Presentation

- Provide the Committee with information pertaining to an Agenda item to accept \$1.4M in funds from the State of Texas for Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) enhancements
- Scheduled for January 27, 2010

Search & Rescue in Dallas Prior to 2004

- **DFRD had only (1) Fire Station trained in Special Operation tactics**
 - **High Angle Rescue Team (HART)**
 - **Approximately 36 members trained**
 - **Responsibilities**
 - **HART**
 - **Swift Water Rescue Team**
 - **Confined Space Rescue Team**

Program Development

- **2004 - Dallas Fire-Rescue Department (DFRD) proposed the concept of developing a robust Regional Urban Search & Rescue Task Force**
 - Proposal made through North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)
 - TF - capable of responding at a moments notice to incidents involving structural collapse anywhere within the 16 counties served by the NCTCOG;
 - An area encompassing 12,800 square miles and larger than the State of Maryland

Program Development

- **Phase I** - Development of a Type III Urban Search & Rescue Task Force sponsored by the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
 - Comprised of 28 on-duty members
 - Completed April 1, 2007 with task force achieving operational status
 - Input from State Urban Search & Rescue Alliance, Texas Engineering Extension Service and Texas Task Force 1 (Federal Emergency Management Agency Task Force Models, Cache Lists & Manuals)

Program Development

- **Phase II** - Development of larger Regional task force utilizing on-duty resources from participating jurisdictions
- Phase II start date - April 1, 2007
- Coordination of regional US&R training and identification of response assets
 - Accomplished with support from the COG and a Regional Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) US&R Sub Committee

Funding

- **2004 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)** \$233,369.57
 - Specialized Rescue Equipment
- **2004 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant (AFG)** - \$350,000
 - (\$245k fed + \$105k city) Vehicle 1 of 2
- **2005 AFG** - \$1,648,640
 - (\$1,318,912 fed + \$329,728 city) Training & Equipment
- **2005 SHSGP** - \$800,000 Training & Equipment
- **2005 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)** - \$550,000 Vehicle
- **2006 SHSGP** - \$198,082.23 Training
- **2006 SHSGP** – \$1,917.77 Confined Space Equipment
- **2006 UASI** - \$898,100 Training & Equipment



Funding

- 2007 SHSGP - \$269,166 Training & Equipment
- 2007 UASI - \$400,000 Training & Equipment
- 2008 UASI - \$30,000 Training
- 2008 SHSGP - \$190,000 Canine Search Enhancements
- 2009 UASI - \$96,000 Operational Readiness Exercise
- Total From DHS Grants - \$5,230,546
- Total City Match - \$434,728



Agenda Item

Search & Rescue Enhancement



State Grant \$1.4M

- \$700,000 per year for 2 years
- Performance Period – 1 December, 2009 – 31 August , 2011
- Increase the Task Force capability from Type III to a Type I
- **Type III**
 - Incidents involving ordinary wood frame and light masonry type construction
 - Less manpower required – 28 member response
- **Type I**
 - Incidents involving heavy, steel reinforced concrete construction
 - Specialized equipment
 - 70 member response

Proposed Spending Plan

- **Spending Categories**
 - Training (**Will involve the participation from agencies around our region with trained personnel**)
 - Communications Enhancements
 - Warehousing
 - Search & Rescue Equipment
 - Prime Movers
 - Medical & Pharmaceutical Equipment
- **To Date**
 - **\$5,665,274 – DHS and City Match**
 - **\$1,400,000 – State Grant**

Training Partnership

- **Membership Committee –**
 - Comprised of Regional Partners
 - Evaluate training credentials
- **Potential Candidates Vetted By**
 - Certifications
 - Knowledge
 - Skills
 - Abilities

Benefit to Region

- **Enhanced rescue capability for local disasters:**
 - **More trained personnel will be identified from Participating Agencies, capable of delivering a larger rescue cadre**
 - **Increased equipment cache to supplement personnel**

Benefit to State

- **Second Type I US&R Task Force in Texas**
 - Current Task Force in College Station
 - Estimated 12-hr arrival time to our area
- **Not subject to FEMA deployment out of state**
- **Strategic location**
 - Intersection of 4 interstate highways
 - 4 – Major Airports
 - Faster deployment to Panhandle and all of North Texas

State Deployments

- **All deployments are reimbursed by the State**
- **Assisting in State Disasters:**
 - Hurricane Dean – 4 day deployment
 - Hurricane Dolly – 5 day deployment
 - Hurricane Gustav – 4 day deployment
 - Hurricane Ike – 10 day deployment
 - Corsicana, TX Flooding – 2 day deployment

Questions?

