

Memorandum

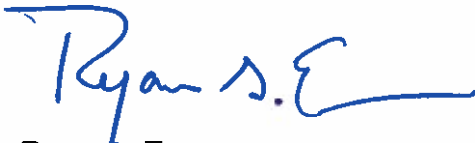


Date: October 31, 2008

To: Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair
and Members of the Public Safety Committee

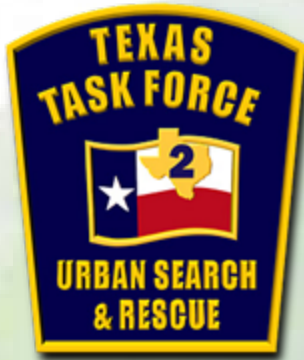
Subject: Response to Hurricane Ike

The Public Safety Committee will be briefed on the Response to Hurricane Ike on November 3, 2008.



Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager

Attachments



Texas Task Force 2

Response to Hurricane Ike September 9-18, 2008

**Kenneth Johnson
Deputy Chief
Homeland Security**

November 3, 2008



Berkshire Efficiency Recommendation



- Invest in Special Operations Capacity:
 - The primary cost of operating Dallas Fire-Rescue is the cost of personnel. One way the Department can leverage its investment in these staff members is to provide training and equipment that will allow the Departmental personnel to respond to a broader array of emergencies.

USAR Deployments

- Gainesville, Texas 2007:
Flooding Event – Water, Communication Vehicle
- Corsicana, Texas 2007:
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- Tropical Depression Humberto 2007: Liaison
- Hurricane Dean 2007: Liaison and Type III
- Hurricane Dolly 2008: Liaison and Type III
- Tropical Storm Edouard 2008: Liaison
- Hurricane Gustav 2008: Liaison and Type III
- Hurricane Ike 2008: Liaison and Type III

Texas Task Force 2

Response to Hurricane Ike



- September 9th - 18th
- 43 personnel deployed
- 2 people assigned to State Search and Rescue Operations
- 13 vehicles
- Over 1,000 miles traveled
- No injuries to Texas Task Force 2 personnel

Hurricane Ike



- Sept. 13th – 110 miles per hour – Strong Category 2 at landfall
- Storm surge >14 feet (Equivalent Category 4)
- Larger than Katrina – Spanning the Gulf
- Predicted to be the third costliest hurricane



Texas Task Force 2 Activation



- Activated Sept. 9th at request of Governor's Division of Emergency Management
- Moved to Reliant Center in Houston on Sept. 10th



Staged at Reliant Event Center Houston, Texas



- All Search and Rescue resources sheltered in place during landfall
- Conducted group training
- Reliant Center sustained minor damage



Participating Agencies

State and Federal Agencies:

- Texas-Task Force I
- Texas-Task Force II
- Texas Military Forces
- General Land Office
- Forest Service
- Parks & Wildlife
- US Coast Guard
- US Border Patrol

FEMA State USAR Task Forces:

- IN - Task Force 1
- CO - Task Force 1
- TN - Task Force 1
- AZ - Task Force 1
- CA - Task Force 1
- CA - Task Force 4
- CA - Task Force 5
- NV - Task Force 1
- VA - Task Force 2

Unified Command

First incident of this magnitude where a *“Unified Command”* was utilized to effectively manage Federal, State and local assets



OUR MISSIONS



- Pre-landfall aerial recon (Corpus Christi, Texas)
- Special needs evacuation (Port Arthur, Texas)
- Hasty search (Orange, Texas)
- Primary search (Orange, Texas)

Pre-Landfall Aerial Recon Corpus Christi Area



- Two squads from Texas Task Force 2
- To identify special evacuation needs
- To identify target hazards
- Fixed-wing and helicopter
(Texas Military Forces)

Aerial Recon Corpus Christi Area



Aerial Recon Corpus Christi Area



Special Needs Evacuation Port Arthur – S.W. Regional Airport



- 7-hour operation
- Skilled nursing facilities/hospitals
- 9 aircrafts (Texas Military Force C-130)
- Over 250 patients and attendants
- 43 ambulatory evacuations by bus



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Hasty Search

Orange, Texas



Primary Search Orange, Texas



- Over 2,000 structures surveyed and cleared
- Over 1,400 citizens contacted
- 6 emergency evacuations
- 3 medical dispatches
- Numerous health and welfare investigations
- Over 15 requests for urgent pharmaceutical needs

Primary Search Orange, Texas



Primary Search Orange, Texas



Lessons Learned

- Establishing networks in advance is critical
- We need to conduct group operational exercises with other Task Forces and Military Forces
- We must continue to work on interoperability
- Confirmed that due to the dynamic and ever-changing environment that flexibility is a necessity
- Texas Task Force 2 is ready for the next level

QUESTIONS?