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.

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Attachments

"Dallas, the City that works: Diverse, Vibrant and Progressive"
Texas Task Force 2

Response to Hurricane Ike
September 9-18, 2008

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Deputy Chief
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November 3, 2008
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

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