Memorandum

DATE: October 11, 2013

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Texas Task Force 2 - Urban Search & Rescue

Attached is briefing material on the “Dallas Fire-Rescue Urban Search & Rescue” to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, October 14, 2013.

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Interim Assistant City Manager

Attachment

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council
    A.C. Gonzalez, Interim City Manager
    Warren M. S. Ernst, Interim City Attorney
    Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge
    Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary
    Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor
    Jill A. Jordan, P. E., Assistant City Manager
    Forest E. Turner, Assistant City Manager
    Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager
    Ryan S. Evans, Interim First Assistant City Manager
    Theresa O'Donnell, Interim Assistant City Manager
    Jeanne Chipperfield, Chief Financial Officer
    Frank Librio, Public Information Officer
    Elsa Cantu, Assistant to the City Manager – Mayor and Council

“Dallas -Together, we do it Better”
Texas Task Force 2
Urban Search & Rescue

Public Safety Committee
October 14, 2013
Video to be shown
Murrah Federal Building
April 19, 1995
What do all of these events have in common?

Urban Search & Rescue (USAR)
Mission

Urban Search and Rescue is an all hazards disaster response team.

Earthquakes
Tornados
Hurricanes
Bombs
Gas Explosions
Extended Mission

Wide Area Search and Rescue
Flood Water Search and Rescue
Technical Rescues (rope rescue, confined space rescue, trench rescue)
Vehicle and Machinery Extrication
Building Damage Assessment
Community Disaster Assistance
Critical Infrastructure and Key Resource Support
Extended Mission

Rapid Intervention Team
Type I - Organizational Structure

70 Personnel
Type III - Organizational Structure

28 Personnel
Staffing

Special Operations Division

US&R Staff (5)

On Duty
Type III
3 Shifts
28 Personnel

State Team
Type I
3 Teams
Red, White, Blue
70 Members Each
Capabilities

- Capable of round-the-clock search and rescue operations (two 12-hour shifts)
- Self sustaining for 72 hours
- Search Operations
  - Physical
  - Canine
  - Electronic
- Rescue Operations
  - Wood frame
  - Steel frame
  - Unreinforced masonry
  - Reinforced concrete
Capabilities

• Advanced medical treatment capabilities **limited to:**
  – Injured Task Force (TF) Members
  – Initial treatment of victims encountered during operations
  – Task Force canine
Capabilities

- Technical support capabilities for TF operations:
  - Structural integrity assessments
  - Liaison with heavy equipment/crane operators
  - On and off-site communication capabilities within TF, and Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)
  - HAZMAT assessments
Equipment
Training
Texas Stadium
Operational Readiness Exercise
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Monthly Continuing Education (CE)
Local Deployments
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
  – Hurricane Alex – 3 day deployment
  – Corsicana, TX Flooding – 2 day deployment
  – West, TX Explosion – 3 day deployment
  – Granbury, TX Tornado – 1 day deployment
Benefits

- **Enhanced rescue capability for local disasters**
- **Second Type I US&R Task Force in Texas**
  - TX-TF1 in College Station
  - Estimated 12-hr arrival time to our area
- **Strategic location**
  - Intersection of 4 interstate highways
  - 4 – Major Airports
  - Faster deployment to Panhandle and all of North Texas
14 Participating Agencies

DFW Airport
Richardson F.D.
Irving F.D.
Garland F.D.
Haltom City F.D.
Farmers Branch F.D.
McKinney F.D.

Commerce F.D.
U.T.S.W.
Travis Co. ESD 11
Bedford F.D.
Burleson F.D.
Greenville F.D.
City of Mesquite
Questions?