



2021 URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONSE SYSTEM READINESS

Riverside Fire Department

City Council
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WHAT IS URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE

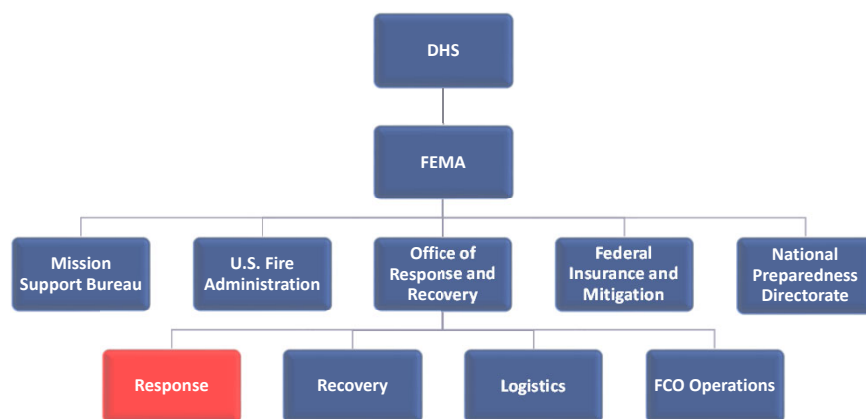
- Highly Trained Multi-Hazard Task Force that is especially designed to respond to a variety of emergencies / disasters; including earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, terrorist acts and hazardous material releases.
- The concept was developed after the Loma Prieta earthquake in San Francisco in 1989.



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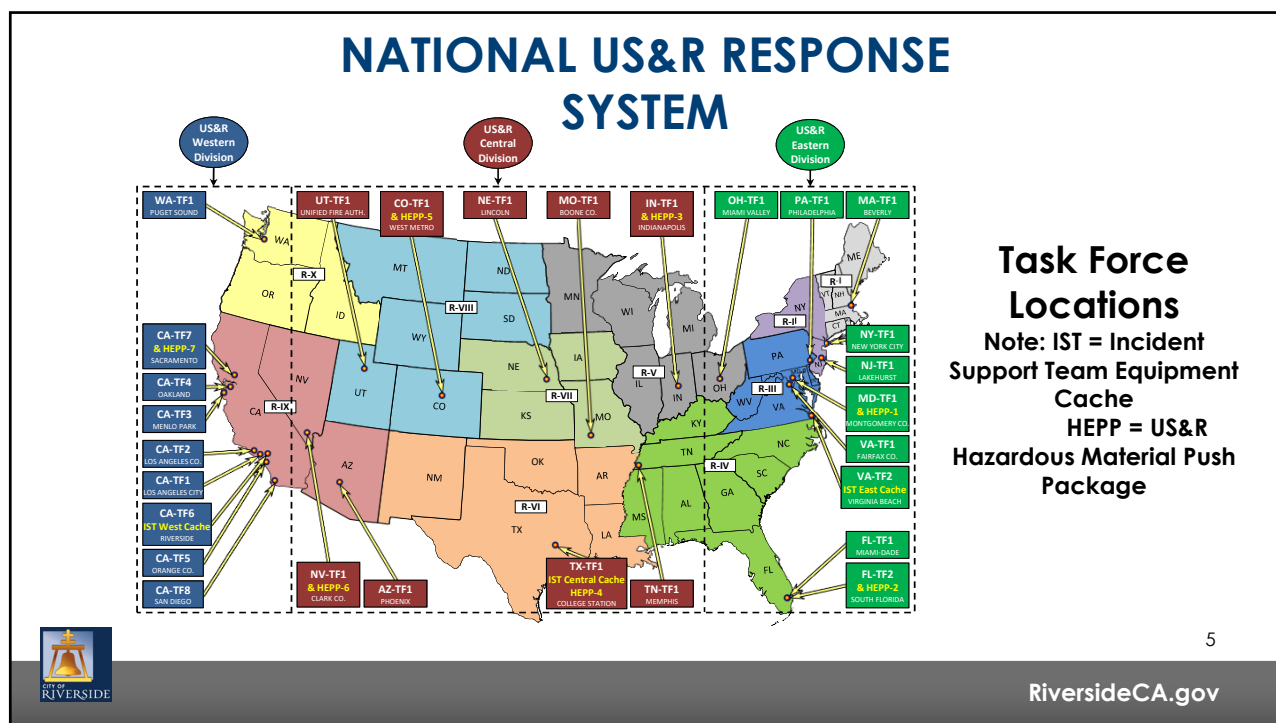
FEMA URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE

- 1 of 28 National Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces.
 - CA, WA, NV, CO, AZ, UT, OH, IN, TX, MO, TN, MA, MD, NE, PA, NY, VA, FL, NJ
- 1 of 8 within California.
 - CA-TF1 – Los Angeles City FD
 - CA-TF2 – Los Angeles County FD
 - CA-TF3 – Menlo Park FD
 - CA-TF4 – Oakland FD
 - CA-TF5 – Orange County Fire Authority
 - CA-TF6 – City of Riverside FD
 - Hosts 1 of 3 National Specialized equipment cache.
 - CA-TF7 – Sacramento City FD
 - CA-TF8 – San Diego City FD



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US&R READINESS & RESPONSE

- Cooperative Agreements between FEMA and 28 Sponsoring Agencies

- FEMA Cooperative Agreement with Riverside.

- 2021 Cooperative Agreement - \$1,333,378.00

- What does this fund?

- Task Force Program Office, Training, Equipment and Maintenance

Storage /

- Task Force Responses to National Disasters.

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CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE 6

- US&R Division Chief – Steve McKinster
 - Program Manger
 - Grant Manager
- Account Tech – Mike Avila
- Logistics Manager – Captain Josh Fudge
- Inventory Control Specialist – Alfredo Ramirez
- Training Manager – Billy Milligan



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CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE 6

- City of Riverside Fire Department - Sponsoring Agency
 - Administers and Manages US&R Program for FEMA.
- Participating Agencies – Supply members to staff Task Force.
 - Corona Fire Department
 - CAL Fire/Riverside County Fire Department
 - Hemet Fire Department
 - Murrieta Fire Department
 - Pechanga Fire Department



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CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE 6

- 200 Task Force Members -
- Task Force Disciplines -
 - Task Force Leader, Safety, Planning, Search, Canine Teams, Rescue, Medical, Hazardous Materials, Heavy Rigging Specialists, Communications, and Logistics
- Civilians –
 - Canine Handlers, Doctors, Structural Engineers
- Training -
 - Task Force completes over 9000 hours of training annually.



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CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE 6

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1995– Oklahoma City Bombing • 2001 – World Trade Center Incident • 2005 – Hurricane Katrina • 2014 – Washington Mudslide, IST Equipment/Support • 2017 - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hurricane Harvey • Hurricane Irma • Hurricane Maria • Montecito Mud Slides – State Response | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hurricane Lane • Hurricane Olivia • Hurricane Michael • Hurricane Florence • Northern California Fires • 2019 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hurricane Dorian • 2020 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hurricane Douglas • Oregon Wildfires • Hurricane Delta and Zeta • 2021 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hurricane Henri |
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BENEFITS OF TASK FORCE TO LOCAL COMMUNITY AND AGENCIES

- Training
- Equipment
- National Resource

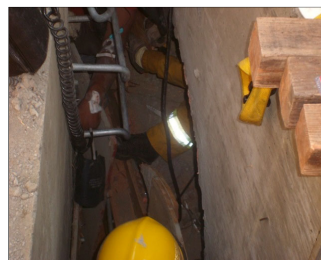
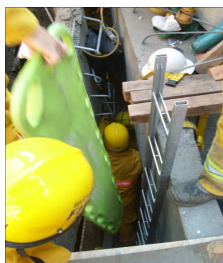
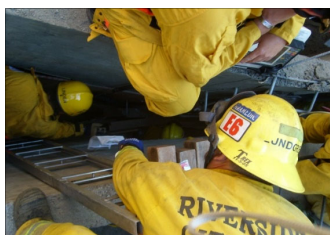
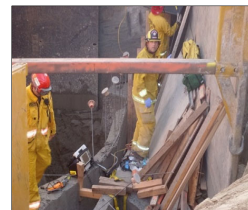


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TECHNICAL RESCUE / FIRST RESPONDER



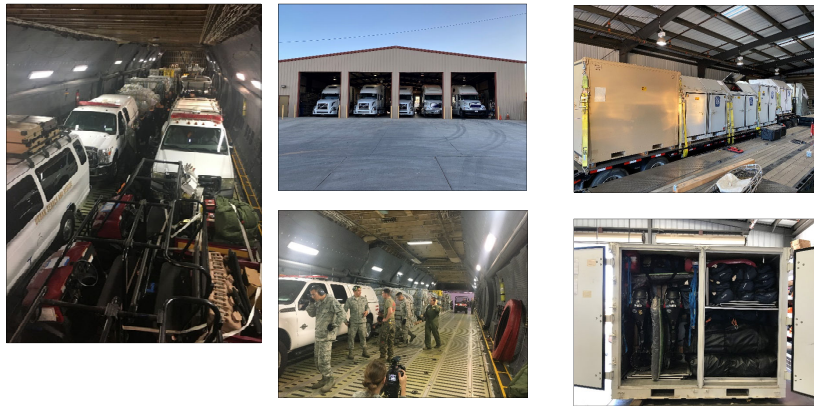
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EQUIPMENT DEPLOYMENT

- 4 hours to mobilize.
 - Equipment - 200,000 lbs. of equipment

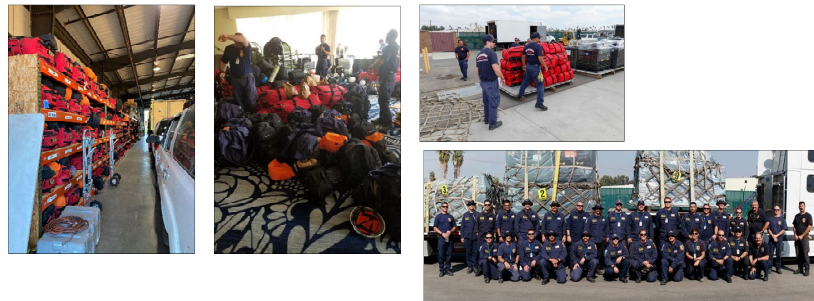


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PERSONNEL DEPLOYMENT

- Personnel
 - Up to 80 personnel.
 - Equipped for 14 day and have to respond within 4 hours.



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HURRICANE MARIA



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MONTECITO MUDSLIDES



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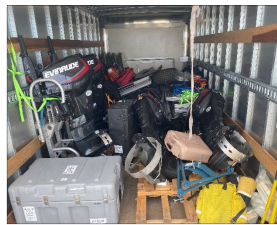
CAMP FIRE



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HURRICANE DOUGLAS



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 2
Community Well-Being

and

Goal No. 2.6 – Strengthen community preparedness for emergencies to ensure effective response and recovery.



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

1. **Community Trust** – The DHS/FEMA National USAR Program is an established gold standard for emergency preparedness, which has helped produce over two decades of highly qualified technical rescue firefighters within the City of Riverside Fire Department increasing community trust in emergency response efforts.
2. **Equity** – Task forces funded by the USAR Program bring a diverse group of professional services to all residents of Riverside and the surrounding communities including emergency room physicians, structural engineers, canine handlers, geospatial engineers, accounting techs and inventory control specialists.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – Through the use of the Department of Homeland Security – FEMA Urban Search and Rescue grant funding, the Fire Department subsidizes costs associated with staff training, department administration, and equipment acquisition.
4. **Innovation** – The City's USAR Division Chief is the Western Division Representative for the USAR National Program. This unique position allows for enhanced leadership capability where the Division Chief puts a primary focus on the benefit of the city and its residents by engaging directly with DHS/FEMA USAR branch leadership early and often on local, state, and national program matters.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – Equipment recapitalization, fully electronic administrative management/reporting capabilities, new/renewed or revised Memorandums of Understanding with participating agencies and telecommute/virtual trainings have enhanced the program with a wide range of capability, personnel, and equipment, which in turn has lessened the overall impact of the Sponsoring Agency.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Accept the grant amount awarded from the Department of Homeland Security for the 2021 National Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Response System Readiness Cooperative Agreement.
2. Upon receipt of the grant award, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or his designee, to record an increase in revenue and appropriate expenditures in an amount equal to the grant award, to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund 2021 Urban Search & Rescue revenue and expenditure accounts, by five affirmative votes; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Urban Search and Rescue Response System Cooperative Agreement from the Department of Homeland Security – FEMA, USAR 2021 grant documents, including making minor and non-substantive changes and agreement extensions.



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