



Performance Note
HB0263 - Urban Search and Rescue Program
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Performance Note Report

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Funding For:

New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

Purpose: Urban Search and Rescue Task Force (US&R Task Force) is a team of individuals specializing in urban search and rescue, disaster recovery, and emergency triage and medicine. The teams are deployed to emergency and disaster sites within hours of notification. The Task Force concept is to provide support for large scale disasters in the State of Utah. The State of Utah would provide financial, technical and training support for the Task Forces as well as creating and verifying the standards of Task Force personnel and equipment. This model is based on the FEMA US&R System, where the State would benefit from the vast experience levels of its members who perform these duties daily as full-time firefighters and professionals within the State, but do not reside on the State's payroll. When activated, they will perform the duties as defines in 19 functional position descriptions in a configuration that will minimize loss of life during an incident. The State Urban Search and Rescue (SUSAR) Alliance comprised of state task forces from 26 states have adopted a system based on the FEMA US&R model. The Salt Lake Metro area has a task force which is a member of the SUSAR Alliance and has since 2009 been functioning without a funding source. Their equipment cache is currently comprised of rolling stock on local fire department apparatus. Several other urban areas in the state are operating under a similar concept. The State of Utah needs redundancy of these types of resources to ensure the State is supported if the Federal team is already deployed elsewhere, and to provide a cache of resources for additional state teams operating without funding or redundancy of equipment.

Services: The State of Utah Search and Rescue (SAR) Response System will rapidly deploy State of Utah SAR resources to provide lifesaving assistance to state, tribal, and local authorities when a request for Federal SAR assistance is issued or anticipated. During incidents or potential incidents requiring a unified SAR response, State SAR responsibilities reside with four ESF #9 primary agencies, which provide timely and specialized SAR capabilities. Support agencies provide specific capabilities or resources that support ESF #9. Federal SAR operational response environments are classified as follows: ? Structural Collapse (Urban) Search and Rescue (US&R) ? Waterborne Search and Rescue ? Land Search and Rescue SAR services include distress monitoring, incident communications, locating distressed personnel, and coordination and execution of rescue operations including extrication and/or evacuation. SAR also provides medical assistance and civilian services through the use of public and private resources to assist persons and property in potential or actual distress. Utah Department of

Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management activates ESF #9 when an incident that may result in a request for a unified SAR response to an affected area is either anticipated or actually occurs.

Expected Outcome: ? To create a functioning statewide urban SAR system through collaborative effort at the local and state level. Leveraging the Federal team and their resources to bolster the training and response efforts to SAR events. ? The acquisition of a Type III equipment cache to be utilized in a state response to natural and manmade disasters. ? Provide a sustainable program for task force training and logistical support of personnel and the equipment cache. ? Provide the State of Utah DEM with typed resources that can immediately be deployed on SAR incidents.

Implementations and Resources: Oversight for the program will be the SUSAR Advisory Board, chaired by Director Hamlet. The board will provide guidance on training and certification of personnel, administrative and operational readiness evaluations for the task force members and the program as a whole. Training and development services by the board has been moving forward for the past two years. The goal would be to purchase the equipment cache as soon as funding is available.

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Performance Measures

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Collection Method: The measurement is one of readiness in case of an emergency as outlined under the FEMA US&R System