

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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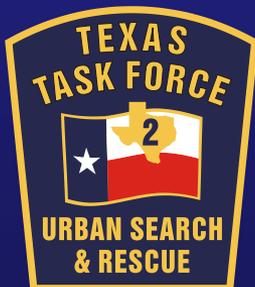
Attachment

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council
A.C. Gonzalez, Interim City Manager
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Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge
Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary
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Dallas Fire-Rescue Department



Texas Task Force 2 Urban Search & Rescue



Public Safety Committee
October 14, 2013



Video to be shown

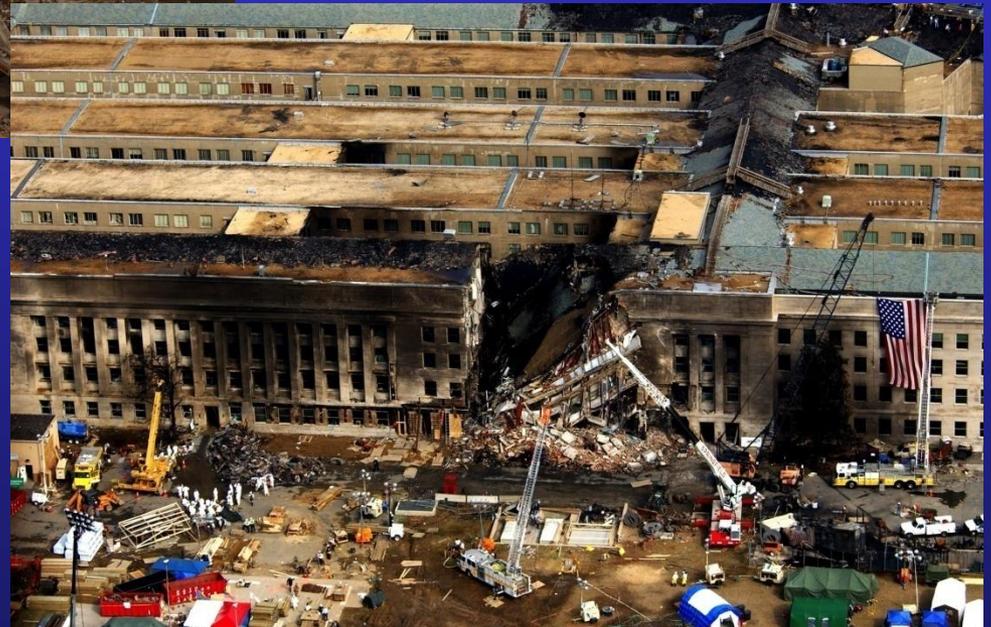


**Murrah Federal Building
April 19, 1995**



World Trade Center

Pentagon



September 11, 2001



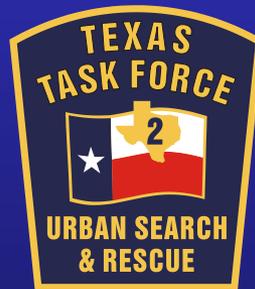
**Hurricane Katrina
August 29, 2005**

**What do all of these events have
in common?**

**Urban Search & Rescue
(USAR)**

Texas Task Force 2

Urban Search & Rescue



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

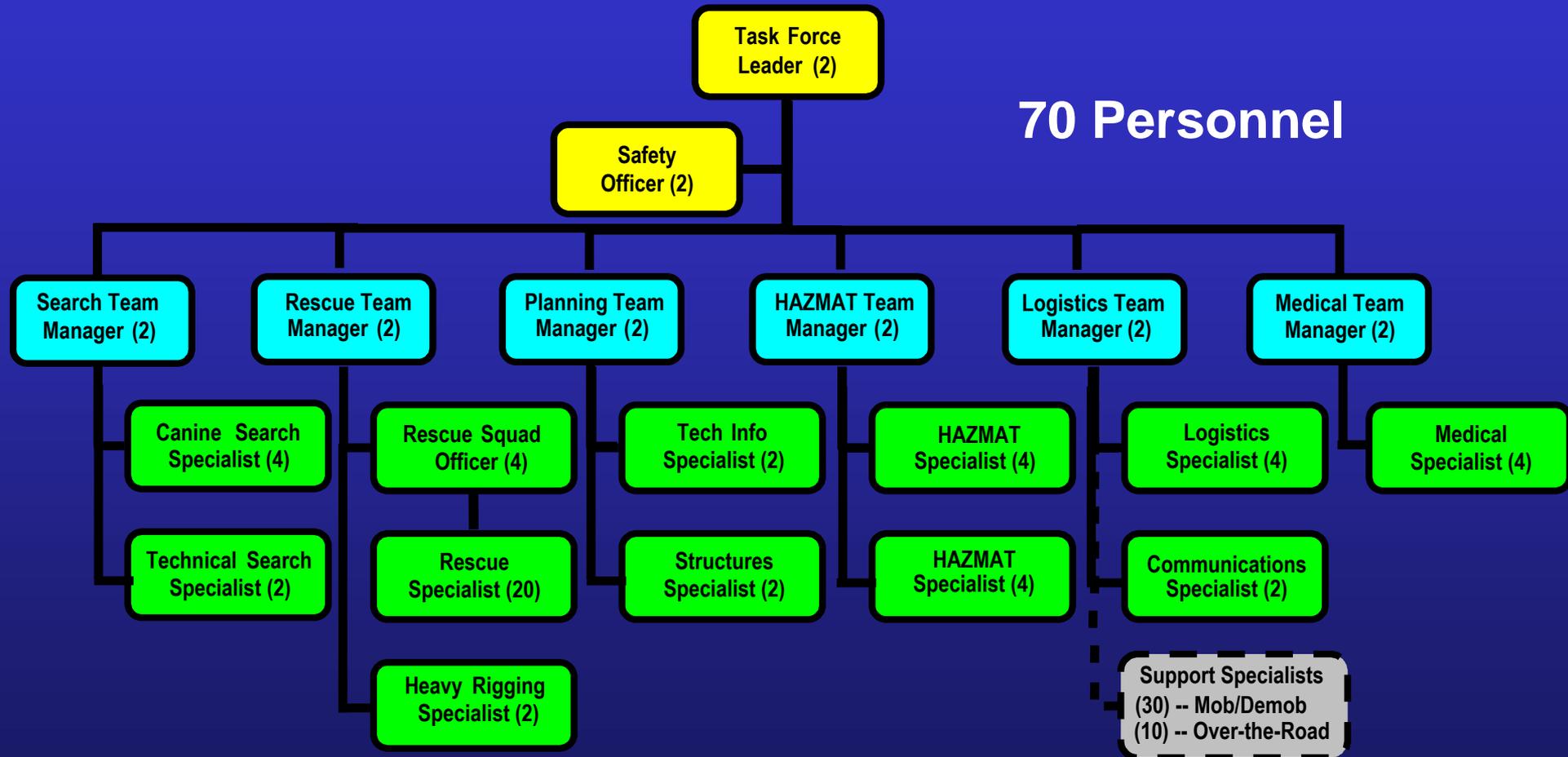
Extended Mission

Rapid Intervention Team



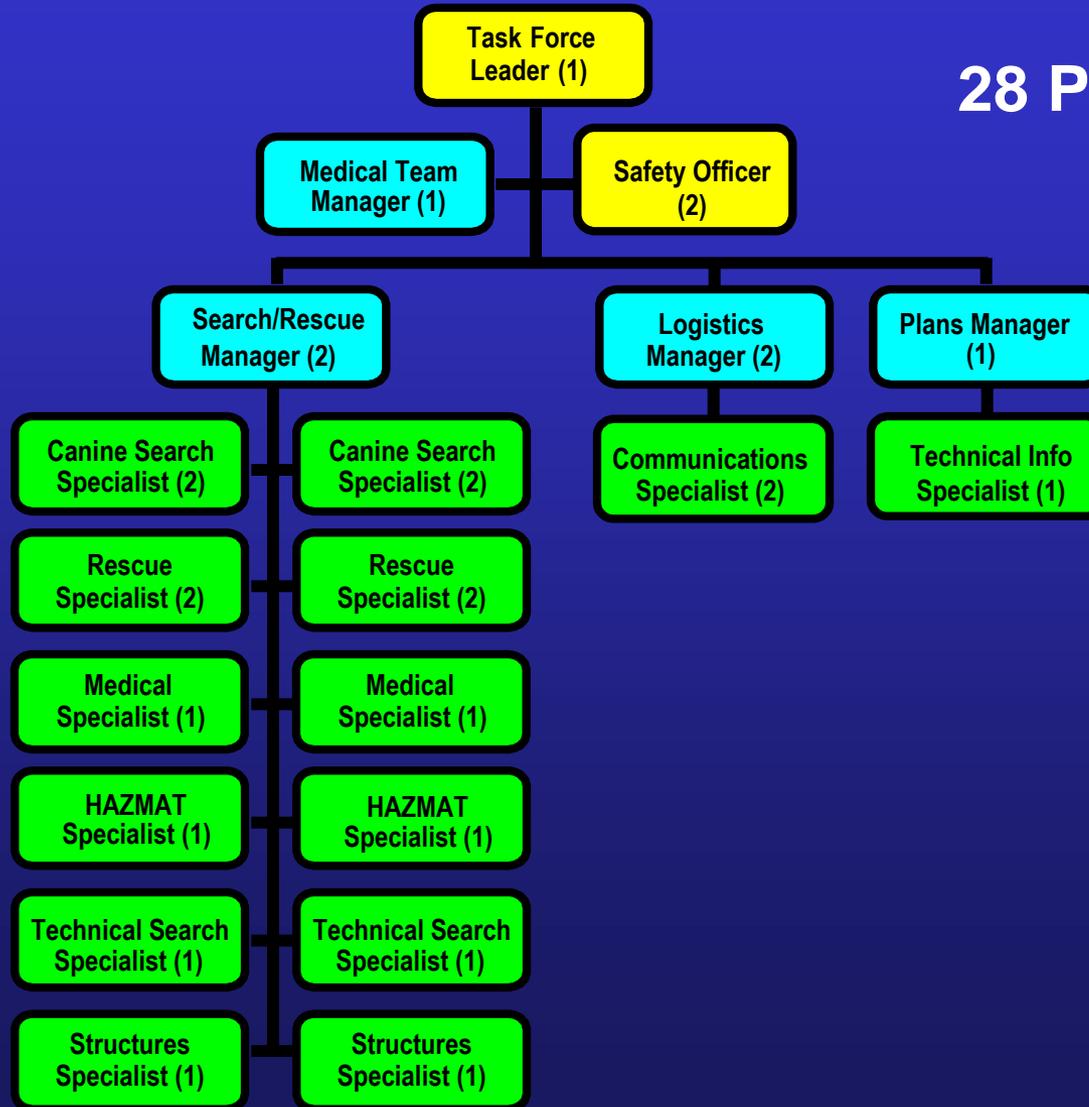
Type I - Organizational Structure

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











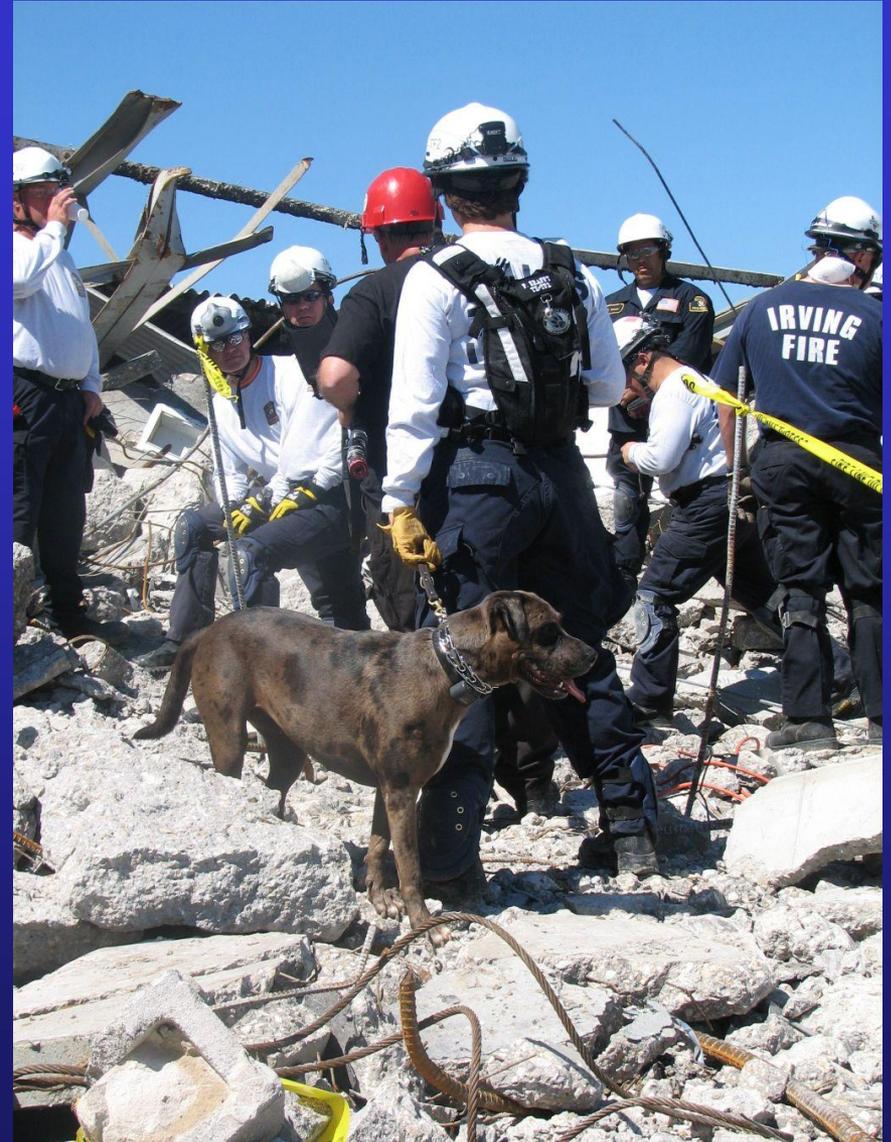
Texas Stadium



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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







West – April 2013



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?

