

# Memorandum



DATE: May 6, 2016

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee:  
Adam Medrano (Chair), B. Adam McGough (Vice Chair), Sandy Greyson, Tiffinni A. Young,  
Jennifer S. Gates, Philip T. Kingston

SUBJECT: **Special Operations Division**

On Monday, May 9, 2016, you will be briefed on the Dallas Fire-Rescue Special Operations Division by Acting Deputy Chief Jeffrey Brinker of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department.

The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.



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[Attachment]

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
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# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Dallas Fire-Rescue



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# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

- Special Operations is responsible for providing many highly specialized services in support of the Department's daily mission

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

- Special Operations Division is comprised of several areas;
  - Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF)
  - Hazardous Materials (HazMat)
  - Urban Search and Rescue (USAR)
  - Water Assets
  - Wildland Interface

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION



- ARFF – Love Field
  - Covers 1300 acres
  - Over 590 aircraft operations daily
  - General Aviation & Daily passenger service

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

- ARFF – Love Field
  - Stations 21 & 42
  - 3 Crash response vehicles
  - 1 ARFF Engine Company



# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION



- ARFF – Executive
  - 1,070 acres
  - General aviation
- Response
  - Station 40/49
  - 1 Crash response vehicle
  - 1 ARFF Truck 40
  - 1 ARFF Engine 49

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION



- HazMat
  - 1 Response station
  - 10 members on duty each day
  - Coordinated by a Captain and Lieutenant



# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION



- HazMat
  - Average 40 calls per month
  - Not a dedicated unit
  - Regional asset to North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)
  - Team has mutual aid agreements

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION



- Urban Search and Rescue (USAR)
  - City of Dallas asset
  - Regional asset
  - State of Texas asset

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION



- USAR – City & Regional Asset
  - Type 3 team
  - 2 response stations
  - 6 response units
  - 24 members on duty each day

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION



- USAR – City & Regional Asset
  - Structure Collapse
  - Technical search
  - Rope rescue
  - Trench rescue
  - Confined Space rescue
  - People pinned extrication
  - Rapid Intervention on major fires

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION



- USAR Tx-TF2 – State Asset
  - Type 1 team
  - 210 members
  - 3 million dollars in equipment
  - Heavy extrication and search
  - Dallas is the sponsoring agency
  - Regional partners

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION



- USAR Tx-TF2 – State Asset
  - Has responded to every hurricane to hit Texas since 2006
  - Has initiated advancements in the search and rescue community

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION



- Water Assets
  - Marine 1
  - Rescue Boats
  - Swift water team



# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION



- Marine 1
  - Primary response to Lake Ray Hubbard
  - One of areas busiest water locations
  - 25 foot vessel
  - 1,000 gpm capability
  - Thermal and sonar capabilities



# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION



- Rescue boats
  - Primary response to White Rock Lake and Mountain Creek
  - Rescue platforms
  - Able to connect together
  - Sonar capabilities

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION



- Swift water
  - Primary response to any moving water
  - Special inflatable boat
  - Larger motor
  - Specific training on rescues in moving water

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

- Wildland Interface
  - 4 Brush Units
  - 4 Booster
  - 2 Trail Units
  - Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) resource





# SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

## Questions