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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Dan Lindheim
FROM: Oakland Fire Department
DATE: December 16, 2008

RE: Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into An Agreement With The State Of California Fire And Rescue Training Authority For A January 17-18, 2009 Mobilization Exercise In Exchange For Reimbursement In The Amount Of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) For Personnel And Supply Expenses Incurred In Training Of The Oakland Fire Department Urban Search And Rescue (USAR) Team and To Appropriate Said Funds

SUMMARY

The State of California Office of Emergency Service (OES) has helped to oversee eight Federal Type 1 Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams statewide since the program's inception in 1990. During this period, the Oakland Fire Department has sponsored one of these teams, California Task Force 4 (CA-TF 4). The State of California Fire and Rescue Training Authority (CFRTA), a component of the State of California OES, is the State management agency that oversees training requirements for USAR Teams. CFRTA supports all eight California USAR teams with State Joint Powers agreement funds. CA-TF4 is eligible to apply for Training Funding for a Mobilization Exercise in the amount of \$100,000 for personnel and supplies costs. This exercise will take place in January 2009 and improve the Oakland team's readiness and meet training guidelines set forth by the State of California and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution will authorize the City to enter into an agreement with The State of California Fire and Rescue Training Authority and to apply for accept and appropriate reimbursement funds of up to \$100,000. This State reimbursement of \$100,000 is to fund the cost to staff, equip, train and support CATF-4 during a required Mobilization Exercise on January 17-18, 2009, in accordance with FEMA guidelines. The funds should be deposited into the State of California Other Fund (2159), Special Operation – USAR Division Organization (20815), Miscellaneous State Grants Account (46229), Special Operation Program (PS18) and a project

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number to be determined. The appropriation should be to the same fund, project and program. The account numbers will be the actual expenditure accounts.

BACKGROUND

Since the World Trade Center attack on September 11, 2001, Congress has taken the National USAR program and funded it to a higher level. The eight (8) California teams have broadened their mission capabilities from the handling of natural disasters (i.e., flood, earthquakes, etc.) to include weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and terrorist incidents. In the past CA-TF 4 has sent overhead personnel and/or responded with rescue teams to: Northridge California for its earthquake, Oklahoma City for the Federal Building bombing, New York City for the World Trade Center Bombing, West Texas for the Challenger Shuttle disaster, New Orleans and Biloxi for Hurricane Katrina, Houston for Hurricane Rita, Miami for Hurricane Wilma, Florida for Hurricane Ernesto, and to Louisiana and Texas for Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

Unless Oakland's USAR team continues to equip and train as per State and FEMA guidelines they will not be a part of FEMA's national system and will lose federal government funding. As all USAR teams are first and foremost a local asset, a loss of funding would limit CA-TF4's ability to respond to WMD and/or natural disaster incidents in Oakland or other local jurisdictions.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this State funding of \$100,000 is to allow Oakland's Urban Search and Rescue Task Force the opportunity to raise its standard and condition of operational readiness as an available FEMA, State, Regional and local resource.

There is a great deal of training required on an annual basis to maintain the team in a fully effective and compliant status. This fund will prepare the team for a real-time mobilization of CA-TF 4 and will allow them to test their skills and to better define areas for improvement.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic:

CATF-4 provides opportunities to local vendors and merchants. Whenever possible, and unless otherwise directed by FEMA agreements, funds are spent locally.

Environmental:

Oakland's Task Force recycles waste products and uses environmentally safe practices in the handling of the various materials used.

Social Equity:

CATF-4 is one of eight teams in California and one of 28 USAR Teams nationwide. The Oakland USAR Team will be used as a local asset in the event of a local natural disaster, accident or terrorist attack. If the team is needed in Oakland or surrounding communities, it will respond to local needs first. CATF-4 would be taken out of consideration for national deployment if it was needed locally.

Disability and Senior Citizen Access:

With this continued funding the Task Force will be better prepared to respond to the City of Oakland's needs in a time of emergency. Many lives will be saved due to the rapid response with sophisticated equipment to detect and extricate victims, especially to those people who would have difficulty to "self rescue" in times of disaster.

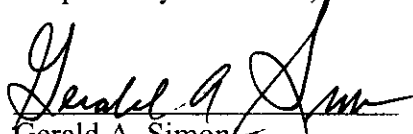
RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that the City Administrator be authorized to enter into an agreement with the State of California Fire and Rescue Training Authority for a January 17-18, 2009 mobilization exercise in exchange for reimbursement in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for personnel and supply expenses incurred in training of the Oakland Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team and to appropriate said funds.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

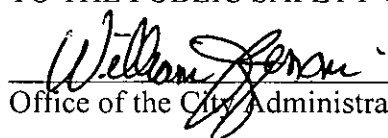
Staff recommends that the City Council approve the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,


Gerald A. Simon
Interim Fire Chief

Prepared by: Mark Hoffmann
Assistant Chief

APPROVED FOR FORWARDING
TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


Office of the City Administrator

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Approved as to Form and Legality


Oakland City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING AUTHORIZATION FOR A JANUARY 17-18, 2009 MOBILIZATION EXERCISE IN EXCHANGE FOR REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) FOR PERSONNEL AND SUPPLY EXPENSES INCURRED IN TRAINING OF THE OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (USAR) TEAM AND TO APPROPRIATE SAID FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Oakland Fire Department is the Sponsoring Agency for California Task Force 4 (CA-TF4) Urban Search and Rescue (USAR); and

WHEREAS, CA-TF4 is one of 8 California and 28 National USAR teams; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Fire and Rescue Training Authority (CFRTA), a component of the State of California Office of Emergency Services (OES), is the State management agency that oversees training requirements for USAR Teams; and

WHEREAS, CFRTA supports all 8 California USAR teams with State Joint Powers agreement funds; and

WHEREAS, CA-TF4 is eligible to apply for Training Funding for a Mobilization Exercise in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for personnel and supplies costs, to improve our readiness; and

WHEREAS, The Oakland Fire Department has funding available in its current 2008-09 Adopted Budget to cover the upfront costs of the Mobilization Exercise in General Fund (Fund #1010), Support Service Unit (organization #20816), various accounts as actual expenditures occur, and Support Service Program (Program #PS26); and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the \$100,000 in State funding will reimburse all costs associated with the Mobilization Exercise and that there will be no additional costs to the City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council, hereby authorizes the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with the State of California Fire and Rescue Training Authority for a January 17-18, 2009 mobilization exercise in exchange for reimbursement in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for personnel and supply expenses incurred in training of the Oakland Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: The City Administrator is authorized to appropriate said funds and the funds should be deposited into the State of California Other Fund (2159), Special Operation – USAR Division Organization (20815), Miscellaneous State Grants Account (46229), Special Operation Program (PS 18), and a project number to be determined; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That all the contracts issued hereunder shall be reviewed and approved by the office of the City Attorney for form and legality and a copies shall be placed in file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

AGREEMENT FOR TASK FORCE MOBILIZATION EXERCISE AND TRAINING

This Agreement is made on the last date written below between the California Fire and Rescue Training Authority (hereafter "CFRTA"), a California Joint Powers Authority duly formed pursuant to Government Code §§6500 et seq., and Oakland Fire Department (hereafter "DEPARTMENT").

Recitals

1. CFRTA is desirous of having a mobilization exercise for the Urban Search and Rescue (hereafter "USAR") Task Forces sponsored by DEPARTMENT.
2. DEPARTMENT has the wherewithal and has arranged to conduct training exercises on January 17 -18, 2009 at facilities selected by them.
3. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, as a member agency of CFRTA, has allocated specific funding to CFRTA for the purposes of conducting these mobilization exercises.

Terms and Conditions

1. DEPARTMENT will conduct a mobilization exercise for the Respective USAR Task Force consistent with the Mobilization or MOBEX Drill Plans previously submitted to the CFRTA, attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference, into this Agreement.
2. At a minimum, the exercises will train and be evaluated on the following areas:
 - Task force leadership
 - Task Force movement by ground/air transportation
 - Local government interface
 - Hasty search evaluation
 - Base of Operations
 - Decontamination of search & rescue personnel
 - Food and water provisioning
 - Communications section operations
 - Evaluation of administrative section
 - Planning section
 - PIO
 - Safety Officer
 - Evaluation of
 - Technical information section
 - Operation section
 - Technical search
 - Canine search
 - Rescue
 - Medical section
3. DEPARTMENT will submit any changes to the Mobilization or MOBEX Drill Plans to the designated representative of the CFRTA for approval prior to implementing the change.
4. DEPARTMENT will submit a budget for the exercise to the CFRTA at least 30-days prior to commencement of the exercise for approval by the CFRTA.
5. Exercise budgets submitted by the DEPARTMENT pursuant to paragraph 4, above, may include expenditures for: personnel, expendable or consumable items, transportation of task force personnel, sanitation facilities, fuel, food, potable water, and communications.

6. Any costs incurred and contracts entered into to fulfill this agreement must be consistent with the federal, state, and local laws applicable to the DEPARTMENT.
7. All approvals by the CFRTA must be in writing.
8. A total sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000) has been allocated for use by the DEPARTMENT for accomplishing the objectives identified in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this section.
9. DEPARTMENT may spend, in advance, up to Twenty Five Thousand dollars (\$25,000) of the total sum allocated to DEPARTMENT and consistent with Paragraphs 4 and 5 herein, for Administrative Costs as defined in Paragraph 10, below. The DEPARTMENT may invoice CFRTA for these funds.
10. For the purposes of this agreement, "Administrative Costs" mean those expenses incurred by the DEPARTMENT for personnel expenditures that are associated with the planning, preparation, and managing of the exercise.
11. DEPARTMENT agrees to invoice CFRTA for costs associated with providing mobilization exercise as specified in Paragraphs 5, 6, and 9 of this Agreement within sixty (60) days of the commencement of the exercise.
12. CFRTA agrees to pay the DEPARTMENT for all costs incurred consistent with this agreement not to exceed the \$100,000 identified in Paragraph 8.
13. No amendment or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing, signed by the parties, and approved as required. No oral understanding or agreement not incorporated in the agreement is binding on any of the parties.

The undersigned agree to be bound by the terms of this agreement and are authorized to sign this agreement on behalf of their respective DEPARTMENT or agency.

Approved and Reviewed by:

Legal Counsel, California Fire and Rescue Training Authority

Date: _____

By: _____
California Fire and Rescue Training Authority

Date: _____

By: _____
Legal Counsel, City of Oakland

Date: _____

By: _____
Office of City Administrator

Date: _____

By: _____
Oakland Fire Department

Date: _____