

HOMELAND SECURITY TEAM

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TRAINING FUNDS

Requested Action:

Ensure federal funds are provided for national entities and organizations teaching best practices so first responders have the opportunity to gain the essential skills needed to address challenges in our community.

Background:

Federal training programs do have an impact at the local level. It is essential to the safety, health and security of our responders to be adequately trained and equipped to respond to all risk disasters and events. Further, it is critical to have national standards that address (1) emergency responses in a consistent, organized, and standard fashion and (2) the use of National Incident Management System and the Incident Command System. The entities that promote stability and consistency are the federal agencies responsible for disaster responses – DHS, FEMA, FBI and others. The training provided to local government first responders by the National Fire Academy, Emergency Management Institute, Center for Domestic Preparedness, FBI Academy, National Domestic Preparedness Consortium, and others are the programs to maintain a national standard of excellence and stability.

Each of these programs have historically provided the courses, plus helped off-set travel and per diem costs. Without this federal assistance, local governments would be hard-pressed to send their personnel to the training. There have also been federal dollars allocated to bring courses to local jurisdictions as a training host site. This enables more partner agencies to participate and makes the training more relevant and specific to their issues.

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Non-emergency responders also benefit greatly from these programs as well. It takes a collective effort to successfully respond to a disaster; with no one having the resources to handle it alone, we must partner with all departments within local government, as well as health facilities, schools and universities, charitable organizations, utilities, tribal nations, and the list goes on. Joint training, exercising and evaluation of capabilities are a must for a successful outcome.

The added benefit of partnering is to determine where the gaps and unnecessary redundancies exist within the system. This is all made possible through standardized training programs, promulgated, supported and funded via the federal agencies, some of which are listed above.

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