

URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE PROGRAM

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Douglas V. Sagers

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates an additional urban search and rescue task force in the state.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates a program within the Division of Emergency Management to increase the state's urban search and rescue capability; and
- ▶ requires that appropriated funds are used only for the purchase of equipment and training for the development of a Type 3 urban search and rescue task force.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

- 53-2a-1301**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 53-2a-1302**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 53-2a-1303**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:



28 Section 1. Section **53-2a-1301** is enacted to read:

29 **Part 13. Urban Search and Rescue Development Program**

30 **53-2a-1301. Title.**

31 This part is known as the "Urban Search and Rescue Development Program."

32 Section 2. Section **53-2a-1302** is enacted to read:

33 **53-2a-1302. Definitions.**

34 As defined in this part:

35 (1) "Agency" means the Federal Emergency Management Agency within the United
36 States Department of Homeland Security.

37 (2) "Agency-equivalent training standard" means training that is functionally
38 equivalent to training provided, paid, and directly controlled by the agency and is provided by
39 someone other than the agency.

40 (3) "Task force" means a multi-disciplinary group with a high degree of expertise in
41 urban search and rescue operations.

42 (4) "Type 1" means the highest designation for an urban search and rescue task force
43 based on size, power, or capacity, as defined by the agency's typing standard.

44 (5) "Type 3" means a lower level designation for an urban search and rescue task force
45 based on size, power, or capacity, as defined by the agency's typing standard.

46 Section 3. Section **53-2a-1303** is enacted to read:

47 **53-2a-1303. Program -- Use of funds.**

48 (1) There is created a program known as the "Urban Search and Rescue Development
49 Program."

50 (2) The division shall administer the program.

51 (3) The purpose of the program is to develop and maintain a Type 3 task force to
52 supplement the Type 1 task force stationed in Utah to conduct urban search and rescue
53 operations.

54 (4) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the program shall be expended by the
55 division for the following purposes:

56 (a) the purchase of equipment to aid in urban search and rescue operations; and

57 (b) training courses in urban search and rescue operations.

58 (5) Equipment purchased to aid in urban search and rescue operations shall be selected

59 from the agency's Approved Equipment Cache List, as prescribed in 44 C.F.R. 208.2.
60 (6) Training courses in urban search and rescue operations shall meet the
61 agency-equivalent training standard, as established by the agency's Urban Search and Rescue
62 Program Directive 2004-01.

Legislative Review Note
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