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PUBLIC SAFETY

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REGIONAL FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Business Nexus

Businesses benefit when communities are vibrant, healthy, and safe. Ensuring the safety of Sacramento business owners, residents and visitors is a top priority for Public Safety agencies in the Sacramento Region which rely on federal programs and strong federal-state-local partnerships for training, equipping and education of public safety personnel to better serve its citizens.

Requested Action

Request Congress fully fund core local law enforcement, firefighter and homeland security programs that enhance the safety of residents and workers and the preservation of life and property:

- Advocate for the Regional Catastrophic Grant Planning Program (RCGPP) to help communities identify and close gaps in Housing, Logistics, and Supply Chain Management.
- Fund both the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants at \$375 million each; and support the regional fire grant applications submitted to FEMA.
- Fund the Urban Search and Rescue Program at \$50 million. Currently the program is funded at \$35 million annually.
- Support full funding for the UASI program and changes to the program that allow the FBI to transmit threat data to DHS for accurate threat risk assessments.
- Provide full funding for the COPS Hiring Grant program and support regional grant applications.



Brief Background

We strongly support the following public safety programs that provide federal assistance for training, equipping and education of public safety personnel to better serve the Sacramento region.

Regional Catastrophic Planning Grants

We support legislation and funding which aids in wildfire prevention and mitigation plans that enables first responders to protect residents and their homes. The Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP) plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System. RCPGP supports the building of a secure and resilient nation by providing resources to encourage innovative regional solutions to issues related to catastrophic incidents and building on existing regional efforts.

Firefighter Assistance Grants

The Fire Assistance Grant programs include the Assistance to Firefighter grant program (AFG) which provides grant funding for equipment and training, and the SAFER grant program which provides funding for hiring of firefighters. In the past two years, over \$4.4 million has been awarded through the AFG Program to agencies in the region for personal protective equipment (PPE), operations and safety equipment, facility modifications, and training initiatives. An additional \$3.8 million has been awarded in SAFER grants for the hiring of firefighters as well as recruitment and retention projects.

Urban Search & Rescue

The Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) program is a federal program comprised of 28 national task forces that are specifically trained units. These units are always ready and work daily under a readiness Cooperative agreement at the local level and transition to the Stafford act in a time of need. They are activated and deployed by FEMA in a variety of emergencies or disasters. The Sacramento Fire Department is the sponsoring agency for the California Task Force 7 (CA TF-7). The Task Force is comprised of fire and rescue personnel from Sacramento Fire Department, Folsom Fire Department, Roseville Fire Department, West Sacramento Fire Department, Cosumnes Community Services District, El Dorado County Fire Protection District, Woodland Fire Department, Kaiser Permanente, Sacramento County Airports System, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, and Cal Fire.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

The Sacramento region is one of the 31 funded UASI regions in the United States. The Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Program assists high-threat, high-density Urban Areas in efforts to build and sustain the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate, prepare/respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.



Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grant Program

The Sacramento Police Department was successful in the last round of COPS Hiring funding, receiving a \$1.875 million grant award to hire 15 police officers. This was one of the largest awards received in the nation. The COPS Hiring grant program is important to the region and a great resource of federal funding for law enforcement.