

URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE APPROPRIATIONS

TALKING POINTS

- Established in 1989, the US&R system is a framework to help organize federal, state, and local emergency response teams.
- The system has 28 task forces that can be sent by FEMA ahead of a disaster, or deployed after disaster strikes.
- As the nation's only self-sufficient, all-hazards, ready-response force, the system is essential to our nation's homeland security.
- Unfortunately, recent appropriations have only covered a portion of the necessary costs, leaving local governments responsible for filling the gap and, thus, impairing local public safety.

ASK

- Provide \$75 million for the national Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) system. The 28-team US&R system is nationally recognized for its ability to provide lifesaving assistance during major hurricanes, tornadoes, wildland fires, and other disasters.

