

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2008

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MESQUITE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING REGIONAL EMERGENCY
RESPONSE GROUPS AND PLANNING.

WHEREAS, municipal governments face a variety of public safety challenges which are not confined to local borders; and

WHEREAS, the necessity of an effective and efficient response to all potential hazards reflects the need for shared resources and responsibilities throughout the North Central Texas region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite has proven its willingness to collaborate with regional partners to ensure its ability to save lives and protect property; and

WHEREAS, the Balch Springs Fire Department, Dallas Fire Rescue and Emergency Management, Dallas County Emergency Management, Garland Fire Department, Mesquite Fire Corps, Sunnyvale Volunteer Fire Department and the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) from the cities of Coppell, Dallas, Garland, McKinney, Rowlett and Sunnyvale, and non-profit organizations such as Mark9 K-9 team and the Texas Baptist Men were instrumental in enhancing the response to the recent flooding event that claimed the life of one of Mesquite's youth; and

WHEREAS, teams such as the Dallas Urban Search and Rescue Team (Texas Task Force 2) and Garland's Swift Water Rescue Team are proven examples of successful regional emergency response teams; and

WHEREAS, such planned and coordinated response is only possible through strong regional planning and support ranging from local to the state and federal level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:


SECTION 1. That the City of Mesquite strongly supports the ongoing regional planning and preparedness for emergency response and will continue such support to the best of its ability.

SECTION 2. That the City of Mesquite agrees such planning should take place with representatives from all local jurisdictions to ensure better service.

SECTION 3. That the City of Mesquite urges other entities to continue to take part in regional emergency response planning and programs.


SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on this the 7th day of April, 2008.




John Monaco
Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy Womack
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B.J. Smith
City Attorney