



## CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

### MEMORANDUM

Fire Department

**DATE:** April 27, 2017

**TO:** Daniel H. Rich, City Manager

**FROM:** Juan Diaz, Fire Chief

**SUBJECT:** Special Operations Program

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#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding the Fire Department's budget request for the formalization of the Special Operations Program.

#### BACKGROUND

The Mountain View Fire Department (MVFD) is an "All Risk" emergency response agency. In addition to addressing structure fires, EMS calls, and vehicle accidents, we are also the agency responsible for the mitigation of hazardous materials, emergencies in confined spaces, trench rescue, structural collapse, water rescue, and high-/low-angle rescue. We are required to perform these disciplines in accordance with Cal/OSHA Title 8, § 1960 and NFPA Standards 1006 and 1670. MVFD personnel are required to be certified in all of these disciplines. Historically, the costs for this training and equipment have not been fully funded. If the request is approved, the funding will allow for 66 first responder personnel to be certified in Technical Rescue.

Providing paramedics during Mountain View Police Department (MVPD) SWAT activations is also a response that requires additional training. These personnel are referred to as "Tactical Paramedics." The members of the MVFD assigned to Tactical Paramedic duty will be on a volunteer basis. Tactical Paramedics will not receive a "specialty pay" as a member of SWAT because the Tactical Paramedics will be staging in a safe location and not in the immediate threat zone. There will be costs associated with training and overtime. The Tactical Paramedic Program will maintain a roster of five members. Costs for training four additional members has been budgeted to provide depth and succession in the program. Operating guidelines and standardized training recommendations for Tactical Paramedics are directed in the California Penal Code § 13514.1.

### **SPECIAL OPERATIONS PROGRAM COST**

Use of one-time funds in the amount of \$500,000, to be spent over a three-year period, will provide the following:

Technical Rescue/Urban Search and Rescue (USAR)

Tactical Paramedic (TEMS) Support for the MVPD SWAT Team

| <b>Technical Rescue Program</b>                               |                  |
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| Equipment (calibration, harness/ropes, trench, etc.)          | 102,000          |
| Initial Training – FSTEP Courses                              | 74,800           |
| Advanced Training – Specialized Courses                       | 220,200          |
| <b>Tactical Medic Program</b>                                 |                  |
| Ballistic Helmet (5), Vests (5), and Uniforms (5)             | 31,150           |
| A one-time Tactical Medic Training during a three-year period | 71,850           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$500,000</b> |

Subsequent to the initial training costs with this funding, ongoing training will be integrated into normal operations and should not require additional funding.

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