



Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System



Michigan Task Force 1

FY20 Funding Update – Michigan Task Force 1

Michigan Task Force 1 receives partial funding in FY20 Supplemental Spending Bill

On Friday, December 20th, Governor Whitmer signed a FY20 Supplemental Spending Bill that will restore critical operations, including funding for urban search and rescue. The supplemental spending bills, restoring more than \$573 million to the state budget, includes \$600,000 for Michigan Task Force 1 in FY20.

“This is a good deal for Michigan taxpayers that will provide essential funding for public health, public safety, and public education,” Whitmer said in a Friday statement.

MI-TF1 and all of its stakeholders are thankful for the bipartisan efforts in moving this supplemental bill package forward and for Governor Whitmer’s support, recognizing the Task Force represents an essential state resource. This resource is available 24/7/365 for both large scale disasters and All-Hazard emergency incidents that quickly overwhelm local communities.

We feel fortunate and are grateful to have an appropriation for FY20, understanding that only approximately 33% of the line items vetoed and 13% of the funding transferred during the budget process were restored with the approval of the latest supplemental spending bill.

Over the last two weeks MI-TF1 and MI-MABAS leadership has worked to develop and present a budget that meets both the operational and developmental goals for urban search and rescue in FY20. MI-TF1 is in the process of establishing priorities to minimize the impact of the 33% reduced funding while maintaining capabilities and readiness to respond – our primary goal and mission.

The FY20 focus is to continue the statewide operational readiness of MI-TF1, validate fire based special operations resources, enhance MI-Army National Guard Helicopter Aquatics Rescue Team program, make FEMA Typed Urban Search and Rescue single resources available, and develop a more defined fire service dispatch process for incidents that overwhelm local/county resources.

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