



URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE

HOUSE BILL 2484

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OVERVIEW & PROCESS

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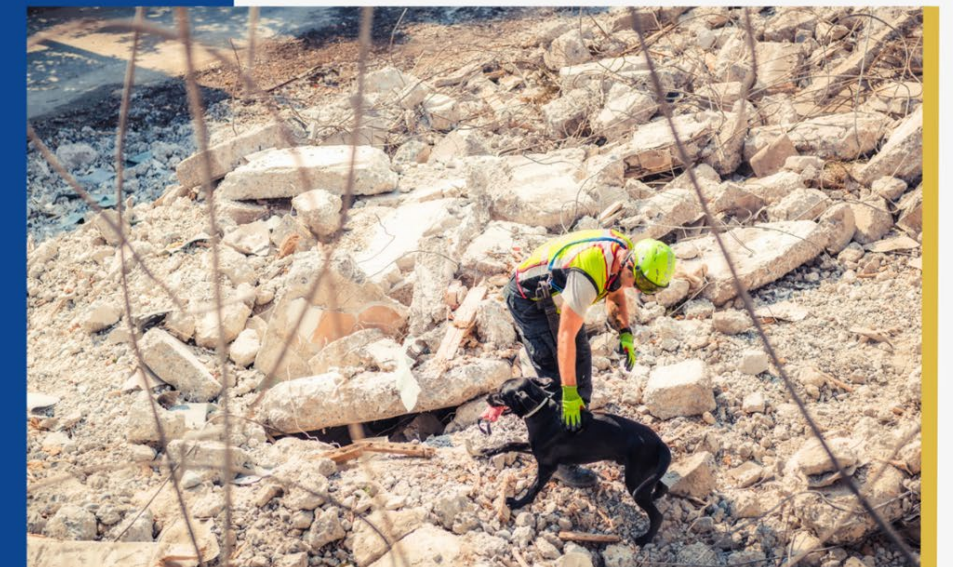
- Department of the State Fire Marshal to coordinate urban search and rescue (USAR) function of the state
- Directed the OSFM to study Oregon's needs related to USAR

OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL

2024

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HISTORY

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- USAR task forces
 - Location, extrication, and initial medical stabilization
- After September 11, the OSFM started a program funded by federal grants
- 8 agencies; 2 regions; working toward Type 1 capability
- Program disbanded in 2012 from lack of funding
- Equipment given to participating agencies who intended to keep capability





PROCESS

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- Committee formed under the Governor's Fire Service Policy Council
- Members from:
 - Eugene Springfield Fire
 - Portland Fire & Rescue
 - Gresham Fire
 - Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
 - Hillsboro Fire & Rescue
 - Salem Fire
 - Clackamas Co Fire District #1





RISKS TO OREGONIANS

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- Cascadia event
- Wildfires
- Flooding
- Bridge collapse
- Landslides
- Distant tsunamis
- Windstorms
- Earthquakes
- Winter storms
- Volcanic activity





RECOMMENDATIONS

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- Build four regional type 4 teams
 - Provide training
 - Provide equipment caches
 - Build 1 statewide type 3 team
- OSFM FTE for program management and administration
- Work with DPSST to establish standards

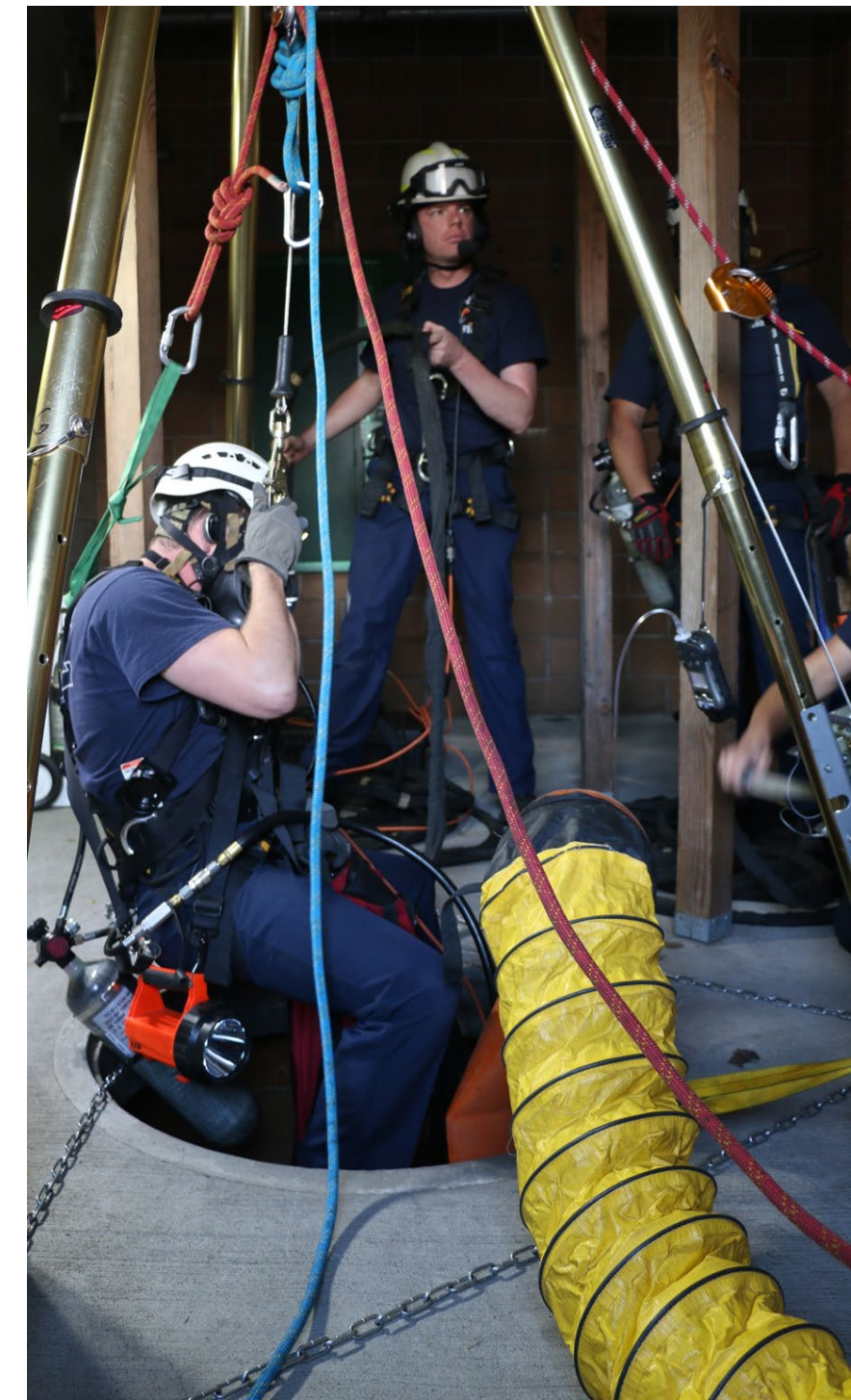
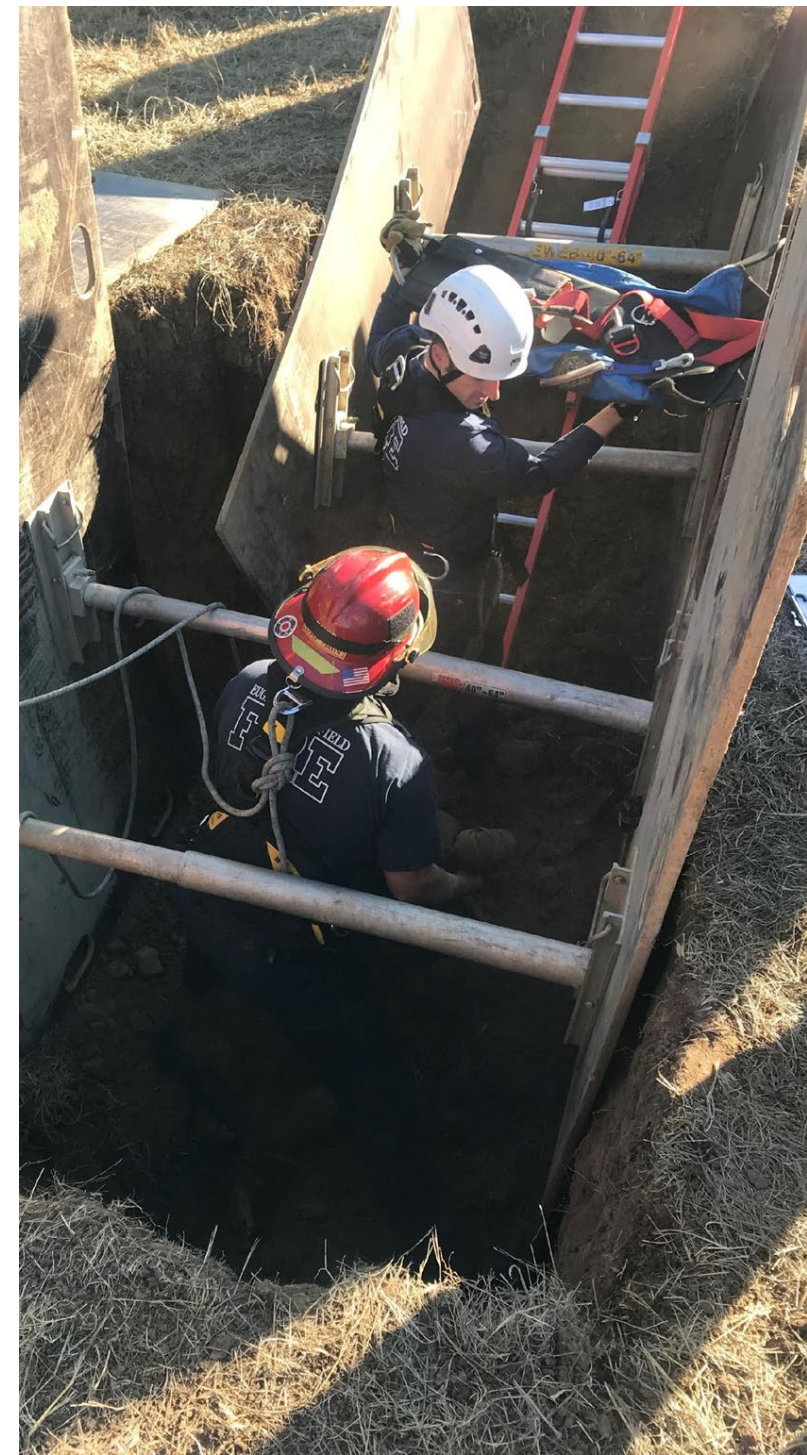




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- First biennium: \$6.6 million to establish program
- Second biennium: \$4.3 million to maintain
- Third biennium: \$6.8 million to build Type 3 team
- Possible funding sources include:
 - General Fund
 - Reallocation of State Preparedness & Incident Response Equipment (SPIRE) dollars
 - New revenue through fees or taxes



THANK YOU

