

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive

**RESOLUTION NO. 871 -2012, AUTHORIZING THE CREATION
OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE
(USAR) TEAM**

WHEREAS, Suffolk County has experienced a significant number of natural and man-made emergencies in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County USAR Team will provide a significant capability for disaster response and mitigation by providing specialized technical rescue during times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County USAR Team will provide County and local officials with technical assistance in the acquisition and utilization resources through advice, incident command assistance, management and coordination, and obtaining logistic support; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County has accepted 100% Federal pass-through grant funds under the Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Programs via Resolution Nos. 48-2007, 696-2008, 905-2010, 499-2011 and 882-2011 to equip, train and certify a Type 3 USAR Team; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, the Suffolk County USAR Team is hereby created to provide for the coordination, development and maintenance of resources to locate, extricate and provide immediate medical treatment to victims trapped in collapsed structures, and to conduct other life-saving operations; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, the Suffolk County USAR Team shall consist of members of the

- Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services
- Suffolk County Police Department
- Suffolk County Dept of Health Services
- Suffolk County Volunteer Fire Service
- Suffolk County Volunteer Ambulance Corps

and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, the Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services will be the lead agency of the State certified Type 3 USAR Team; and as such, will train and certify individuals for its membership; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, the Suffolk County USAR Team shall develop an Operations Manual with all regards to its planning, deployment and reports, including but not limited to requests for assistance of the Suffolk County USAR Team be directed to the Commissioner of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services, as well as the submission of After-Action Reports to the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, during times of declared emergencies pursuant to NYS Executive Law Article 2-B, the Suffolk County USAR Team may be deployed at the request of NYS to other regions for response; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, all Suffolk County Employees will be paid their regular salaries during activation periods by their respective County Departments; and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that Suffolk County shall submit for reimbursement from the State and/or Federal Government, when the Suffolk County USAR Team is deployed pursuant to NYS Executive Law Article 2-B for any expenses incurred by Suffolk County; and be it further

8th **RESOLVED**, all insurance liability coverage for volunteer agency members shall be provided by the local volunteer agencies of which they are a member, not the County; and be it further

9th **RESOLVED**, no volunteer agency member shall participate as part of the USAR Team without proof of insurance liability coverage satisfactory to the Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services, Suffolk County Risk Management, and County Attorney Office; and be it further

10th **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), New York Environment Conservation Law Article 8, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action, pursuant to Title 6 NYCRR S 617.5 (C),(20) and (27), in that the resolution pertains to routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment; since this resolution is a Type II action, the Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA.

DATED: October 9, 2012

APPROVED BY:



County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 10-19-12

SUFFOLK COUNTY
County Legislature
RIVERHEAD, NY



This is to Certify That I, TIM LAUBE, Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office, and which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of said County on October 9, 2012 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk.

Tim Laube

Clerk of the Legislature

Motion:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

Co-Sponsors:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

Second:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

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2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN					
3	Kate M. BROWNING					
4	Thomas MURATORE					
5	Kara HAHN					
6	Sarah S. ANKER					
7	Rob CALARCO					
9	Ricardo MONTANO					
10	Thomas CILMI					
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Totals		18				

MOTION

Approve

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No Motion ___ No Second ___

RESOLUTION DECLARED

ADOPTED

___ NOT ADOPTED

Tim Laube

Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call ___ Voice Vote