



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - TEEEX

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# Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)- TEEEX

- The Texas A&M Engineering Service (TEEX) sponsors Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) which responds to emergencies and disaster declarations both State and Federal.
- Capabilities of TX-TF1 include, but are not limited to: Urban Search & Rescue (US&R), Flood & Swift Water Response, and training associated with each.
- Member participation requirements ensure adequate training and technical skills which are sponsored, controlled, and funded by DHS/FEMA and or TX-TF1.

# MOU - TEEEX: Local Impact

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- When deployments are declared TEEEX will reimburse the deploying agency for incurred expenses, including backfill authorizations.
- Deployments fulfill the important mission of saving lives.
- Intrinsic value for citizens in Killeen are that specialized technical skills can be utilized to intervene in a local emergency.

# MOU-TEEX: Alternatives

- Not enter into the MOU with TEEX TX-TF1, which would cause the Killeen Fire Department members to lose access to provided training and development, thus reducing the local emergency response capabilities.
- Enter into the MOU with TEEX TX-TF1 which will maintain the current level of emergency response capabilities, with the potential of future advancements in equipment, training, and technology.
- This MOU is considered an Interlocal Agreement and conforms to city policy and state laws.

# Recommendation

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- Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding with TEEEX and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement.