

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 559

To direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to designate New Jersey Task Force 1 as part of the National Urban Search and Rescue System.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2015

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN (for himself, Mr. LANCE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. LoBIONDO, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. SIRES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ADDITION OF TEAM TO NATIONAL URBAN**
4 **SEARCH AND RESCUE SYSTEM.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The terrorist attacks of September 11,
2 2001, demonstrated the importance of enhancing na-
3 tional domestic terrorism preparedness.

4 (2) Twenty-six of the 28 urban search and res-
5 cue teams included in the National Urban Search
6 and Rescue System of the Federal Emergency Man-
7 agement Agency were called into action in the wake
8 of the events of September 11th.

9 (3) Highly qualified, urban search and rescue
10 teams not included in the National Urban Search
11 and Rescue System were the first teams in New
12 York City on September 11th.

13 (4) The continuing threat of a possible domestic
14 terrorist attack remains an important mission for
15 which the Nation must prepare to respond.

16 (5) Part of that response should be to increase
17 the number of urban search and rescue teams in-
18 cluded in the National Urban Search and Rescue
19 System.

20 (b) ADDITION OF NEW JERSEY TASK FORCE 1.—
21 The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Manage-
22 ment Agency shall designate New Jersey Task Force 1
23 as part of the National Urban Search and Rescue System.

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