



Whereas, In the aftermath of the World Trade Center attack, the City must re-engineer and modernize its first responding agencies, which include the Departments of Police, Fire, and Health/Mental Hygiene, the Office of Emergency Management and the Health and Hospitals Corporation, in order to assume expanded anti-terrorism capabilities; and

Whereas, At recent hearings before the Committee on Public Safety, New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly testified that New York City would require millions of dollars for equipment related to anti-terrorism efforts; and

Whereas, The Police Commissioner also testified as to the need for overtime funding for anti-terrorism and first responder training; without overtime funding for training, the Department will either have to rely on cursory training methods that do not fully prepare NYPD officers in anti-terrorism tactics and emergency response or be forced to remove officers from enforcement duties and thus compromise crime-fighting efforts; and

Whereas, At recent hearings before the Committee on Fire & Criminal Justice Services, New York City Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta testified as to the need for building-specific radio signal repeater technology, so that FDNY personnel can communicate reliably throughout high-rise buildings, as well as the need for equipment to be able to handle any emergency incident; and

Whereas, In addition to receiving federal money on the basis of risk assessment and need, New York City should also receive this money directly from the federal government, rather than through New York State; and

Whereas, In light of the tremendous financial need of the city in the aftermath of September 11, as well as the City of New York's risk of being subject to another terrorist attack when compared to other parts of the country, it is imperative that a large share of federal money for emergency preparedness be provided to the City of New York; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the Congress of the United States to distribute homeland security funding directly to the City of New York and other localities across the nation based upon risk assessment and target potential, to ensure maximum receipt of federal funds.

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