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**Municipality of Anchorage
Anchorage Fire Department
Memorandum**

DATE: February 17, 2010 **OPS 10-10**
TO: Operations
FROM: Doug Schrage
SUBJECT: Special Operations Reductions

In an effort to meet a \$150,000 Special Operations budget challenge, the several reductions in special teams are in effect.

- The number of shift leaders is reduced to a maximum of one team leader per team.
- Non-core members are removed from special teams.
- Hazmat staffing is reduced to nine members per platoon.
- The structural engineer designation for urban search and rescue is eliminated.
- The swift water rescue team is suspended until breakup, and will be again at freeze-up.
- The dive team will be reduced to six per platoon come freeze-up.
- The high angle rope team is reduced to five members per platoon.
- The wilderness rescue team is disbanded until further notice.

In addition, the number of personnel assigned to special duties has been reduced.

- Company officers will no longer be assigned to SCBA maintenance and repair, sewing service, or small tool and hose repair.
- MICPs-II and -III will no longer be assigned to small tool and hose repair.

Personnel who have been removed from teams due to these reductions are relieved of all obligations unique to team membership, e.g. 90-day notice as in Article 23.3 of the CBA.

Personnel who participate in training and obtain or maintain certifications may be eligible for team membership as openings occur.

Company officers are required to support special teams and duties through normal administrative processes.

Additional direction is forthcoming regarding responses, notifications, and equipment disposition.