

## **SEARCH AND RESCUE**

### **I. PURPOSE**

To locate and aid persons who are lost or trapped as a result of a disaster.

### **II. SITUATION**

Conditions which search and rescue operations would be needed are flooding, fires, missing persons, blizzards. The county has available through its various departments, manpower, equipment, supplies and facilities that may be used to assist with search and rescue operations.

### **III. ASSUMPTIONS AND PLANNING FACTORS**

A. Outside assistance could be made available from adjacent governmental jurisdictions, volunteers and limited assistance from the State or Federal governments.

### **IV. ORGANIZATION/RESPONSIBILITIES**

A. Law enforcement shall have primary responsibility for organizing and conducting standard search and rescue operations.

B. Fire Departments

1. Assist law enforcement in search and rescue operations and make recommendations regarding operation activities.

2. Fire departments have primary responsibilities at fire and hazardous materials scenes.

C. Public Works

Provide manpower and equipment for rescue operations. Make recommendations regarding operation activities.

D. Other Needed Personnel

Assist county law enforcement in search and rescue operations as directed.

### **V. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

A. General

Search and Rescue operations will be an additional responsibility of the Sheriffs Department.

B. Conduct of Operations

1. The sheriff's department will develop the search and rescue organization on the basis of the needs for the search and rescue operation that is to be conducted.
2. The sheriff will notify the organizations he desires to assist in the conduct of search and rescue operations.
3. The sheriff shall provide detailed instructions and assign specific areas to search and rescue units.
4. Communications for direction and control of operations and reporting requirements shall be established by the sheriff.
5. Specialized equipment needs shall be identified and provisions for their procurement and utilization prescribed by the sheriff.
6. An on-site command post for the conduct of operations may be established and an on-site commander appointed by the sheriff.
7. A media briefing area shall be established and periodic briefing provided by the Public Information Officer.
8. If necessary, operations will be conducted on a 24-hour basis. Twelve hour duty shifts will be established by the sheriff.
9. Additional on-site support shall be coordinated through the EOC by the on-site commander.
10. Instructions shall be provided on how to mark areas that have been searched by the on-site commander.
11. An on-site first aid station shall be established for use by search and rescue personnel by the Red Cross.

**VI. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS**

- A. Funding for search and rescue operations shall be determined and appropriate financial records of expenditures shall be kept by all agencies involved.

- B. Everyone shall log in and out by name and organization.
- C. Arrangements shall be made for food, water and shelter.

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**SEARCH AND RESCUE  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE CHECKLIST**

**SHERIFF OFFICE**

**PREPAREDNESS PHASE**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Review Mutual Aid Agreements
- \_\_\_\_\_ Identify available resources by air, land and water
- \_\_\_\_\_ Alert personnel to be on stand-by status

**RESPONSE PHASE**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Alert personnel and agencies
- \_\_\_\_\_ Request mutual aid and other resources as necessary
- \_\_\_\_\_ Establish on-site command post and communication
- \_\_\_\_\_ Establish media briefing area and information
- \_\_\_\_\_ Advise Executive Staff of situation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Maintain log of activities and financial records
- \_\_\_\_\_ Maintain status record on manpower, vehicles, equipment provided by agencies assisting in search and rescue operations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Define area to be involved in search and rescue operations

**RECOVERY PHASE**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Provide financial information for reports
- \_\_\_\_\_ Return borrowed equipment and acknowledge assistance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Critique and revise plans and SOGs as needed

