

LOS SANTOS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
**Marine Intervention Unit**  
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES



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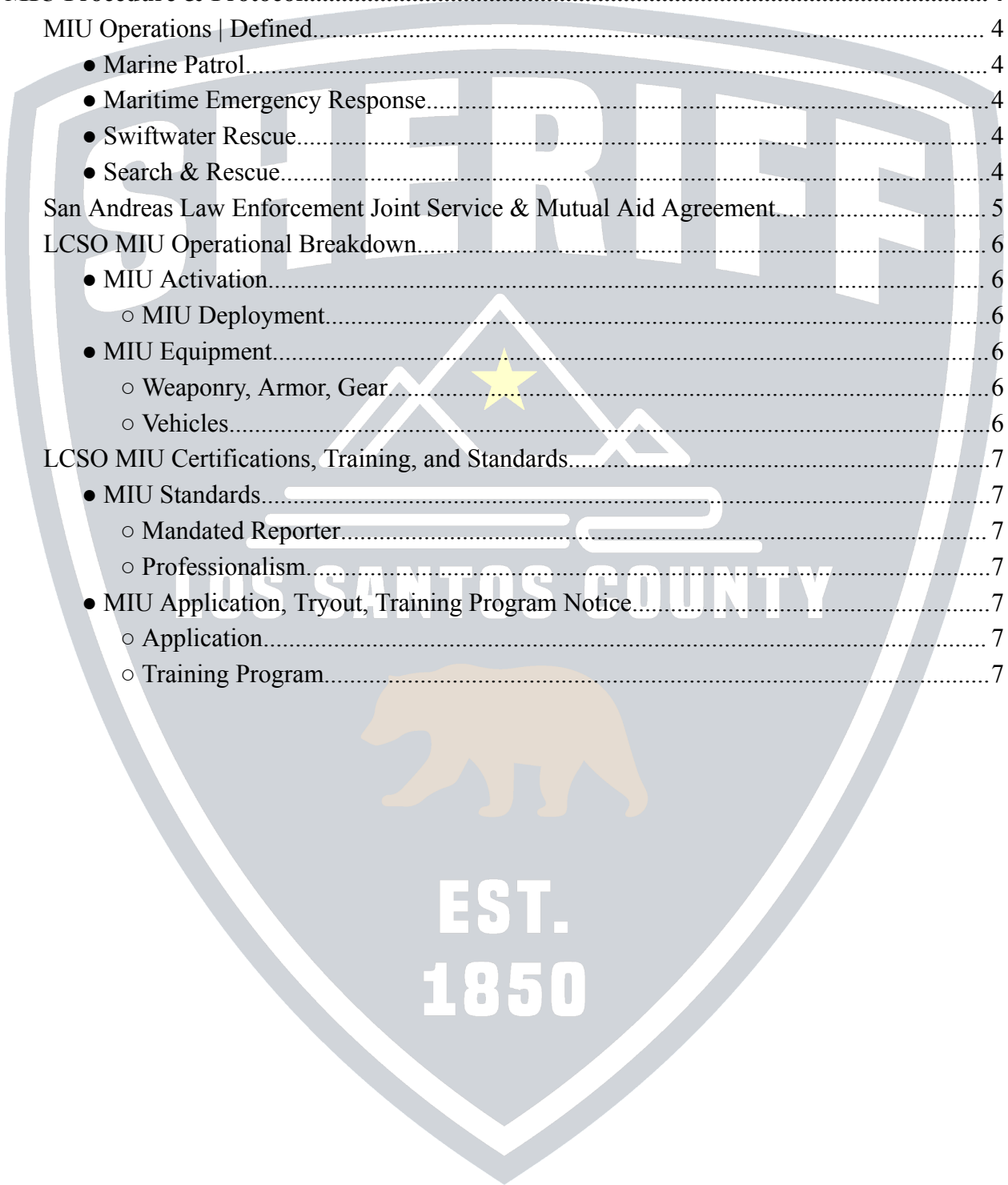
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## Mission Statement

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The Los Santos County Sheriff's Office, Marine Intervention Unit (MIU) is the premier Maritime emergency response organization serving the greater Los Santos Metropolitan and County areas.

The LCSO MIU is a specialty unit tasked with handling some of the most technically hazardous, high-profile incidents that can occur in a jurisdiction outside the capabilities of normal departmental and law enforcement personnel.

As a matter of jurisdictional authority, LCSO MIU is regularly trained for and tasked with responding to matters of the highest importance to government stakeholders and the greater public, primarily within the following scopes:

- Maritime Patrol
  - Maritime Emergency Response
  - Swiftwater Rescue
  - Maritime Search & Rescue Incidents
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The LCSO MIU Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) is hereby established to outline the procedures, tasking, and direction of the LCSO MIU in a manner that ensures public transparency and accountability.

This SOP, and its contents within, applies solely but utterly to all members while active with the LCSO MIU. This document will achieve this by outlining, specifically, their operations and standards.

All MIU personnel, regardless of status, are hereby expected to withhold themselves to the outlined standards and expectations while abiding by community guidelines, department SOP, and other applicable subdivision regulation as applicable.

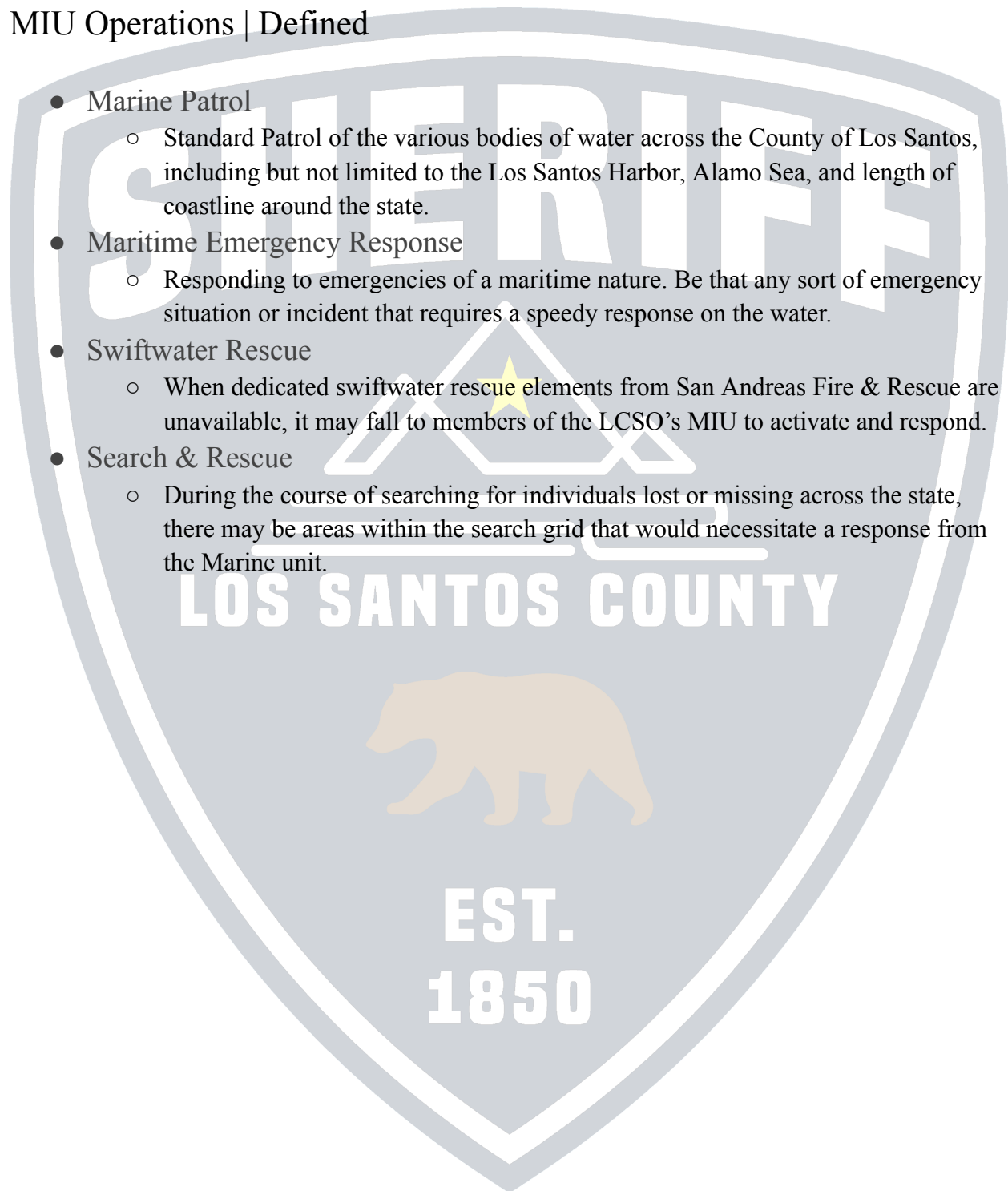
Team Values: *Alacrity. Efficiency. Readiness.*

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## MIU Procedure & Protocol

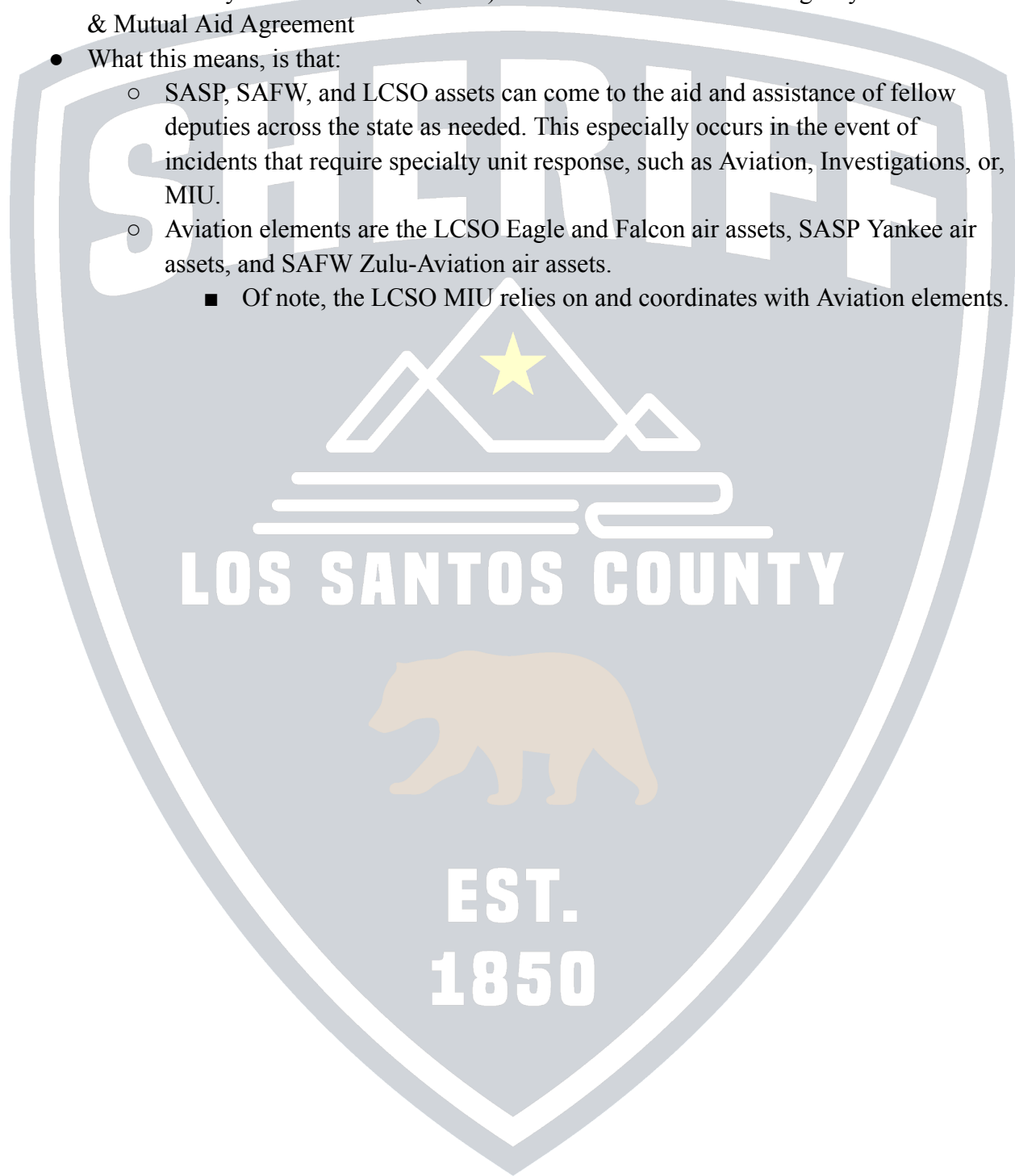
### MIU Operations | Defined

- Marine Patrol
  - Standard Patrol of the various bodies of water across the County of Los Santos, including but not limited to the Los Santos Harbor, Alamo Sea, and length of coastline around the state.
- Maritime Emergency Response
  - Responding to emergencies of a maritime nature. Be that any sort of emergency situation or incident that requires a speedy response on the water.
- Swiftwater Rescue
  - When dedicated swiftwater rescue elements from San Andreas Fire & Rescue are unavailable, it may fall to members of the LCSO's MIU to activate and respond.
- Search & Rescue
  - During the course of searching for individuals lost or missing across the state, there may be areas within the search grid that would necessitate a response from the Marine unit.



## San Andreas Law Enforcement Joint Service & Mutual Aid Agreement

- San Andreas State Police (SASP), San Andreas Fish & Wildlife (SAFW) and the Los Santos County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) are all members of an inter-agency Joint Services & Mutual Aid Agreement
- What this means, is that:
  - SASP, SAFW, and LCSO assets can come to the aid and assistance of fellow deputies across the state as needed. This especially occurs in the event of incidents that require specialty unit response, such as Aviation, Investigations, or MIU.
  - Aviation elements are the LCSO Eagle and Falcon air assets, SASP Yankee air assets, and SAFW Zulu-Aviation air assets.
    - Of note, the LCSO MIU relies on and coordinates with Aviation elements.



## LCSO MIU Operational Breakdown

- MIU Activation
  - *MIU Deployment*
    - LCSO MIU may deploy with two or more qualified MIU personnel to deploy.
      - Activation of the unit will be called on radio as “Neptune-1, in service.” with personnel crewing the vessel switching their callsigns to Neptune-1.
    - LCSO MIU may deploy with one person only in specific situations that require the immediate deployment of a Marine Unit.
- MIU Equipment
  - *Weaponry, Armor, Gear*
    - LCSO MIU is limited due to their area of patrol in gear compared to that of a standard patrol deputy.
      - Due to the nature of water and the risks involved when using a taser, active MIU units do not carry a taser.
    - LCSO MIU vehicles will possess the following equipment:
      - Standard Issue Glock 19
      - Standard Issue Semi-Automatic AR-15
      - Standard Medical Bag
      - Standard Maritime Safety Equipment for five personnel
  - *Vehicles*
    - LCSO MIU operates an F350 with a small boat trailer for the accompanying boat to transport the vehicle between the station and bodies of water. When operating the truck, units are to refrain from any reckless or high speed driving, and avoid responding to any calls.
    - The maritime vessel, callsign ‘Neptune’, is to be used carefully and avoid any situations that may cause unnecessary damage to the vessel.

## LCSO MIU Certifications, Training, and Standards

- MIU Standards
  - *Mandated Reporter*
    - All LCSO MIU members are mandated reporters of harassment, abuse, bullying, stalking, doxing, and other harmful behaviors that violate community guidelines of basic decency. If you see or hear or something, you must bring it up the chain.
    - Depending on the severity, you may go to your immediate supervisor or you can go to Admins. Any LCSO MIU members knowingly withholding information about harassment or other behaviors will be removed from LCSO MIU.
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  - *Professionalism*
    - All LCSO MIU members are upheld to a higher standard of professionalism than their peers in the patrol division.
- MIU Application, Tryout, Training Program Notice
  - *Application*
    - To apply, an individual must be employed with LCSO, and have at least attained the rank of Deputy. They must be in good standing in the community and department, and not have any recent warnings on record.
      - Due to MIU's status as a department wide certification, personnel are free to apply for the MIU so long as they meet the requirements.
  - *Training Program*
    - MIU Units when accepted past the application phase will be trained by a certified MIU instructor on the operations and policies they are held to while members of the MIU.
      - This includes but is not limited to learning how to operate and safely control the vessel, how to load and unload the vessel from the trailer, and policies while on the water.