



ESF 9 SEARCH AND RESCUE

LEAD AGENCY / AGENCIES

PURPOSE:

To address search and rescue operations, suburban and structural search and rescue, and include search and rescue on the ground, in the air, or in the water. To provide for the effective utilization of search and rescue resources and provide for the control and coordination of various types of search and rescue operations involving persons in distress as a result of an emergency/disaster.

The authorities, concept of operations, and direction, control, and coordination considerations related to emergency support functions (ESFs) are governed by and detailed in the Emergency Operations Framework Base Plan.

SUMMARY OF ESF ACTIONS:

Prevention / Preparedness

Law Enforcement

- Appoint a SAR Coordinator who is capable of maintaining SAR field operations and serving as advisor to local SAR units.
- Assess equipment and training needs.
- Maintain and distribute call-out list.

Emergency Management

- Perform SAR administrative functions and serve as administrative advisor to local SAR units.
- Maintain an operational EOC and EOC Operating Procedures.

- Maintain a SAR personnel list.

Other local and Voluntary Agencies/Organizations

- Maintain emergency operating procedures.
- Maintain personnel and equipment resource lists.
- Maintain an updated call-out list with procedures for implementation.
- Assist with the recruiting and training of SAR volunteers.

- Assess equipment and training needs. Ensure that equipment is in proper working order and response personnel retain proper certification to meet state and local requirements.

Response

SAR Coordinator

- Reports to an incident site and assume command of field operations or set up an incident command post, as appropriate.
- Notifies appropriate SAR units of activation. May request emergency management to assist with this function.
- Requests additional resources, as needed. Resource requests should be made through the normal emergency management channels.
- Maintains a log of SAR activities during the mission.

Local Law Enforcement Agencies

- May respond and conduct SAR operations.

Emergency Management

- Activates the county EOC, if appropriate, and/or establishes necessary communications support.
- Coordinates local SAR resources, as necessary.
- Submits requests to HSEMD for additional resources when local capabilities are exceeded.
- Supports SAR operations as requested.

Fire Departments

- Provides for rescue operations commensurate with the availability of equipment and the degree of specialized training

Recovery

- Ensures mission is complete and all personnel are accounted for.
- Ensures that equipment is returned to good working order and all personnel are accounted for.

Mitigation

- Support requests and directives from the Governor and/or FEMA concerning mitigation and/or re-development activities.

SUPPORT AGENCIES:

- Cedar County Municipal Fire Departments
- Cedar County Law Enforcement Agencies
- Cedar County Emergency Management Agency
- Cedar County Communications 911