

I. PURPOSE

To describe how search and rescue will be accomplished in the event of an emergency or disaster situation.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

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A. Inside city limits

Coordinating a search and rescue operation will be the responsibility of the law enforcement department of the city requiring this function. In cities that do not maintain law enforcement staff, the Sheriff's Department will be responsible for the coordination of a search and rescue operation.

B. Outside city limits

The Sheriff's Department will be responsible for the coordination of a search and rescue operation outside of the city limits.

III. SUPPORTING AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

A. The following local agencies are possible resources to assist with a search and rescue operation.

1. County Sheriff's Reserve
2. Local Police
3. Civil Air Patrol
4. Local and Mutual Aid Fire Departments
5. Local and Mutual Aid Ambulance Services

B. The following State and Federal agencies are possible resources to assist with a search and rescue operation.

1. Minnesota National Guard
2. Minnesota Search & Rescue Dogs
3. Minnesota Civil Air Patrol
4. Minnesota Division of Emergency Management
5. FEMA Search and Rescue Teams

IV. SUPPORTING STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES (SOGs)

Law enforcement agencies and fire departments responsible for conducting a search and rescue operation should maintain standard operating guidelines for this type of operation. Agencies that may be asked to assist should also maintain SOGs to guide their personnel.