

SECTION 19

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this annex is to identify those agencies that would provide a system of Search and Rescue services. This system will include rescue of people trapped in buildings and vehicles, drownings and searches for lost persons.

Situations and Assumptions

Situations

Within Sangamon County there are many potentials for Search and Rescue due to rivers, lakes, ponds, forestation, high-rises and other large structures.

Assumptions

First response to any Search and Rescue incident in Sangamon County will be accomplished by individual law enforcement and fire/rescue departments. If additional personnel are needed to cope with a major Search and Rescue incident, mutual aid will be used. Additional specialized equipment may be obtained through the Sangamon County Rescue Squad, which has a trained Search and Rescue Canine Unit.

Concept of Operations

The Incident Commander is responsible for the overall management of an incident, including determining incident objectives and strategies and establishing the immediate priorities. Search and Rescue operations involving a specific jurisdiction will be handled using the Incident Command System. Requests for mutual aid will be dispatched through the SCCDS or, during major emergencies or disaster situations, through the EOC at the request of the Incident Commander.

Organization and Responsibilities

The responsibility for initiating Search and Rescue operations rests with either law enforcement or fire/rescue, depending on the nature of the incident. The Sangamon County Rescue Squad is available for mutual aid to both of these disciplines. Search and Rescue personnel responding as a result of mutual aid will report to and serve under direction of the Incident Commander.

Direction and Control

The Sangamon County Emergency Operation Center (EOC) will be the direction and control point for all major decisions concerning Search and Rescue operations during major emergencies or disaster situations. Field operations will be coordinated by the Incident Commander through the command post at or near the incident site.

If the EOC is not activated, all elements of direction and control will occur at the command post. Communications for coordination of responding mutual aid Search and Rescue services will be through SCCDS or the EOC and relayed to the Incident Commander at the scene.

Continuity of Government

The line of succession for law enforcement and fire/rescue is provided in Sections 12 and 6, respectively. The Incident Commander for Search and Rescue operations will come from one of these disciplines.

Notification

Sangamon County OEM – Deputy Coordinator (cellular phone)	652-2280
Sangamon County Rescue Squad – Sangamon County Dispatch	753-6666
Sangamon County Sheriff	753-6666
Springfield Fire Dispatch	788-8450
Springfield Police Dispatch	788-8311

Appendices

1. Pre-emergency Operations Checklist
2. Response Operations Checklist
3. Eliminated

APPENDIX 1

PRE-EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CHECKLIST

- ___ 1. Review county hazard analysis to determine applicable hazards and likely scenarios.
- ___ 2. Maintain up-to-date equipment inventory listing.
- ___ 3. Provide specialty training to department personnel including confined space rescue, high-angle rescue, open area ground search and rescue, and water search and recovery.
- ___ 4. Participate in mutual aid exercises to ensure readiness to respond to a major emergency or disaster.
- ___ 5. If warning time permits, prior to an emergency, alert and call in all department personnel or place personnel on stand-by status.
- ___ 6. Check out emergency lighting and electric generator equipment.

APPENDIX 2

RESPONSE OPERATIONS CHECKLIST

- ___ 1. Following the determination that a major emergency or disaster situation has occurred, the Incident Commander will determine whether there is a need to begin Search and Rescue operations.
- ___ 2. Following an assessment of the situation, if it is determined that mutual aid assistance will be needed, the Incident Commander at the Command Post will notify the SCCDS Center or the EOC, if operational, of the following:
 - a. Nature of incident
 - b. Location of incident
 - c. Specific mutual aid assistance required
 - d. Location of equipment staging area
- ___ 3. If mutual aid assistance is requested, the Incident Commander shall establish an equipment staging area to accommodate incoming equipment and manpower.
- ___ 4. If the EOC is activated, the Command Post shall make periodic status reports detailing the emergency's progress.
- ___ 5. The Incident Commander will coordinate, through the Command Post, with other department to ensure traffic control, crowd control, additional resources, etc.
- ___ 6. Continue to respond to requests from the community using remaining or mutual aid resources.

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