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ESF 9 – Search and Rescue

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ESF 9 Tasked Agencies	
Primary Agencies	Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM)
Supporting Agencies	Department of Aviation (AERO) Oregon Military Department (OMD) Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)
Adjunct Agencies	American Red Cross (ARC) Civil Air Patrol (CAP)

1 Purpose

Coordinate the provision of state and outside agency resources for Search and Rescue (SAR) and Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) operations including, but not limited to, the location, recovery and extrication of victims who become lost or entrapped as the result of a major disaster or life threatening emergency. SAR and USAR activities include locating, extricating, and providing onsite medical treatment to victims trapped in collapsed structures.

2 Scope

- ESF 9 encompasses Search and Rescue (SAR) operations within the State of Oregon through Oregon Emergency Management, and USAR through the OSFM.
- Missing aircraft related to SAR missions are addressed by a document entitled “Agreement between the State of Oregon and the Executive Agent for Inland SAR” maintained at OEM.

3 Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 Primary Agencies

3.1.1 Oregon Emergency Management

- OEM is the coordinating agency for SAR in Oregon for all events requiring Federal assets on behalf of the County Sheriffs’ Office. In addition, OEM is the coordinating agency for missing aircraft within its borders.
- Coordinate rapid deployment components to provide specialized lifesaving assistance to local authorities when activated for incidents.
- During a Federally declared disaster, OEM takes a supporting role to FEMA who coordinates Federal assets.

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- Responsible for rapid deployment of components of the state USAR response system to provide specialized lifesaving assistance to State, Local and other authorities when appropriate.
- OSFM coordinates and directs the training, equipment and use of the state's structural collapse resources, Oregon USAR Task Force 1 is staffed by local firefighters organized under a state agreement and member-elected governance board.

Oregon Task Force 1 (OR-TF1) assists in structural collapse and technical rescue incidents statewide, at the request of the Governor. Covering multiple jurisdictions, the Team is organized geographically in north and south regional response teams.

OR-TF1 is capable of providing full incident support, up to a Type I Collapse Search and Rescue (National Incident Management compliant). Oregon Task Force 1 may be included in mobilization of State Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team, or the State Fire Marshal's Incident Management Team.

3.2 Support Agencies**3.2.1 Department of Aviation**

- Department of Aviation provides funding for search and rescue operations with 50% of pilot registration fees going to OEM Search and Rescue.

3.2.2 Oregon Military Department

- In support of SAR and USAR, the OMD tasks the Oregon Army National Guard to provide air support for SAR and USAR to aid the County Sheriffs and OEM.

3.2.3 Oregon Department of Transportation

- Transport the USAR equipment cache trailers.
- Provide qualified Structural Specialists to participate on the USAR Task Force.
- Provide mechanic support for equipment cache trailer maintenance and deployments.

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- Provide food and water resources in support of SAR and USAR missions as requested in a major disaster.

3.3.2 Civil Air Patrol

Directly support agencies by providing such services as airborne search, airborne disaster assessment, airborne and ground Electronic Locator Transmitter (ELT) tracking, transportation of officials, and assistance in a variety of ground operations

- Activation of CAP for Federal wilderness SAR missions is initiated by OEM exclusively. Only the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center can assign a Federal mission number for a wilderness SAR mission.

4 Concept of Operations

OEM will coordinate all requests for assistance and communicate with the state agencies to identify the appropriate action and state resources to be used. Once Search and Rescue assets have been identified to meet the request, OEM will create an action using Ops Center to the specific State agencies to accomplish the task.

Immediate SAR operations are conducted in accordance with the U.S. National Search and Rescue Supplement (NSS) to the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual, which defines SAR responsibilities and provides guidance to the agencies with civil SAR mandates.

5 Supporting Documents

- National Response Framework, ESF 9 – Search and Rescue
- Oregon County ESF 9 Annexes
- County Search and Rescue Plans

6 Appendices

None at this time.

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