

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

DIRECTOR
OREGON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

AND

COMMANDER
AIR FORCE RESCUE COORDINATION CENTER
LANGLEY AFB VIRGINIA

1. **PURPOSE:** To further delineate the operational procedures pursuant to the Search and Rescue (SAR) Agreement dated January 30, 1998, between the State of Oregon and the Executive Agent for Inland SAR. The procedures outlined below are intended for use within the geographical boundaries of the State of Oregon. On incidents or missions involving interstate flights or missions of national concern, the general procedures outlined in the basic SAR agreement will apply.
2. **DEFINITIONS:** To ensure both parties understand a common terminology, the following definitions are provided:
 - a. **INCIDENT** - A notification by any source of a possible distress situation.
 - b. **MISSION** - Those incidents which require the activation of federal air or ground assets and the expenditure of federal funds.
 - c. **SEARCH FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT** - Searches for persons missing in an aircraft believed to be in distress.
 - d. **SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSONS** - Searches for persons believed to be in a distress situation not involving an aircraft. *NOTE: In accordance with ORS Statute 401.555, directing, coordinating, and performing air activities in conjunction with air search and rescue and other emergency situations resides with Oregon Emergency Management.*
 - e. **RESCUE / MEDEVAC / MERCY MISSION** - Recovering, medical evacuation, moving donor organs, blood, or SAR dogs to assist in the time critical saving of life or limb.
 - f. **RESPONSIBLE AGENCY** - The federal or state agency with overall responsibility to coordinate the search effort regardless of assets being used.
 - g. **COORDINATE** - The mutual agreement between two or more agencies as to the actions taken.

- h. ADVISE / NOTIFY - The communication of actions which have been or will be taken regardless of concurrence.
- I. FEDERAL ASSETS - Those SAR capable resources belonging to the federal government.
- j. CIVIL AIR PATROL AUTHORIZATION - When mission participation is authorized by the AFRCC, CAP becomes a federal asset. Notification to CAP must be made by the AFRCC.

3. PROCEDURES:

<u>TYPE MISSION / INCIDENT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE AGENCY</u>	<u>PROCEDURES</u>
Missing Aircraft Mission	OEM	The AFRCC will coordinate all federal asset requests through OEM.
Missing Person Mission	County Sheriff's Office	The AFRCC will coordinate all federal asset requests through OEM as the state agency acting at the request of the County Sheriff. <i>NOTE: Use of aircraft for all searches remains under the operational control of OEM.</i>
Alert Notices Incident (ALNOT)	AFRCC	The AFRCC will accomplish the required extensive communications check on all ALNOTs and will coordinate with OEM upon ALNOT notification and prior to mission opening.
Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT)	OEM	The AFRCC will contact OEM upon receiving notification of an ELT signal.
National Alert Warning System		No restrictions within the State of (NAWAS) Oregon.
Rescue / MEDEVAC / Mercy	AFRCC	The AFRCC will receive requests from OEM, then locate and request appropriate resources to accomplish mission. <i>NOTE: A mission will be prosecuted only if state or civilian resources are not available. Financial constraint is not an acceptable reason to request government rather than civilian resources.</i>
Personal Locator Beacon (PLB)	County Sheriff's Office	The AFRCC will coordinate all federal asset requests through OEM as the state agency acting at the request of the County Sheriff. <i>NOTE: Use of aircraft for all searches remains under the operational control of OEM.</i>

4. POINTS OF CONTACT:

<u>STATE / FEDERAL AGENCY</u>	<u>DSN</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL</u>
Oregon Emergency Management	N/A	503 378 2911
Oregon Emergency Response System	N/A	800 452 0311 / 503 378 6377
State SAR Coordinator	N/A	503 378 2911 ext 238
Air Force Rescue Coordination Center	574 8112	757 764 8112
AFRCC Administration		800 851 3051 757 764 8117

5. This MOU is implemented as of the date of the last signature and remains valid only by mutual agreement of all parties. Changes may be made by telephone, but must be followed up immediately by written correspondence.

6. SIGNATURES:

WILLIAM W. NAUMANN, Lt Col, USAF
Commander, AFRCC

BEVERLEE VENELL
Director, Oregon Emergency Management

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