

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 9 SEARCH AND RESCUE

Primary Agency

Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services

Support Agencies

Cherokee County Sheriff's Office
Cherokee Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management
City of Canton Fire Department
City of Canton Police Department
City of Holly Springs Police Department
City of Woodstock Fire Department
City of Woodstock Police Department

I. INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of search and rescue involves direction and coordination, operations and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

A. Purpose

Rapidly deploy local search and rescue components to provide specialized life-saving assistance to municipal authorities during an emergency or disaster.

1. EMA will assist in coordinating county assets and augment agencies having SAR responsibilities and may request state and Federal SAR assistance.
2. ESF 9 will interface with ESFs 1 and 8 to assist with medical assistance and the transportation of victims beyond initial collection points.

B. Scope

Urban SAR activities include, but are not limited to, locating, extricating, and providing immediate medical assistance to victims trapped in collapsed structures. Non-urban SAR activities include, but are not limited to, emergency incidents that involve locating missing persons, boats which are lost at sea, locating downed aircraft, extrication if necessary, and treating any victims upon their rescue.

The emergency operations necessary for the performance of this function include, but are not limited to:

1. Preparedness

- a. Maintain a current inventory of resources, including trained

- personnel, which could support search and rescue operations.
Maintain records reflecting local capability.
- b. Participate in exercises and training to validate this annex and supporting SOPs.
 - c. Maintain liaison with State urban search and rescue assets and plan for reception of external assets.
 - d. Maintain personnel and equipment in a state of readiness appropriate to existing and anticipated emergency conditions to include mobilizing resources and staging them at various locations.
 - e. Assist local governments in training of personnel and rescue organizations for search and rescue operations.
 - f. Ensure all ESF 9 personnel integrate NIMS and ICS principles in all planning and preparedness initiatives.

2. Response

- a. Support local agencies with appropriate resources, to include mobilizing and deploying teams and equipment as needed.
- b. Using the ICS, assume responsibility for coordinating and tracking all resources committed to an incident. This may include placing personnel at a forward command post. Establish staging areas with the requesting group.
- c. Deploy liaison teams to county EOC or incident base of operations, as needed.
- d. Plan for and establish relief resources to replace or rotate with committed resources for extended operations.
- e. Coordinate other State and Federal support for search and rescue operations to include planning for reception and deployment to area of operations.
- f. Coordinate with ESF 1 for use of buses to transport rescue teams or rescued victims or persons evacuated from an emergency area to a safe location or emergency shelter.

3. Recovery

- a. Continue to support local operations and plan for a reduction of operations.
- b. Inventory any lost or damaged equipment and record any personnel injuries or equipment accidents.
- c. Anticipate and plan for arrival of and coordinate with state ESF 9 personnel in the EOC and the Joint Field Office (JFO).
- d. Require ESF 9 team members and their agencies maintain appropriate records of costs incurred during the event.

4. Mitigation

- a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.
- b. Support requests and directives resulting from the Governor and/or GEMA concerning mitigation and/or re-development activities.

- c. Document matters that may be needed for inclusion in county or state/federal briefings, situation reports and action plans.

II. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A.Strategy

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) will be developed and maintained by the agency or organization that has primary responsibility for this section of the ESF, in cooperation with the EMA. This function will be coordinated with and involve other support agencies and organizations.

The search and rescue function is the primary responsibility of Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services and support for this function is the responsibility of Cherokee County Sheriff's Office, Cherokee Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management, City of Canton Fire Department, City of Canton Police Department, City of Holly Springs Police Department, City of

Woodstock Fire Department and City of Woodstock Police Department.

1. Actions

a. Mitigation/Preparedness

- i. Establish and maintain uniform search and rescue procedures.
- ii. Recruit, train, and certify search and rescue personnel.
- iii. Develop an inventory of resources, equipment, and personnel.
- iv. Enter MOUs for additional assistance and/or logistical support.
- v. Conduct and/or support community education programs on survival.
- vi. Establish a record keeping system.
- vii. Participate in drills and exercises to evaluate search and rescue response capability.

b. Response/Recovery

- i. Respond to requests by the EMA.
- ii. Monitor response efforts.
- iii. Channel emergency search and rescue information to the EMA-EOC.
- iv. Support request from other community agencies and/or jurisdictions.
- v. Maintain records, expenditures, and document resources utilized during recovery.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services

Wilderness Search & Rescue: Lead Agency

- 1. Maintains operational SOPs*
- 2. Participates in planning, training and exercises*
- 3. Provides personnel to fill ESF-9 position within the EOC*
- 4. Maintains training and credentialing records for personnel*
- 5. Maintains mutual aid agreements with outside organizations for Wilderness Search & Rescue support.*

High Angle Rescue: Lead Agency

- 1. Maintains operational SOPs*
- 2. Participates in planning, training and exercises*
- 3. Provides personnel to fill ESF-9 position within the EOC*
- 4. Maintains training and credentialing records for personnel*
- 5. Maintains mutual aid agreements with outside organizations for High Angle support.*

Water Search & Recovery: Lead Agency

- 1. Maintains operational SOPs*
- 2. Participates in planning, training and exercises*
- 3. Provides personnel to fill ESF-9 position within the EOC*
- 4. Maintains training and credentialing records for personnel*
- 5. Maintains mutual aid agreements with outside organizations for Water Search and Recovery support.*

Trench & Confined Space Rescue: Lead Agency

- 1. Maintains operational SOPs*
- 2. Participates in planning, training and exercises*
- 3. Provides personnel to fill ESF-9 position within the EOC*
- 4. Maintains training and credentialing records for personnel*
- 5. Maintains mutual aid agreements with outside organizations for Trench and Confined Space Rescue support.*

Building Collapse Rescue: Lead Agency

- 1. Maintains operational SOPs*
- 2. Participates in planning, training and exercises*
- 3. Provides personnel to fill ESF-9 position within the EOC*
- 4. Maintains training and credentialing records for personnel*
- 5. Maintains mutual aid agreements with outside organizations for Building Collapse Rescue support.*

B. Cherokee County Sheriff's Office

- 1. Lead agency related to missing/lost persons investigations within Cherokee County.*
- 2. Provides support services for all search & rescue functions to include: traffic control, investigations, crowd control, and special law enforcement operations.*

C. Cherokee Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management

No responsibilities have been provided.

D. City of Canton Fire Department

- 1. Provides support services to Cherokee County Fire-Emergency Services on all rescue functions as requested.*

Wilderness Search & Rescue: Lead Agency - City of Canton, Georgia

- 1. Maintains operational SOPs*
- 2. Participates in planning, training and exercises*
- 3. Provides personnel to fill ESF-9 position within the EOC*
- 4. Maintains training and credentialing records for personnel*
- 5. Maintains mutual aid agreements with outside organizations for Wilderness Search & Rescue support.*

High Angle Rescue: Lead Agency - City of Canton, Georgia

- 1. Maintains operational SOPs*
- 2. Participates in planning, training and exercises*
- 3. Provides personnel to fill ESF-9 position within the EOC*

4. *Maintains training and credentialing records for personnel*
5. *Maintains mutual aid agreements with outside organizations for High Angle Rescue support.*

Water Search & Recovery: *Lead Agency - City of Canton, Georgia*

1. *Maintains operational SOPs*
2. *Participates in planning, training and exercises*
3. *Provides personnel to fill ESF-9 position within the EOC*
4. *Maintains training and credentialing records for personnel*
5. *Maintains mutual aid agreements with outside organizations for Water Search & Recovery support.*

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E. City of Canton Police Department

1. *Lead agency related to missing/lost persons investigations within the City of Canton, Georgia.*
2. *Provides support services for all search & rescue functions to include: traffic control, investigations, crowd control, and special law enforcement operations.*

F. City of Holly Springs Police Department

1. Lead agency related to missing/lost persons investigations within the City of Holly Springs, Georgia.
2. Provides support services for all search & rescue functions to include: traffic control, investigations, crowd control, and special law enforcement operations.

G. City of Woodstock Fire Department

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H. City of Woodstock Police Department

1. Lead agency related to missing/lost persons investigations within the City of Woodstock, Georgia.
2. Provides support services for all search & rescue functions to include: traffic control, investigations, crowd control, and special law enforcement operations.

IV. COUNTY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

No County-specific information provided