

	LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY	Number: G.O. 10.05
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CHAPTER: Specialized Operations		Related Policy: G.O. 10.02 (Marine Patrol)
SUBJECT: Search and Rescue (SAR)		Related Laws: ORS 404.100-404.135, ORS 404.200-404.215, ORS 404.250, ORS 404.270, ORS 404.300-404.315, ORS 404.325, and ORS 404.350

POLICY: Per ORS 404.110, it is the policy of this Sheriff's Office to provide Search and Rescue services to Lane County.

RULE: The Sheriff of Lane County will designate the position of Search and Rescue Coordinator (SARC) to perform these functions.

PROCEDURE:

I. Organization

- A. The Lane County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Program (SAR) is under the organizational control of the Police Services Division Captain.
- B. The SAR program is managed by the SAR Program Manager.
- C. The SAR Program Manager and the SAR Program Supervisor are designated as SAR Coordinators (SARC).

II. Activation of SAR Resources

- A. The SAR Program Manager shall ensure that an appropriately trained employee or volunteer of the Sheriff's Office is designated to be On Call at all times for Water SAR incidents and for Land SAR incidents.
- B. The same individual can be On Call for Water and Land incidents simultaneously, if they are qualified for both duties.
- C. When the SAR Program Manager or the SAR Program Supervisor is on duty or on call, they will be the primary contact to determine if SAR resources should be activated.
- D. When activated for a particular incident, the On Call SAR personnel shall deploy resources as they deem appropriate, consistent with their training and established

procedures, and shall supervise and coordinate the SAR incident until relieved by another qualified person or until the incident is resolved and all resources have been demobilized.

1. Suspension of a SAR incident prior to its resolution shall occur only with the authorization of the SAR Program Manager, SAR Program Supervisor, or Police Services Commander.

III. SAR Responsibilities

- A. Maintain liaison with the Oregon State Sheriff's Association, Oregon Emergency Management, Oregon State Sheriff's Assn. Search and Rescue Advisory Council, and other public and private agencies involved in search and rescue.
- B. Review the County search and rescue plan and revise as necessary. Submit revisions to Oregon Emergency Management annually.
- C. Coordinate county resources to conduct search, rescue, or recovery activities within Lane County.
- D. Approve Lane County Sheriff's Office search and rescue procedures and assignments, as well as agreements, with both paid and volunteer organizations involved in emergency services and search and rescue (SAR) activities.
- E. Provide (to the extent possible) all necessary support equipment to perform field operations.
- F. Cooperate with and extend mutual aid, when appropriate, to jurisdictions that express a need for search, rescue, or recovery services.
- G. Ensure that minimum standards for training, as established by the Oregon State Sheriff's Association for volunteer search and rescue personnel, are met or exceeded by those participating in search and rescue operations.
- H. Establish and maintain personnel and training records on all volunteer groups that are trained and authorized to participate in search and rescue operations within Lane County.
- I. Provide all personnel with a signed identification card listing the appropriate volunteer group.
- J. Provide personal injury and death benefit insurance to qualified personnel while engaged in the act of search and rescue activities and/ or upon the direction of the Sheriff.

IV. Fitness Standards

- A. Due to the nature of Search & Rescue activities and the locations in which they occur, certain volunteer groups will be required to complete annual physical fitness or work capacity testing appropriate for the assigned tasks, as specified in the Search & Rescue Volunteer Guide.
- B. If unable to successfully complete within minimum standards, the member will be granted 30 days to prepare and successfully retest.
- C. Members who fail to successfully retest will be removed from duty in a tested group and will be allowed to move to a non-tested group if they are interested or may leave the program in good standing.

V. Specific Operations:

Refer to Search and Rescue program Training and Procedures Manual.