

## APPENDIX IX: EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 9 - SEARCH AND RESCUE

**PRIMARY AGENCY:** Department of Financial Services (DFS) / Division of State Fire Marshal (DSFM).

**SUPPORT AGENCIES:** Florida Fire Chiefs' Association (FFCA), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, and Florida Association of Search and Rescue (FASAR)

### I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of Emergency Support Function 9 (ESF 9) is to provide state support to local governments and coordinate deployment of resources for urban and non-urban search and rescue and support to ESF 8 for EMS resources housed in Fire Service agencies in response to actual, potential emergency/disaster or planned events.

### II. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

#### A. GENERAL

1. Urban search and rescue (US&R) activities include, locating, extricating, and providing immediate medical assistance to survivors trapped in collapsed structures and related activities.
2. Non-urban search and rescue activities include, emergency incidents that involve locating missing persons, locating boats that are lost at sea, locating downed aircraft, extrication if necessary, and treating any survivors rescued.
3. Wilderness Search and Rescue missions include, locating overdue/missing boaters on inland bodies of water or rivers, locating overdue persons, or locating downed aircraft in wilderness areas with limited/restricted access, extrication when possible and treating any survivors.

#### B. ORGANIZATION

1. The Department of Financial Services / Division of State Fire Marshal is the primary agency responsible for ESF 9, providing representatives on a 24-hour basis to the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), to insure deployment and full utilization of resources identified under ESF 9.
2. During an emergency or disaster, the primary and support agencies of ESF 9 will assign personnel to the SEOC. ESF 9 reports directly to the Emergency Services Branch Chief who reports to the Operations Section Chief (**see Chapter 4, Section M of the Basic Plan**).

### C. OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES

#### 1. Preparedness Objectives

Utilizing operational plans, including the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association – *Statewide Emergency Response Plan (SERP)*: Accomplish planning, coordinating and mobilization of resources from the statewide fire service through the FFCA State SERP Coordinator and seven fire region coordinators. The Florida Fire Chiefs' Association and the Division of State Fire Marshal coordinate training on use of the State Emergency Response Plan.

#### 2. Response Objectives

- a. Activate a Search and Rescue Planning Team.
- b. Utilize the Florida Search and Rescue Concept of Operations Plans (Search and Rescue Assessment, Search and Rescue Management, Initial Recon/Search Team).
- c. Coordinate commitment of State and other resources from outside the impacted area through other agencies with search and rescue resources. This includes coordination of all FEMA US&R Task Forces deployed within the state.
- d. Transportation may be provided, if available, but, is usually the responsibility of the responding agency. This may require coordination with Emergency Support Function 1. In addition, resources may be pre-positioned as necessary (i.e. ahead of hurricanes where safe).
- e. Members of ESF 9 may serve the State Emergency Response Team in Field Operations (i.e., the State Management Team, Area Command, Preliminary Damage Assessment Team, Joint Field Office operations, Recovery Center operations, intrastate and/or interstate mutual aid assistance, etc.).

#### 3. Recovery Objectives

Upon request, ESF 9 will provide search and rescue personnel and resources for recovery missions as assigned and appropriate.

### III. RESPONSIBILITIES

#### A. PRIMARY AGENCY – DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES / DIVISION OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

The Department of Financial Services / Division of State Fire Marshal (DSFM) is the primary response and coordination agency for ESF 9. As the primary

agency, the (DSFM) coordinates with its supporting agencies in directing search and rescue resources and response activities.

#### B. SUPPORT AGENCIES

Agency	Responsibilities
1. Florida Fire Chiefs' Association	Deploy a logistics officer to the SEOC on request to work with the State Fire Marshal to assist in responding to requests for search and rescue assistance utilizing the <i>Statewide Emergency Response Plan (SERP)</i>
2. Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol	Provide aircraft for search and rescue reconnaissance
3. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Provide aircraft, all-terrain vehicles, boats and other specialized personnel and equipment for search and rescue efforts
4. Florida Association of Search and Rescue	Assist with coordination of search and rescue resources available through local government and volunteer organizations

#### IV. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

All disaster responders, city/county or otherwise, who respond (deploy) to a request from the ESF 9, must submit their preliminary reimbursement estimates to the DSFM ESF49@em.myflorida.com within 30 business days of demobilization orders. Upon deployment to an assigned mission the DSFM will send the responding agency the documentation guidance and forms. The final request must include the following:

##### A. SALARIES

Provide a schedule for all employees; time worked, pay rates/matching rates, and separating regular time from overtime. Required documentation include Timesheets, Payroll, ICS 214 daily activity logs, personnel rosters, benefit calculation sheets, station staffing logs and department personnel policies and/or collective bargaining agreements. NOTE: Only the first 48-hours of a deployment are reimbursable for 24-hours a day, thereafter only 16 hours in a 24-hour day are reimbursable under FEMA Category B unless otherwise documented in department policies and receive prior approval from the DSFM..

##### B. TRAVEL

Provide copies of the travel vouchers that have been paid due to disaster response. The appropriate Finance Director must certify these as true expenditures. If meals, lodging or other support were provided by the department or state individual travel cost is not eligible.

**C. EQUIPMENT**

Provide a detailed description of the equipment used to assist, detailing the type and size, pump size and horsepower, where the equipment was used, number of hours per piece, per day, and type of work each piece performed utilizing the current FEMA Cost Codes.

**D. MATERIALS**

If eligible items were purchased to support the deployment the department must provide copies of invoices/receipts, p'card statements and bank payments.

**V. REFERENCES AND AUTHORITIES:**

1. Federal Emergency Support Function 4 Annex
2. Fire Suppression Draft – Forestry
3. Civil Air Patrol information, 12 March 1993
4. The Florida Fire Chief's Association, Rescue Disaster Response Plan
5. Agreement between the Department of Health, Emergency Support Function 8, the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association, and the State Fire Marshal
6. Florida Association of Search and Rescue, "Standard Operating Guidelines"
7. Division of State Fire Marshal Policy 1-31 (ESFs 4 and 9)