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SEARCH AND RESCUE PROCEDURES

Search and Rescue procedures are defined in the Augusta County Emergency Operations plan. Emergency Operations Plan Annex D, Tab. 2 are as follows:

- 1. The Sheriff's Department is the primary agency in charge.
- 2. A designated team leader shall be appointed to organize and conduct the search.

<u>and</u>:

- a. Have sufficient expertise to provide leadership for team members conducting the search.
- b. Assemble and maintain the equipment and supplies necessary to carry out the operations.
- 3. Local emergency agencies, (fire and rescue will be assigned to assist as necessary and/or required.
- 4. The fire and rescue agency shall be notified of any search to be conducted within their first due area.
- 5. If additional resources are required, they shall be coordinated through the team leader and officers from the fire and rescue agency.