

Augusta County Emergency Services Officers Association

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Fire-EMS Standard Operating Guideline

Section:	8 Law Enforcement
Title:	Search and Rescue Procedures
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SEARCH AND RESCUE PROCEDURES

Search and Rescue procedures are defined in the Augusta County Emergency Operations plan. Peacetime Disaster 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, and:
 - 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.