

Section 5: Search & Rescue

General Information

I PURPOSE

To describe in general how search and rescue will be accomplished in Swift County following a disaster.

II RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Outside city limits, the Swift County Sheriff's Office will have primary responsibility for coordinating search and rescue.
- B. Inside city limits of Appleton and Benson, each police department will have the primary responsibility for coordinating search and rescue
- C. In Kerkhoven, Murdock, DeGraff, Swift Falls, Danvers, Holloway and Clontarf the Swift County Sheriff's office will have primary responsibility for coordinating search and rescue

III SUPPORTING AGENCIES / ORGANIZATIONS

For a listing of agencies that would assist in supporting search and rescue operations see the standard operating guidelines.

Standard Operating Procedures for Section 5 Search & Rescue (*14)

I PURPOSE

This SOP is intended to provide direction to the tasks of search and rescue.

II RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. As stated in the general information, the Sheriff's Office or Police Chief of the jurisdiction would coordinate search and rescue operations.
- B. Local assisting agencies
 - Local Fire Department
 - Mutual Aid Fire Departments
- C. State and Federal assisting agencies
 - Minnesota National Guard
 - Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management
 - FEMA Search and Rescue Teams – requires Federal emergency declaration
 - MN State Patrol
 - State Patrol/Air Support
- D. In addition to these agencies, Swift County also has access to a drone through the private sector to aid in Search and Rescue Operations.

III SUPPORTING OPERATING GUIDELINES

All agencies mentioned above are responsible for conducting or participating in training for themselves regarding search and rescue functions. Multiple training sessions should be noted.

IV ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS OUTLINED IN THE FOLLOWING

Supporting Documents

Fire Department Capabilities
Law Enforcement Capabilities

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