

## **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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