

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

**PRIMARY AGENCY:** Department of Financial Services, and the Division of State Fire Marshal.

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

### I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of Emergency Support Function 9 (ESF 9) is to provide state support to local governments and to coordinate the deployment of resources in both urban and non-urban search and rescue in response to actual or potential emergency/disaster events.

### II. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

#### A. GENERAL

1. Urban search and rescue (US&R) activities include, but are not limited to, locating, extricating, and providing immediate medical assistance to survivors trapped in collapsed structures.
2. Non-urban search and rescue activities include, but are not limited to, emergency incidents that involve locating missing persons, locating boats that are lost at sea, locating downed aircraft, extrication if necessary, and treating any survivors upon their rescue.
3. Wilderness Search and Rescue missions include, but are not limited to, 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 upon their rescue.

#### B. ORGANIZATION

1. The Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal is the primary agency for ESF 9, providing representatives on a 24-hour basis to the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), to insure full deployment and 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 will respond 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*, planning, coordinating and the mobilization of the resources of the statewide fire service through the seven fire regions is accomplished. The Florida Fire Chiefs' Association and the Division of State Fire Marshal coordinate training on utilizing the Emergency Response Plan statewide.

#### 2. Response Objectives

- a. Activate a Search and Rescue Planning Team.
- b. Activate the Florida Search and Rescue Concept of Operations Plans (Search and Rescue Assessment, Search and Rescue Management, Initial Recon/ Search Team).
- c. State and other resources from outside the impacted area are committed through coordination with other agencies with search and rescue resources. This includes coordination of all FEMA US&R Task Forces deployed within the state.
- d. Transportation will be provided, if available, or it may be the responsibility of the resource agency. This may require coordination with Emergency Support Function 1. In addition, resources may be pre-positioned if necessary.
- e. Agencies 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.

### III. RESPONSIBILITIES

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

The Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal is the primary agency in ESF 9. As the primary agency, the Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal will coordinate with the support agencies in directing the search and rescue resources and response activities.

**B. SUPPORT AGENCIES**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
1. <b>Florida Fire Chiefs' Association</b>	Will 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</i>
2. <b>Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol</b>	Provide aircraft use and assistance for search and rescue
3. <b>The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission</b>	Provide aircraft, terrain vehicles, and other specialized personnel and equipment for search and rescue efforts
4. <b>Florida Association of Search and Rescue</b>	Assist with the coordination of search and rescue resources available through volunteer and local governmental organizations

**IV. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

All disaster respondents, city/county or otherwise, who assist in response to a request from the ESF 9, must submit their preliminary reimbursement request to the Department of Financial Services within 15 business days of stand down orders. 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

**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

**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

**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. Memorandum of Understanding 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)