PRIMARY AGENCIES:
State: Division of Emergency Management
Department of Public Safety

SUPPORT AGENCIES
State: Game and Fish Department
National Guard
State Parks
Department of Transportation

Federal: U.S. Air Force Rescue Coordinating Center

Volunteer: Civil Air Patrol

I. INTRODUCTION
A. Purpose:
   1. Describe procedures for the use of state and other political subdivisions’ personnel, equipment, services and facilities to aid in search and/or rescue operations.
   2. Maintain a contact list of public and private organizations and an inventory of available facilities, equipment and supplies within each county.

B. Scope:

Search and rescue responsibility is delegated to each county. The county emergency management director may support the search and rescue efforts of the county sheriff.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS
A. Persons may become lost, entrapped or isolated. Government must be prepared to seek out, locate and rescue such persons.

B. Search and rescue operations are an essential element of emergency/disaster response. State government has a coordinated search and rescue program.

C. State law provides for search and rescue liabilities and expenses to be incurred. These expenses may be reimbursed to local government.

D. The state can support local government and request federal assistance in locating or rescuing persons during emergencies/disasters.
III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. The ADEM Search and Rescue (SAR) Coordinator will commit personnel, supplies, equipment and other resources.

B. Federal resources are available through the United State Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC). Requests for assistance must come from ADEM SAR Coordinator.

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Local Government
   1. Incorporated Community Governments
      a. Each incorporated community has their own method of conducting SAR operations.
      b. Law enforcement generally conducts searches while the fire department responds to rescue calls.
      c. When search or rescue requirements exceed local capabilities, officials should request assistance from the county sheriff.
   2. County Governments
      a. The county sheriff is responsible for search and rescue within their county. They will appoint SAR coordinators. The county SAR coordinator will respond to requests from federal/state/county/local agencies for SAR missions.
      b. The county sheriff may request assistance from the ADEM SAR Coordinator for missions.
      c. The county sheriff may request reimbursement for eligible expenses from ADEM.
      d. Local volunteer organizations provide resources such as personnel, horse patrols, search teams, divers and trackers. Volunteer organizations respond to mission requests from the incident commander.

B. State Government
   1. ADEM will coordinate:
      a. State SAR activities;
      b. Air SAR missions; and
      c. Federal/state/local resources.
2. **Department of Public Safety (DPS)** will provide facilities, equipment, supplies and other resources.

3. **Game and Fish Department** will provide personnel, facilities and equipment.

4. **National Guard** will provide personnel, equipment, supplies and other resources for assisting in search or rescue operations.

5. **State Parks** will provide personnel, equipment, supplies and other resources to incidents in/near their facilities.

6. **Department of Transportation (ADOT)** will provide personnel, facilities, equipment, supplies and other resources.

C. **Volunteer Agencies**

The **Civil Air Patrol (CAP)** will:

1. Support ADEM with lost or overdue aircraft searches and the investigation of Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) signals;

2. Supply light aircraft and ground resources; and

3. Provide communications support (see ESF #2).

D. **Federal Government**

The **United States Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC)** will supply federal resources and may task the local wing of the CAP.

V. **ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS**

State Government

1. **ADEM** will:

   a. Designate a SAR Coordinator;

   b. Develop plans and procedures for SAR activities; and

   c. Develop IOPS, to include:

      (1) Documenting requests for assistance, actions taken and reimbursement for eligible expenditures;

      (2) Coordinating the use of SAR resources of political subdivisions; and

      (3) Coordinating CAP and all other aircraft for SAR missions or overdue aircraft.
2. Support agencies will develop plans and IOPS, to include:
   a. Identifying resource personnel, equipment and materials;
   b. Documenting expenditures;
   c. Alerting agency officials in the agency; and
   d. Providing an operational checklist.

VI. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

ADEM is responsible for the development and maintenance of this ESF.