

POLSAR006 Undertake land search and rescue duties

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Modification History

Release	Comments
	This unit was released in POL Police Training Package release 1.0 and meets the Standards for Training Packages.

Application

This unit describes the skills required to prepare land search and rescue (SAR) responses, determine current location and destination, provide grid references to search and rescue teams, and plan land search and rescue operations.

This unit applies to those working as police staff involved in police land search and rescue operations. It may be applied in the field and within office environment.

The skills and knowledge described in this unit must be applied within the legislative, regulatory and policy environment in which they are carried out. Organisational policies and procedures must be consulted and adhered to, particularly those related to work health and safety (WHS).

Those undertaking this role will work within multi-agency teams and often liaise with stakeholders, while completing complex tasks in a broad range of contexts. They will have to make decisions independently while giving consideration to financial and human resource management requirements.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to unit at the time of publication.

Competency Field

Search and rescue

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
Elements describe the essential outcomes	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the range of conditions section.
1. Prepare for land search and rescue response	1.1 Establish command and control to conduct land search and rescue operations.1.2 Conduct urgency assessment to determine level of response.
	1.3 Establish forward command post to facilitate coordination of land

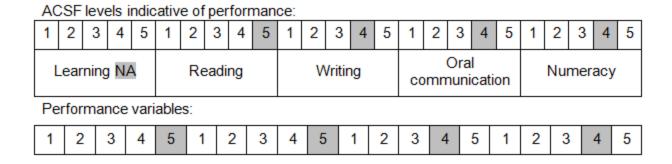
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		search and rescue operations.
		1.4 Establish communications to facilitate flow of information.
		1.5 Assess characteristics of target and environment to inform search
		and rescue response.
		1.6 Access jurisdictional information management systems to gather information on target.
2.	Determine	2.1 Identify maps to source information.
d	current location, destination and resources	2.2 Interpret information from maps to ensure accurate parameters of search area.
		2.3 Analyse data to plot incident location.
		2.4 Calculate incident distance and location from given landmarks.
		2.5 Triangulate incident from distinct features to fix a position.
		2.6 Plot search areas to determine resource allocation and asset deployment for probable and possible search areas.
		2.7 Evaluate terrain to identify impacts on land search and rescue operations.
		2.8 Identify safe routes and potential access restrictions to determine access to search area.
		2.9 Identify specialist resources to facilitate land search and rescue operations.
3.	Provide grid references to	3.1 Calculate grid references using magnetic bearings, and/or latitude and longitude and/or incident location details provided by callers.
	search and rescue operations	3.2 Communicate six figure grid references to search and rescue operations team.
	team	3.3 Communicate references to field personnel for use in portable navigational aids.
		3.4 Communicate directional information to operations team on request.
4.	Perform land	4.1 Establish cordons to limit size of search area.
	search and	4.2 Use land search strategies to develop an accurate search area.
	rescue response	4.3 Select land search patterns in accordance with conditions and
		terrain.
		4.4 Allocate taskings for resources and assets in accordance with capability.
		4.5 Apply portable navigation aids to provide live information to search coordinator, where available.
		4.6 Analyse information from portable navigation aids to determine areas searched by teams.
		4.7 Modify land search patterns using on scene intelligence.

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Foundation Skills

The foundation skills demands of this unit have been mapped for alignment with the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF). The following tables outline the performance levels indicated for successful attainment of the unit.



Further information on ACSF and the foundation skills underpinning this unit can be found in the Foundation Skills Guide on the GSA website.

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet - https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=98c3984e-2cf1-48a8-8ed1-85e4b92e7351

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