



Australian Government

POLSAR024 Conclude police search and rescue operations

POL SAR024 Conclude police search and rescue operations

Modification History

Release	Comments
1	This unit of competency was first released in POL Police Training Package Release 11.0.

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to conclude and report the outcomes of search and rescue (SAR) operations, including reviewing activities and communicating with stakeholders.

This unit applies to police staff undertaking police SAR coordination duties.

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 resource procurement, stakeholder and family liaison and work health and safety (WHS).

Those undertaking this unit would work within multi-agency teams and often liaise with stakeholders. They would make decisions independently while giving consideration to financial and human resource management requirements. They would perform a range of complex tasks and demonstrate adaptability across a broad range of contexts, either in the field or within police station/office environments.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

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

Pre-requisite unit(s)

No pre-requisite units

Competency field(s)

Search and Rescue

Unit sector(s)

N/A

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Conclude SAR operation.	1.1 Review SAR activities in accordance with legislative and investigative requirements. 1.2 Determine when to conclude SAR operation with the assistance of medical advice, expiry timeframe of survival, no likelihood of locating subject(s), or a successful rescue. 1.3 Liaise with family prior to concluding SAR operation to maintain transparency. 1.4 Consult stakeholders before finalising the SAR operation and advise them of the decision to conclude. 1.5 Coordinate recall/stand down of assets in accordance with resource requirements. 1.6 Ensure all assets are accounted for and prepared for redeployment. 1.7 Review outcomes of operation through debrief of SAR members and stakeholders.
2. Report outcomes of SAR operation.	2.1 Collate information/log for SAR records. 2.2 Record critical decisions for accountability and transparency purposes. 2.3 Complete national and/or jurisdictional reports for dissemination in accordance with reporting requirements. 2.4 Assist with any judicial and/or internal and external review requirements.

Range of conditions

N/A

Assessment Requirements for POLSAR024 Conclude police search and rescue operations

Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all the requirements of the elements and performance criteria on at least one occasion and include:

- Evaluating conduct of SAR operation
- Assessing factors to determine conclusion of SAR operation
- Concluding SAR operation
- Recalling and accounting for assets
- Communicating outcomes of SAR operation to SAR members and stakeholders
- Documenting outcomes of SAR operation
- Re-supplying assets
- Participating in judicial settings and/or internal and external reviews.

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all the requirements of the elements and performance criteria and include knowledge of:

- Commonwealth, national, state and territory legislation and arrangements relating to the conclusion of SAR operations
- jurisdictional policies and procedures relating to the conclusion of SAR operations
- jurisdictional legislation, policies and procedures relating to work, health and safety (WHS) and wellbeing requirements
- factors for determining the conclusion of SAR operation, including but not limited to:
 - medical advice
 - expiry of timeframe of survival
 - no likelihood of locating subject(s)
 - a successful rescue
- jurisdictional reporting requirements for SAR operations
- jurisdictional policies and procedures relating to administration and finances for SAR operation
- body recovery
- incident scene management
- process for and requirements of coronial investigations

- jurisdictional re-supply guidelines
- judicial processes
- family support resources and referral processes.

Assessment Conditions

Mandatory Workplace Requirements

Assessment of performance evidence may be in a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents a real workplace.

Unit Mapping Information

Previous Code and Title	Equivalence	Comments
POLSAR011 Conclude police search and rescue operations	Equivalent	Updated Unit code, Application, Performance Criteria, Performance Evidence and Knowledge Evidence.

Links

Companion volumes, including implementation guides, are found on the national training register - <https://training.gov.au/training/details/POL>.