



Australian Government

POLSAR028 Manage assets for police search and rescue operations

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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 liaise with stakeholders to acquire and manage assets required for police search and rescue (SAR) operations.

This unit applies to police officers involved in police SAR operations.

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 asset acquisitions and financial delegations.

Those undertaking this unit may work autonomously and supervise teams while remaining responsible for reporting to senior staff. They would demonstrate adaptability while performing sophisticated tasks across a broad range of contexts.

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. Oversee coordination.	1.1 Action the management function within SAR coordination centre/ forward command post. 1.2 Assess whether the command-and-control structure is appropriate for the nature and complexity of the SAR operation(s). 1.3 Modify coordination structure in response to changes within the SAR operation(s). 1.4 Apply operational judgement and strategic oversight to lead and manage SAR operation(s). 1.5 Facilitate flow of information to stakeholders to communicate needs of the SAR operation(s).
2. Manage asset requirements.	2.1 Identify assets required to respond to SAR incident(s). 2.2 Assess assets to meet the requirements of SAR plan(s), including personnel support activities. 2.3 Assess financial requirements and associated authorisations to facilitate asset management. 2.4 Review and supply assets to meet operational requirements within negotiated timeframes. 2.5 Monitor allocation of assets to ensure operational effectiveness and to identify additional requirements. 2.6 Assess assets requirements for protracted operations. 2.7 Liaise with stakeholders to facilitate resupply and negotiation for ongoing asset requirements.
3. Conclude coordination activities.	3.1 Analyse use of assets to ensure cost effectiveness and efficiency using an audit methodology. 3.2 Oversee the return and reconciliation of resources released from SAR operation(s) to stakeholders. 3.3 Manage financial arrangements arising from SAR operations. 3.4 Ensure provision of support for SAR personnel in line with work health and safety legislation, policies and procedures.

4. Review coordination.	4.1 Evaluate coordination effectiveness through debriefings and peer reviews to review actions taken, costings, and policies and procedures. 4.2 Interpret review findings to identify opportunities for continuous improvement. 4.3 Develop reports to account for the SAR operation costings and the use of assets. 4.4 Manage asset availability and preparedness for future SAR operations.
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Range of conditions

N/A

Assessment Requirements for POLSAR028 Manage assets for 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:

- managing coordination function within search and rescue (SAR) operation(s)
- communicating with stakeholders
- overseeing the acquisition, allocation, return and replenishment of assets
- managing and reviewing financial processes during SAR operation(s)
- evaluating asset requirements in accordance with SAR incident(s)
- reviewing management of assets during SAR operation(s)
- developing recommendations for continuous improvement purposes.

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 SAR
- jurisdictional legislation, policies and procedures relating to SAR operations
- jurisdictional legislation, policies and procedures relating to work, health and safety (WHS) and wellbeing requirements
- control and organisation command structure
- other organisations' and external authorities' operational capabilities and limitations
- jurisdictional financial delegations and arrangements
- jurisdictional legislation, policies and procedures relating to health, safety and wellbeing
- equipment and resources for SAR operations
- communication technologies and interoperability
- security and confidentiality of material
- assets, including operational and non-operational personnel, animals, materials, equipment and consumables
- debriefings and reviews
- report writing

- audit methodologies.

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
POLSAR014 Manage resources for police search and rescue operations	Not equivalent	Updated Code, Title, Application, Unit 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>.