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POLSAR012 Coordinate police search and rescue operations

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Modification History

Release 1. This is the first release of this unit of competency in the POL Police Training Package
Release 5.0

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to plan and implement search and rescue (SAR) operations, as well as coordinate SAR resources and employ media strategies.

This unit applies to police officers 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 remaining accountable, as well as demonstrate the ability to display adaptability and situational awareness. They would perform complex tasks in a range of contexts, either in the field or within police station/office environments.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Not applicable.

Competency Field

Search and rescue

Unit Sector

Not applicable.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements describe the essential Performance criteria describe the performance needed to

outcomes.

demonstrate achievement of the element.

1 Plan for SAR operations

- 1.1** Identify requirements for a coordination centre to facilitate effective management of SAR operation
- 1.2** Assess environmental factors to determine impact on SAR operation
- 1.3** Assess resources required to undertake SAR operations based on information about environmental factors
- 1.4** Identify role and capabilities of other SAR authorities to assist in SAR operation
- 1.5** Determine search patterns in accordance with environmental conditions/factors
- 1.6** Develop rescue plan to assist in managing SAR operation
- 1.7** Develop contingency plans to account for dynamic circumstances
- 1.8** Review feasibility of plan in accordance with resource availability/capability and SAR mission
- 1.9** Evaluate plan continually taking into account environmental context and nature of SAR incident
- 1.10** Assess resource requirements for extended operations

2 Implement SAR plan

- 2.1** Maintain critical decision records for accountability purposes
- 2.2** Modify SAR plan in accordance with changing circumstances
- 2.3** Evaluate SAR implementation continually to maximise probability of detection
- 2.4** Facilitate family liaison to ensure next of kin are briefed
- 2.5** Liaise with stakeholders to ensure effective coordination of resources
- 2.6** Apply search techniques to support SAR operation
- 2.7** Assess timeframe for survival of target based on specialist medical advice

- 2.8** Calculate probability of detection to assess effectiveness of the SAR plan
 - 2.9** Continuously assess incident to determine if handover to another authority is required
 - 2.10** Identify follow-on actions required for ongoing coordination of SAR operation
- 3 Coordinate resources**
 - 3.1** Coordinate assets through delegation of roles and responsibilities
 - 3.2** Assess capabilities of assets to allocate taskings and search areas
 - 3.3** Monitor completion of tasks to ensure safety and task compliance
 - 3.4** Monitor welfare and support requirements of SAR members in accordance with health, safety and wellbeing practices
 - 3.5** Facilitate resupply of resources to support SAR operations
- 4 Employ media strategies**
 - 4.1** Assess media requirements to progress SAR operation and inform media strategy
 - 4.2** Provide information to the media to assist SAR operation in accordance with media policy
 - 4.3** Liaise with media to manage accuracy and timeliness of information

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Range is restricted to essential operating conditions and any other variables essential to the work environment.

Non-essential conditions may be found in the POL Police Training Package Companion Volume Implementation Guide.

Unit Mapping Information

This unit replaces and is equivalent to POLSTAR009 Coordinate police search and rescue operation.

Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guides can be found on VETNet - -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=98c3984e-2cf1-48a8-8ed1-85e4b92e7351>

Assessment Requirements for POLSAR012 Coordinate police search and rescue operations

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Performance Evidence

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

- facilitating coordination of search and rescue (SAR) operation and allocation/deployment of resources
- evaluating factors impacting on SAR operation
- liaising with, and coordinating stakeholders to facilitate SAR operation
- displaying situational awareness within SAR operation context
- sourcing relevant information to inform SAR operation
- applying appropriate methods and techniques to facilitate SAR operation
- documenting progress of operation including critical decisions
- responding to media enquiries.

Knowledge Evidence

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

- national manual relating to SAR
- jurisdictional authorisation procedures for SAR operation
- search area allocation
- search patterns
- calculations relating to SAR operations
- methods for determining current location of target
- operating procedures for equipment
- SAR resources
- first aid capabilities of SAR resources
- jurisdictional policies and procedures relating to reporting requirements, handovers, media liaison, family liaison and command and control systems
- roles, responsibilities and capabilities of external stakeholders
- resource requirements for protracted searches
- jurisdictional legislation, policies and procedures and arrangements relating to work, health and safety (WHS)

- medical considerations for persons in distress
- communication technology and related legislative requirements
- electronic search tools
- environmental factors that may impact on SAR operation
- Commonwealth, national, state and territory legislation and arrangements relating to SAR
- media requirements for SAR operation.

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must hold credentials specified within the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

Assessment must satisfy the Principles of Assessment and Rules of Evidence and all regulatory requirements included within the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

Assessment processes and techniques must be appropriate to the language, literacy and numeracy requirements of the work being performed and the needs of the candidate.

Assessment must occur in workplace operational situations. Where this is not appropriate, such as in situations that can affect safety or occur only rarely, assessment can occur in simulated workplace operational situations that reflect workplace conditions.

Resources for assessment must include access to:

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or other simulations
- relevant and appropriate materials, tools, equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE) currently used in industry
- applicable documentation, including workplace procedures, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals.

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