



Australian Government

POLSAR016 Manage 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 for and manage police search and rescue (SAR) requirements, including communicating with stakeholders, analysing resources and evaluating activities.

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 human resource management and reporting requirements.

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

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 SAR operations

- 1.1** Review information relating to the incident to plan an operation
- 1.2** Assess resources required to complete SAR operations based on available information
- 1.3** Evaluate plan to determine feasibility and likelihood of success

2 Manage SAR teams

- 2.1** Communicate nature of the operation to SAR stakeholders
- 2.2** Assess roles, responsibilities and activities to brief SAR teams
- 2.3** Assess tasks to identify the allocation to team members
- 2.4** Monitor performance, health, safety and wellbeing of team members and adjust plans as required
- 2.5** Evaluate and disseminate feedback from teams and stakeholders to inform SAR operations

3 Liaise with internal and external stakeholders

- 3.1** Develop briefings for external stakeholders to ensure consistency of information
- 3.2** Monitor resources to determine changing circumstances
- 3.3** Negotiate with stakeholders to acquire resources for SAR operations
- 3.4** Provide guidance and support to stakeholders to improve SAR effectiveness

4 Manage SAR reporting requirements

- 4.1** Collate information from internal and external sources to maintain comprehensive records
- 4.2** Evaluate information to determine relevance
- 4.3** Analyse available information to identify trends
- 4.4** Develop recommendations for continuous improvement purposes

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 POL SAR004 Manage search and rescue operations.

Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guides can be found on VETNet - -

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