

BROWN COUNTY EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION (ESF) 9 SEARCH AND RESCUE

LEAD COORDINATING AGENCY: Local Authority Having Jurisdiction

SUPPORT AGENCIES: Brown County Sheriff
Brown County Public Safety Communications
Brown County Public Works
Brown County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)
Green Bay Metro Fire Department
Green Bay Police Department
Local Fire Departments
Local Law Enforcement Agencies
Brown County Emergency Management
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Wisconsin Civil Air Patrol
Wisconsin State Patrol
Red Cross
U.S. Coast Guard

STATE COORDINATING AGENCIES: Wisconsin Emergency Management

I. INTRODUCTION

The Purpose of ESF 9 is to:

1. Provide support to local governments in both urban and non-urban search and rescue operations prior to and following an emergency or disaster situation.
2. Provide assistance in all activities associated with Search, Rescue and Recovery operations which are beyond the capabilities of local governments.
3. Coordinate the integration of personnel and equipment resources.

II. POLICIES

Search and rescue is a local government responsibility dependent upon the mechanism for the search and rescue operation. County government assistance in this area will normally be initiated at the request of local government.

County and/or local government requests for Wisconsin Civil Air Patrol, Department of Natural Resources or State Patrol assistance must be processed through Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM).

Requests for assistance from a search and rescue canine dog organization are normally submitted by local law enforcement authorities directly to such organization. However, a local agency wanting help in obtaining the services may contact WEM.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

This ESF coordinates state assistance in locating persons missing as a result of any one or more of a number of reasons including: natural phenomena, man-made (terrorism) or technological failure. This includes search and rescue missions for persons lost in wooded or other environments, the search for downed aircraft, the extrication of accident victims, collapsed structures, etc.

The initial search and rescue response will be a local effort, with priorities set by the local/county government.

FEMA's US&R assets and needs are outlined in National Response Plan ESF#9 Annex. In the event FEMA-US&R teams are not available, WEM will coordinate an Emergency Management Assistance Compact request for US&R teams. There are 28 FEMA US&R Task Forces spread throughout the continental United States trained and equipped by FEMA to handle structural collapse. A list of the US&R Task Forces is in Appendix 1.

B. Organization

US&R technical assistance expertise will be provided first by representatives from the Wisconsin Regional Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Team, as available, and if the need exceeds Wisconsin's capability (note: Wisconsin does not currently have state-supported US&R teams) then FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Teams will be requested. FEMA US&R is a federal asset, and activation may occur upon activation of the National Response Plan. The representatives from the Federal Task Force will coordinate with WEM at the State EOC and with local officials requesting urban search and rescue assistance.

Local US&R teams are available for dispatch upon mutual aid agreement between the requesting county/jurisdiction and the responding US&R team. Compensation will be provided as per agreement.

Non-urban search and rescue assistance will be provided by the local authority having jurisdiction as well as support from organizations such as: U.S. Coast Guard, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Wisconsin DNR, National Search and Rescue (NSAR) and local volunteers. Coordination of resources will be the responsibility of the local authority having jurisdiction with support from Brown County Emergency Management and the county EOC (if activated). The WEM Fire Services Coordinator or Emergency Police Services Coordinator may be deployed to the scene to assist regarding resource management, as available.

C. Procedures

1. The activation of ESF 9 will be managed through Brown County Emergency Management and its standard notification procedures.
2. WEM maintains a 24-hour State Duty Officer System which responds to incidents when notified. Activation of ESF 9 resources will be through the Duty Officer unless EOC operations are active. The telephone/hotline number for the WEM-Duty Officer is

3. **IV. GENERAL ACTIVITIES**

A. Mitigation/Preparedness Activities

1. Coordinate with the local authority having jurisdiction, WEM Administrator, DMA and FEMA to identify potential staging areas.
2. Coordinate with Task Force Teams to determine transportation routes of travel for Task Force Teams. The Task Forces Teams will be self sufficient regarding transportation of personnel and supporting equipment.
3. Assist in identifying and providing resources necessary to support FEMA US&R Teams in conjunction with local authority having jurisdiction.
4. Identify, develop and incorporate, as necessary
 - a. Private sector capabilities and resources
 - b. Backup response and recovery processes

B. Response Activities

1. The local authority having jurisdiction determines what additional resources will be necessary to mitigate or resolve the situation.
2. Should local capabilities be exceeded, local units of government may contact Brown County Emergency Management for assistance

in locating additional resources.

3. Brown County will request and assist with search and rescue within the county utilizing the available assets and capabilities.
4. If requested and under agreements, The Task Force Team will deploy a reconnaissance team to the stricken community. The full team will arrive on location within 4-hours of notification of the event.
5. Through WEM, request FEMA's US&R Teams to assist in search and rescue.
6. In the event FEMA resources are not available the Senior Duty Officer (in consultation with the WEM-Administrator) will activate the EMAC system and request urban search and rescue assets from other states.

C. Recovery Activities

1. The local authority having jurisdiction will be responsible for demobilization.
2. The protocol for demobilization will be as follows:
 - a. Federal assets first released
 - b. State assets second released
 - c. Release of "mutual aid" assets
 - d. Local assets released upon termination of the event

V. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Brown County Emergency Management

1. Inform local jurisdiction(s) on the type and availability of search and rescue assets.
2. Determine County responsibility in acquiring and deploying search and rescue assets for local authority having jurisdiction.
3. Develop county search and rescue activation processes.

B. Support Agencies

1. Local Authority Having Jurisdiction
 - a. Secure the required mutual aid agreements with regional

- WIUSRN authority, if desired.
- b. Develop search and rescue activation processes.

VI. RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

Joint primary and support agencies will provide the required personnel, facilities, and equipment to support their activities utilizing the National Incident Management System Classification System.

VII. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: List of Federal Urban Search and Rescue Teams

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Arizona:	AZ-TF1 Phoenix, Arizona
California:	CA-TF1 LA City Fire Dept. CA-TF2 LA County Fire Dept. CA-TF3 Menlo Park Fire Department CA-TF4 Oakland Fire Dept. CA-TF5 Orange Co. Fire Authority CA-TF6 Riverside Fire Department CA-TF7 Sacramento Fire Dept. CA-TF8 San Diego Fire Dept.
Colorado:	CO-TF1 West Metro Fire Protection District
Florida:	FL-TF1 Miami-Dade Fire Dept. FL-TF2 Miami Fire Dept.
Indiana:	IN-TF1 City of Indianapolis Public Safety
Maryland:	MD-TF1 Montgomery County Fire Rescue
Massachusetts:	MA-TF1 City of Beverly
Missouri:	MO-TF1 Boone County Fire Protection District
Nebraska:	NE-TF1 Lincoln Fire Rescue.
Nevada:	NV-TF1 Clark County Fire Dept.
New Jersey	NJ-TF1 NJ State Police
New York:	NY-TF1 NYC Office of Emergency Mgt
Ohio:	OH-TF1 Miami Valley US&R
Pennsylvania:	PA-TF1 Philadelphia FD
Tennessee:	TN-TF1 Memphis . Division of Fire Services
Texas:	TX-TF1 Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service
Utah:	UT-TF1 Unified Fire Authority
Virginia:	VA-TF1 Fairfax Co. Fire & Rescue Dept. VA-TF2 Virginia Beach Fire Dept.
Washington:	WA-TF1 Pierce County Dept of Emergency Mgt