

# Appendix IX: Emergency Support Function 9 – Search and Rescue

<b>Primary Agency</b>	Department of Financial Services (DFS) / Division of State Fire Marshal (SFM).
<b>Support Agencies</b>	Florida Fire Chiefs' Association (FFCA) - State Emergency Response Plan (SERP) Coordinators, Florida Association of Search and Rescue (FASAR), Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - Florida Forest Service (FFS), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), DFS Division of Investigative & Science Services (DIFS) - Bureau of Fire, Arson & Explosives Investigations, Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), Florida National Guard (FNG) CERF-P and FEMA National Urban Search & Rescue (US&R), Local Fire Service providers.

## Section 1: Introduction

The purpose of Emergency Support Function 9 (ESF 9) is to provide Statewide Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) support to local governments and coordinate deployment of State, Regional and Federal resources, and; support to ESF 8 for EMS resources housed in Fire Service agencies in response to actual, potential emergency/disaster or planned events.

## Section 2: Roles and Responsibilities

### 2.1 Organization

1. The DFS-SFM is the lead state agency responsible for ESF 9. Supporting the SFM are representatives from the FFCA, FFS, and FDEM. Representatives from primary and support agencies will staff positions in ESF 4&9 in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) on a 24-hour basis during full activations in support to the SFM and FDEM.
2. ESF 9 reports directly to the Emergency Services Branch Chief who reports to the Operations Section Chief.

### 2.2 Responsibilities

#### 2.2.1 Primary Agency – Department of Financial Services/Division of State Fire Marshal

The Department of Financial Services / Division of State Fire Marshal (SFM) is the primary response and coordination agency for ESF 9. As the primary agency, the (SFM) coordinates with its supporting agencies in directing search and rescue resources and response activities.

#### 2.2.2 Support Agencies

Agency	Responsibilities
1. Florida Fire Chiefs' Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deploy a Coordination officer to the SEOC on request to work with the State Fire Marshal to assist in responding to requests for search and rescue assistance utilizing the <i>Statewide Emergency Response Plan (SERP)</i></li> </ul>

<p><b>2. Florida Association of Search and Rescue</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist with coordination of search and rescue resources available through local government and volunteer organizations to include the eight (8) State US&amp;R teams and the TRTs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide law enforcement officers for team security, aircraft, all-terrain vehicles, boats and other specialized personnel and equipment, air insertion of teams via helicopters for search and rescue efforts</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. DFS-DIFS Bureau of Fire, Arson, Explosive’s Investigations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide Law enforcement officers to provide team security and skid steers for moving debris allow SAR access to impacted areas.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Florida Forestry Service</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide IMT overhead coordination teams in support to field operations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Florida Division of Emergency Management</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide logistical, planning, and operational support in the SEOC and in the field.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. FEMA Urban Search and Rescue</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide force multiplier SAR capabilities from the Federal plan.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Various EMAC states with US&amp;R resources</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide force multiplier S&amp;R capabilities from unimpacted states through a national compact.</li> </ul>

## Section 3: Concept of Operations

### 3.1 General

- Urban search and rescue (US&R) activities include locating, extricating, and providing immediate medical assistance to survivors trapped in collapsed structures and related activities.
- Fire based EMS units provide ALS Rescue in support to US&R operations and supplement first response EMS support to impacted communities.

### 3.2 Operational Objectives

#### 3.2.1 Preparedness

Utilizing operational plans, including the FFCA –Statewide Emergency Response Plan (SERP): Accomplish planning, coordinating and mobilization of resources from the statewide fire service through the SFM, FFCA State SERP Coordinator, seven fire Regional Coordinators, FFCA FASAR Chair, FFS IMT Plans and FDEM Plans section. The FFCA and SFM coordinate training on use of the State Emergency Response Plan.

#### 3.2.2 Response

- Activate a Search and Rescue Planning Team.
- Utilize the Florida Search and Rescue Concept of Operations Plans (Search and Rescue Assessment, Search and Rescue Management, Initial Recon/Search Team).
- Activate the ESF 4&9 Incident Support Team and the FFS IMT to provide overhead support, command, and control of assets down range.

- d. Coordinate the commitment from the eight (8) State US&R Task Forces, FWC, DIFS-BFAEI, FNG CERF-P and other resources from outside the impacted area through other agencies with search and rescue resources to include Technical Rescue Teams. This includes coordination of all FEMA US&R Task Forces and EMAC from supporting states deployed within the state.
- e. Transportation may be provided, if available, but is usually the responsibility of the responding agency. This may require coordination with Emergency Support Function 1. In addition, resources may be pre-positioned as necessary (i.e. ahead of hurricanes where safe).
- f. Members of ESF 9 may serve as part of the State Emergency Response Team in Field Operations (i.e., the State Management Team, Area Command, Preliminary Damage Assessment Team, Joint Field Office operations, Recovery Center operations, intrastate and/or interstate mutual aid assistance, etc.).

### **3.2.3 Recovery**

Upon request, ESF 9 will provide search and rescue personnel and resources for recovery missions as assigned and appropriate.

## **Section 4: Finance and Administration**

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### **4.1 Financial Management**

All disaster response agency assets, city/county or otherwise, who provide assets and staff to requests from ESF 9, must submit their preliminary estimated costs for the resources requested within 4 days of deployment. Once department personnel and equipment have been demobilized and released back home complete reimbursement claims packages are to be submitted to the Florida Division of Emergency Management and Department of Financial Services / Division of State Fire Marshal (ESF49@myfloridacfo.com) within 15 business days of demobilization orders. The final request must include the following:

#### **4.1.1 Salaries**

Provide a schedule for all employees; time worked, pay rates/matching rates, and separating regular time from overtime. Required documentation include Timesheets, Payroll, ICS 214 daily activity logs, personnel rosters, benefit calculation sheets, station staffing logs and department personnel policies and/or collective bargaining agreements. NOTE: Depending on the level of activation, mission assigned, Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and local pay policies individuals/teams may be eligible for 24 hour pay during operations. The SFM lead, and FDEM makes that determination at the onset of the response depending on the severity and duration of operations.

#### **4.1.2 Travel**

Provide copies of the travel vouchers that have been paid due to disaster response. The appropriate Finance Director must certify these as true expenditures. If meals, lodging, or other support were provided by the State or another entity individual travel costs are not eligible.

#### **4.1.3 Equipment**

Provide a detailed description of the equipment used to assist, detailing the type and size, pump size and horsepower, where the equipment was used, number of hours per piece, per day, and type of work each piece performed utilizing the current FEMA Cost Codes. Vehicle rates – Primary use as passenger vehicles including pick-up trucks, SUVs and sedans shall be charged at current mileage rate. Vehicles

that are primarily large equipment such as fire apparatus, semi tractors, EMS units and so forth shall be charged at the most current FEMA hourly cost code rate.

#### **4.1.4 Materials**

If eligible items were purchased to support the deployment the department must provide copies of invoices/receipts, p'card statements and bank payments.

### **4.2 Authorities and References**

1. Federal Emergency Support Function 4 Annex.
2. FFCA STATEWIDE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (SERP) July 17, 2021
3. Florida Association of Search and Rescue, "Standard Operating Guidelines"