



Annex R: Search and Rescue

Executive Summary

Primary	Fire Marshal's Office
Support	County Judge's Office, Sheriff's Office, Public Infrastructure, Public Health & Environmental Services, Medical Examiner's Office
Coordination	Office of Emergency Management

The purpose of this annex is to outline operational concepts and organizational arrangements for search and rescue (SAR) operations during emergency situations in our community. This annex is applicable to all agencies, organizations and personnel with assigned SAR functional responsibilities. In addition to SAR, related responsibilities for firefighting, radiological response, and hazardous materials response are detailed in other Annexes.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

The responsibilities of our SAR team will be extensive during some types of emergency situations. These responsibilities include the search for and extrication of victims during events such as structural collapse, hazmat accidents, flooding incidents, radiological incidents, and major fires or explosions.

Local fire departments have the same responsibilities in disaster situations as they do in daily operations. The local Fire Department has the primary responsibility of providing SAR operations in Harris County.

REFERENCES

- FEMA, Guide for All-Hazard Emergency Operations Planning (SLG-101).
- Annex R (Search and Rescue) to the *State of Texas Emergency Management Plan*.
- Annex V (Terrorist Incident Response) to the *State of Texas Emergency Management Plan*.
- *Texas Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan*, May 1998.
- Annex D, Radiological incidents, Harris County Basic Plan
- Annex F, Firefighting, Harris County Basic Plan
- Annex Q, Hazardous Materials, Harris County Basic Plan