

LAND SAR ADVISER

STANDARDS

Non Operational Role

Introduction

This document specifies the standards of performance required to fulfil the non operational role of a Land SAR Adviser.

The Land SAR Adviser develops and coordinates SAR resources in order for those resources to be fully available at anytime for SAR operations. The Land SAR Adviser ensures the local SAR organisation can provide a professional service to the Police in the event of a SAR operation.

This role, for the purposes of the standards, has been divided into four parts:

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| Part 1 | Maintenance of organisation |
| Part 2 | Liaison |
| Part 3 | Promotion of SAR |
| Part 4 | Policies and Reporting |

Although many of these tasks can and should be delegated the Advisers remain responsible for ensuring standards are maintained.

Part 1

Maintain a SAR ready local SAR organisation

Criteria

- 1.1 Lists of all resources available to assist in SAR operations in the advisers area enable contact and activation at the shortest possible notice.

Resources may include: volunteer personnel, paid personnel, equipment and transport.
- 1.2 The list of personnel available for SAR operations includes information detailing their skills, experience and SAR capability.
- 1.3 Procedures developed for the local SAR organisation ensure that the personnel called up are self reliant and equipped for a period in the field appropriate for the operation.
- 1.4 Procedures developed for the local SAR organisation ensure that SAR equipment is ready to be used on SAR operations.
- 1.5 Training needs analysis conducted for SAR personnel identify areas of strength and weakness and specify required training.

- 1.6 Training designed and provided for SAR personnel meets the identified training needs.
- 1.7 Procedures developed for the local SAR organisation ensure implementation of recommendations from operational debriefs.
- 1.8 Procedures are implemented to ensure the introduction of new SAR techniques, training methods and technology.
- 1.9 Financial management of the local SAR organisation ensures that funds and resources are used in the best interest of SAR.
- 1.10 Evaluations of competency levels of groups that may be used on SAR operations establishes whether they will be used and how.
- 1.11 New activities and/or areas where SAR operations may be required are identified and resources and strategies are developed that will assist SAR operations in those areas.
- 1.12 New members are introduced and encouraged so that the SAR organisation maintains membership and resources that are sufficient and relevant for likely SAR operations.

Part 2

Liaise with police and other groups associated with SAR

Criteria

- 2.1 The police area SAR plan is developed and updated using information provided by the Land SAR Adviser.

Information provided may include details of the local SAR organisation's procedures, resource lists and information regarding the requirements of terrain, communications, local weather.
- 2.2 Liaison with other groups ensures that information regarding all SAR resources is shared so that all groups operate in a coordinated manner during SAR operations.

Other groups may include Amateur Radio Emergency Corps, Department of Conservation, Clubs, Marine SAR Committee, Coast Guard, Local Cliff Rescue Teams, Dog Teams and Advisers from adjacent areas.
- 2.3 Peer performance reviews with other advisers maintains or increases the performance of the Land SAR Adviser.

Part 3

Promote public awareness of SAR

Criteria

- 3.1 Information dissemination and education programmes ensure understanding and support of SAR by: outdoor users, SAR personnel and the general public.

Information dissemination and education programmes may include: Newsletters, meetings, notices and reports, press releases, demonstrations of SAR skills, displays.

- 3.2 Liaison with the media ensures that activities of the SAR organisation are conveyed to the public accurately and effectively.

Part 4

Policies and Reporting

Criteria

- 4.1 The activities of the local SAR organisation reflect policies and recommendations of the National SAR Committee.

- 4.2 Reports will be provided as required

Reports may be required by: District Committee, NZ Land SAR, Police, Coroner

- 4.3 Reports to the District SAR Committee reflect the state and requirements of the local SAR organisation with regard to its ability to carry out SAR operations.

Ability to carry out SAR operations may include: physical ability, financial ability, present and future.