

SAEMS PREHOSPITAL PROTOCOLS

Search and Rescue Operations

I. Purpose

To coordinate the request and response of Agencies (Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS etc.) in support of Search and Rescue Operations in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) 11-441C.

II. Indications

Search and Rescue (SAR) Operations have the potential to be extended operations, which can require large amounts of personnel and equipment to complete safely. Coordination between multiple Agencies is often required to successfully complete the operation. Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) 11-441C relegates SAR Operations and /or coordination of SAR Operations to the Sheriff's Department in each County.

III. Procedure

- A. Contact the Sheriff's Department for the County in which the Search and Rescue Operation originates.
- B. Request assistance with a Search and Rescue Operation.
- C. Provide as much information as is known.
 1. GPS location, number of patients, types of injuries, physical landmarks, trail names etc.
- D. Provide contact information from the requesting Agency as further information may be required.
- E. Coordinate the Search and Rescue Operation under the authority of the responsible Sheriff's Department SAR Coordinator.