

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE DIRECTIVE OPS-015, SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS

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I. POLICY

The Illinois State Police (ISP) will:

- I.A. Establish procedures for conducting search and rescue missions in coordination with other law enforcement and emergency services agencies.
- I.B. Assist law enforcement agencies throughout the state with requests for Departmental services and resources in search and rescue missions, as appropriate to the situation.

II. DEFINITIONS

- II.A. Canine Team - a trained law enforcement canine and handler, augmented by at least one law enforcement officer acting as a security element. (See ISP directive OPS-034, "Canine.")
- II.B. Illinois America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) Alert Notification Plan - a voluntary partnership among law enforcement agencies, Illinois broadcasters, and the National Weather Service to activate an urgent bulletin in the most serious child abduction cases. (See ISP directive OPS-014, "Missing Person Response," for further information on using the Illinois AMBER Alert Notification Plan.)
- II.C. Incident Command System - an organized system of roles, responsibilities, and standard operating procedures used to manage and direct emergency operations.
- II.D. ISP Aircraft - department fixed-wing aircraft, piloted by an ISP pilot, which may be equipped with capabilities such as Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) and/or Nightsun, to enhance the effectiveness of the mission (see ISP directive OPS-032, "Aircraft Operations").
- II.E. Search and Rescue - a coordinated effort to locate a person(s) whose location is unknown, and the finding of whom is necessary to the continued well-being of said person and/or the public. Such incidents may include, but are not limited to:
 - II.E.1. Escaped prisoners
 - II.E.2. Fleeing suspects
 - II.E.3. Missing persons whose welfare are threatened by factors such as:
 - II.E.3.a. Age
 - II.E.3.b. Inclement weather
 - II.E.3.c. Medical emergencies
 - II.E.3.d. Mental or physical disabilities
 - II.E.3.e. Terrain or suspected location of missing person
- II.F. Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team - a contingent of ISP officers with enhanced tactical capabilities and equipment, which may be used to augment the mission through the use of land navigation skills, thermal imaging, night vision, etc.

III. PROCEDURES

For procedures on handling a missing person report, refer to ISP directive OPS-014, "Missing Person Response."

III.A. Command and Control

- III.A.1. Initial requests for assistance will be forwarded to the appropriate Troop for assessment by a command officer with consideration given to:
 - III.A.1.a. Impact on public or individual safety.
 - III.A.1.b. Availability of ISP resources (see Addendum 1).
 - III.A.1.c. Availability and capability of local law enforcement and relevant emergency services entities.
- III.A.2. If ISP is the lead agency, or is requested to become the lead agency, the Troop Commander will designate an Incident Commander (IC) to proceed to the scene, coordinate response, and determine what resources are needed for a quick and safe resolution to the situation.
- III.A.3. Upon assuming command for the incident, the IC will:
 - III.A.3.a. Identify and staff inner and/or outer perimeters if necessary/applicable.
 - III.A.3.b. Implement the Incident Command System and establish a staging area for responding units.
 - III.A.3.c. Implement the appropriate search method, as determined by the type of mission.
 - III.A.3.d. Determine the resource needs and request appropriate assets, deploying them in consultation with unit commanders.
 - III.A.3.e. Ensure thorough documentation of the incident through the assignment of an Incident Scribe/Historian.
 - III.A.3.f. Ensure appropriate follow-up upon incident resolution to include transfer of incident responsibility to appropriate jurisdiction for necessary action (i.e. investigative action, etc.). The IC will also be responsible for completion of an incident after-action critique and report that will be reviewed at the Troop level and forwarded to the respective Region Commander.
 - III.A.3.g. Secure communications.

III.B. Discontinuation of ISP Assistance

- III.B.1. The IC will consult with the Troop and Region Commanders before making a recommendation to discontinue ISP assistance on the incident.
- III.B.2. When acting in assistance to another agency, the Troop Commander will consult with the primary agency before making a decision to discontinue special efforts in the mission.
- III.B.3. Other Divisions will notify the Troop Commander when they discontinue or suspend any special efforts on the incident.

| Indicates new or revised items.

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ADDENDUM 1, SEARCH AND RESCUE RESOURCES**

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The following resources may be available to any law enforcement agency conducting a search and rescue operation. Actual availability of resources may vary depending upon operational needs of the providing agency.

- I. Illinois State Police (ISP)
 - I.A. Office of the Director
 - Public information services
 - I.B. Division of Patrol (DOP)
 - I.B.1. The Mobile Command Vehicle
 - I.B.2. Saturation staffing
 - I.B.3. Four-wheel drive vehicles
 - I.C. Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI)
 - I.C.1. Aircraft (ISP aircraft only)
 - I.C.2. FLIR
 - I.C.3. Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center analysis
 - I.C.4. Special Operations Command, including
 - I.C.4.a. All terrain vehicles (ATVs)
 - I.C.4.b. Armored vehicles
 - I.C.4.c. Crisis Negotiators
 - I.C.4.d. Special Weapons and Tactics Teams with Tactical Medics
 - I.C.4.e. Watercraft
 - I.C.4.f. Other specialized capabilities and equipment
 - I.C.4.g. Night vision, thermal imaging, and telescopic lenses
 - I.C.5. Electronic tracking equipment
 - I.C.6. Investigative services
 - I.C.7. Telephone trace services
 - I.C.8. Video equipment
 - I.C.9. Four-wheel drive vehicles
 - I.D. Division of Forensic Services (DFS)
 - I.D.1. Crime Scene Investigators
 - I.D.2. Forensic Science Laboratories

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- I.E. Division of Statewide 911 (911)
 - Portable radios
- II. Illinois Department of Natural Resources
 - II.A. ATVs
 - II.B. Four-wheel drive vehicles
 - II.C. Snowmobiles
 - II.D. Watercraft with sonar locating equipment
- III. Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
 - III.A. Aircraft (IDOT aircraft only)
 - III.B. Forward Looking Infrared Systems (FLIR)
- IV. Illinois National Guard (upon approval of the Governor)
 - IV.A. Armored Personnel Carriers
 - IV.B. Cross country ski and snowshoe teams
 - IV.C. Helicopters
 - IV.D. Off-road vehicles
- V. Illinois Secretary of State Police
 - Underwater Search and Rescue Teams
- VI. Illinois Emergency Management Agency
 - Coordination of long-term missions with contact information for external resources. (i.e., fire/rescue units, civilian and military canine teams, Salvation Army, etc.)

-End of Addendum-