

### **39F.010 Definitions for chapter.**

The following definitions apply in this chapter unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "General rescue squad" means a rescue squad which performs one (1) or more of the following functions as a stated mission of the organization:
  - (a) Light duty rescue;
  - (b) Extrication of persons from vehicles;
  - (c) Water rescue and recovery operations not utilizing divers;
  - (d) Search for lost, trapped, or missing persons not utilizing dogs;
  - (e) Low angle rescue and recovery operations; and
  - (f) High angle rescue and recovery operations.
- (2) "Impaired adult" means a person age eighteen (18) years of age or older who has a verified mental or cognitive impairment and whose disappearance poses a credible threat to the health or safety of the person, as determined by a local law enforcement agency.
- (3) "Reports and notification" means the reporting and notification of any search and rescue mission to the appropriate agency or person in the manner as specified by this chapter.
- (4) "Rescue" means gaining access, rendering appropriate care, and transporting of a person or persons by whatever means, to a safe environment for appropriate care.
- (5) "Rescue squad" means any organization which engages in the search for lost persons, rescue of persons, rescue of persons who are trapped or who are in need of rescue services, search for and recovery of drowned persons, or any other rescue related activity. "Rescue squad" shall not include the rescue of persons from a fire by a fire department, the extrication of persons from a vehicle or other activities which an emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician first responder, or paramedic is authorized to perform pursuant to applicable statutes and administrative regulations, if the activities are performed by a person for an ambulance service or in the role of a first responder. If these activities are performed other than as a first responder or in the role of an ambulance service and are involved in rescue operations, they come within the purview of activities of a rescue squad.
- (6) "Search" means the process of looking for a person or persons whose location is not precisely known, and who may be in distress.
- (7) "Search and rescue" ("SAR") means the process of looking for a lost, missing, or overdue person or persons who may be in distress, and rendering care with the use of appropriately trained and adequately equipped personnel.
- (8) "Search and rescue mission" includes, but is not limited to, searching for a missing or lost person or persons, cave rescue, high angle or rough terrain rescue, urban search and rescue, dive rescue and recovery of drowning victims, inland water search, rescue, and recovery. "Search and rescue" may also include any mission permitted pursuant to this chapter. A "search and rescue mission" does not include

mine rescue missions under the jurisdiction of the Department for Natural Resources pursuant to KRS Chapter 351.

- (9) "Specialized rescue squad" means a rescue squad which performs one (1) or more of the following functions as the primary or sole mission of the organization:
- (a) Cave rescue;
  - (b) Search utilizing dogs for lost, trapped or missing persons;
  - (c) Search for lost, trapped or missing persons, aircraft, or vehicles, utilizing aircraft, but does not apply to licensed air ambulances, active or reserve military organizations, the National Guard, or the Civil Air Patrol; and
  - (d) Water rescue and recovery operations utilizing divers.
- (10) "Victim recovery" means the search for and the removal to the jurisdiction of the coroner of the remains of a person known or believed to be dead. If the person is found alive, it includes rescue of the person.

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