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STRIKE TEAM
HANDBOOK



This booklet contains information that you will need as a member of Barrow County CERT Strike Team. All members should retain this booklet in their backpack.

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SAR SPECIALIST 1 & 2

SAR Specialist must have completed Rescue Specialist certification. The senior SAR specialist becomes SAR 1 and is responsible to directing the search operation away from the team leader.

- Perform search area size up and exterior documentation prior to entering any structure.
- Reports size up results to team leader.
- Enters any structure only upon receiving direction and approval from team leader.
- Initiates and completes structure marking to reflect search status and results.
- Perform voice triage prior to structure entry and continue through the entire search.
- Documents structure interior during search.
- Report all victims located to team leader immediately.
- Direct ambulatory victims to exit the structure and report to medic.
- Request a follow up extraction team to remove any non-ambulatory victims who are not in immediate danger.
- Upon structure exit report to team leader and identify where victims are located.
- If possible use canvas stretcher to extract victims if not request an extraction team.
- Report materials and supplies used to team leader after completion of assignment.
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TEAM COMMUNICATOR

The communicator must be a licensed amateur radio operator and is responsible for handling all team communications for the team leader. The communicators radio vest is located in the team leaders backpack.

Responsibilities Include:

- Perform test of FRS Radio prior to assignment.
- Perform communication test of amateur radio equipment.
- Maintains supply of replacement batteries for radios and flashlights.
- Handles all communications as directed by team leader.
- Maintain communication log.
- Report materials and supplies used to team leader after completion of assignment.

STRIKE TEAM EQUIPMENT LIST

As each strike team is formed the team should check out the required equipment from the CERT Logistics Trailer.

- Team Leader Backpack
 - Radio Vest
 - Traffic Wand (2)
- Medic Backpack
 - Canvas Stretchers (2)
- Strike Team radio kit.
 - FRS Radios (6)
 - “AAA” Cell Batteries (40)
 - “C: Cell Batteries (10)
 - SAR Specialist
 - Barrier Tape (2)
 - Marking Paint

TEAM LEADER

The team leader's job is to oversee the operation of the team, brief team members on their assignment and ensure team safety. The team leader must also ensure team status is communicated to Incident Command on a regular basis.

Responsibilities Include:

- Ensure each team member has their PPE and are otherwise properly equipped for their assigned task.
- Ensure each team member understands the team assignment and their respective duties.
- Ensure team members observe all safety precautions and perform size-up prior to entering any structure.
- Maintains awareness of team status including physical and mental condition.
- Maintains situational awareness for any conditions that may affect the status of team safety.
- Initiates and directs all communications.
- Coordinate with other nearby strike teams.
- Review SAR size up and if considered safe issue instruction to SAR team to enter any structure.
- Complete material & supplies usage report after completion of assignment.

TEAM MEDIC

The team medic must be either a licensed medical technician or have completed first responder certification. The team medic is to keep the team leader advised of any health or welfare conditions that may affect the safety of the team.

Responsibilities Include:

- Interviews each team member for any medical conditions that might limit their operational status.
- Performs a preliminary exam of each team member prior to departure from staging area.
- Maintains medical log for each team member.
- Report status of each team member to team leader.
- Performs exam of each team member upon return to staging area.
- Reviews techniques for rapid triage and conducting the 360 examination of victims.
- Maintains medical log of each victim located during search operations.
- Report materials and supplies used to team leader after completion of assignment.