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THURMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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I. PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines for handling and participating in Search and Rescue Operations.

II. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Thurmont Police Department to develop procedures for handling and participating in search and rescue operations within the corporate limits of the Town.

III. PROCEDURES:

- A. The Thurmont Police Department will initiate or participate in search and rescue operations to the extent necessary to locate missing, lost, or unaccounted-for persons with the intent of removing them to a safe location, or to identify their location, if they are trapped or injured, so that their extrication and/or emergency medical treatment or evacuation can be accomplished by appropriately trained personnel.
- B. If a search and rescue operation involved police and fire/rescue personnel, departmental personnel will coordinate with the fire/rescue incident commander.

C. The highest ranking member involved in the search and rescue operations will:

1. Make all appropriate notifications.
2. Establish a joint command post, if necessary, with fire/rescue personnel.
3. Establish the Incident Command System, is appropriate.
4. Obtain any specialized equipment needed for the operation.
5. Arrange for canine (K-9) and air support, if necessary.
6. Liaison with other agencies involved in the search and rescue operation.

D. Personnel participating in the search and rescue operation will:

1. Keep their supervisors informed of their location and status, so that supervisors can coordinate search and rescue efforts.
2. Assist in search and rescue operations, as needed.

E. Providing adequate manpower for the Logistical requirements of a prolonged event.

V. AFTER ACTION REPORTS :

After Action Reports will be completed by all department personnel detailing their assignments. The Deputy Chief of Police will ensure all reports are completed and submitted.

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