

5-06/050.45 - Mountain Search/Rescue Initial Procedure

When a search or rescue operation is indicated, the Station/Unit Watch Commander shall be responsible for:

- Alerting SEB's Emergency Services Detail, who shall respond as needed;
- Assuming command or designating an alternate, who shall be a regular Deputy of the Department, to act as Incident Commander;
- Notifying the Unit Commander, Area Commander, or Department Duty Commander;
- Alerting Station/Unit coordinator;
- Notifying Reserve Forces Bureau when Reserve Search and Rescue Team involved;
- Issuing a Code 20 broadcast, if appropriate; and
- Notifying the U.S. Forestry Dispatcher.

The Incident Commander shall be responsible for:

- Instituting search or rescue operations;
 - Alerting and mobilizing regular and Reserve personnel;
 - Alerting Aero Bureau; and
 - Requesting assistance and additional personnel or equipment, through channels, as circumstances warrant.
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