

EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

**ARTICLE 3: EMERGENCY PROCEDURES
AND OPERATIONS**

EFFECTIVE DATE:

**SECTION 7: SEARCH AND RESCUE
RESPONSE PROCEDURE**

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- 3.7.1 **PURPOSE:** To establish a consistent course of action for responses involving known or possible search and rescue activities.
- 3.7.2 **POLICY:** This policy shall be followed in situations which involve search or rescue operations that exceed the normal time span, equipment, or personnel involved in a routine rescue. Following this policy affords the Fire District the means to receive payment for equipment used, personnel hours, meals and the use of specialized equipment like helicopters. This repayment is available for rescues involving out of county residents. If this policy is followed, the Fire District can bill the patients county of origin for the cost of the above mentioned services. This procedure shall be initiated in all cases of potential search and rescue operations due to the fact that the patient's county of origin is usually not known
- 3.7.3 **PROCEDURE:** - While responding to the incident contact the ECC and request the Sheriffs Department and activate the S.A.R. (Search And Rescue) system. At that time make the ECC aware of whether or not you want S.A.R. personnel dispatched to your rescue scene and what specialized equipment or additional personnel you anticipate using during your rescue. Confirm with the ECC that the notification was made to the Sheriffs Department and that the S.A.R. system has been activated.