Grant County Fire Protection District 3

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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1. NUMBER: 2.1.05

2. SUBJECT: ***Service Delivery Level - Search and Rescue***

3. POLICY: Grant County Fire District #3 will provide search and rescue services as described in this Policy and Procedure. This includes land-based and water-based search and rescue operations, when such efforts are within the District's capabilities and do not compromise service to the community.

4. SCOPE: This Policy and Procedure is applicable to all personnel of Grant County Fire District #3.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES:

   A. The District Fire Chief is responsible for ensuring that this Policy and Procedure is adhered to.

   B. All personnel are responsible for complying with this Policy and Procedure.

6. PROCEDURE:

   . The District will participate in search and rescue efforts within its boundaries. These services shall be within the financial and physical capabilities of the District. This includes the use of watercraft for incidents on rivers, lakes, and other navigable waters within the District.

   A. The District may provide search and rescue services outside the District boundaries, provided they do not compromise the level of service within the District. These situations will be handled on a case by case basis and will be at the discretion of the District Fire Chief or designee as to what type of equipment and the number of personnel that will be dispatched.

   B. Grant County Fire District #3 vehicles should not be used in search efforts involving off road or mountainous type terrain. The possibility of these vehicles being damaged or rendered out of service is too great. If, however, a search has located a victim needing medical attention and transport to medical facilities, the rescue vehicle may be used if other area ambulances are unable to reach the victim. This will be at the discretion of the Incident Commander and the conditions at the time of the incident.

   D. District watercraft may be used in water-related search and rescue operations when such use does not exceed safe operating conditions or the training level of

available personnel. Use of watercraft shall follow all District operational guidelines for water safety, vessel deployment, crew qualification, and incident command integration.