

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE CHIEF**  
**STATE POLICE DIVISION/  
NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**AND**  
**COMMANDER**  
**AIR FORCE RESCUE COORDINATION CENTER**  
**LANGLEY AFB VIRGINIA**

1. **PURPOSE:** To further delineate the operational procedures pursuant to the Search and Rescue (SAR) Agreement dated August 15, 1991 between the State of New Mexico and the Executive Agent for Inland SAR. The procedures outlined below are intended for use within the geographical boundaries of the State of New Mexico. On incidents or missions involving interstate flights or missions of national concern, the general procedures outlined in the basic SAR agreement will apply.
2. **DEFINITIONS:** To insure a common terminology is understood by both parties, the following definitions are provided:
  - a. **INCIDENT** - A notification by any source of a possible distress situation.
  - b. **MISSION** - Those incidents which require the activation of federal air or ground assets and the expenditure of federal funds.
  - c. **SEARCH FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT** - Searches for persons missing in an aircraft believed to be in distress.
  - d. **SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSONS** - Searches for persons believed to be in a distress situation not involving an aircraft.
  - e. **RESPONSIBLE AGENCY** - The federal or state agency with overall responsibility to coordinate the search effort regardless of assets being used.
  - f. **COORDINATE** - The mutual agreement between two or more agencies as to the actions taken.
  - g. **ADVISE/NOTIFY** - The communication of actions which have been or will be taken regardless of concurrence.

### 3. PROCEDURES:

<u>TYPE MISSION/TNCIDENT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE AGENCY</u>	<u>PROCEDURES</u>
Missing Aircraft Missions	*NMDPS/SP	The AFRCC will coordinate all federal asset request (including CAP) though the New Mexico State Police.
Missing Person Missions	NMDPS/SP	The AFRCC will coordinate all federal asset request (including CAP) though the New Mexico State Police.
Alert Notices (ALNOT) Incidents	AFRCC	The AFRCC will accomplish the required extensive communications check on all alert notices and will coordinated with the New Mexico State Police prior to mission opening.
Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) and Personal Locator Beacon(PLB)	NMDPS/SP	The AFRCC will notify the New Mexico State Police of any ELT/PLB activity and accomplish communications checks with the FAA. The New Mexico State Police will notify the AFRCC of any ELT/PLB activity, also, New Mexico State Police will contact the AFRCC to request federal assistance, to include CAP, to locate ELT/PLB's .
National Alert Warning System (NAWAS)	AFRCC	No restrictions within the State of New Mexico.

### 4. POINTS OF CONTACT:

<u>STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY</u>	<u>AV</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL</u>
New Mexico State Police	None	(505) 827-9126
Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC)	AV 574-8112	(804) 764-8112 (800) 851-3051


\* The responsible agency (by statute), for all search and rescue in New Mexico is the New Mexico State Police.

- h. **FEDERAL ASSETS** - Those SAR capable resource belonging to the federal government.
- i. **CIVIL AIR PATROL (CAP) AUTHORIZATION** - When mission participation is authorized by the AFRCC, CAP becomes a federal asset. Notification to CAP must be made by the AFRCC.

5. This MOU is implemented as of the date of the last signature and will remain valid only by mutual agreement -in all parties. Changes may be made by telephonic coordination but must be followed up within a reasonable length of time be written correspondence.

6. **SIGNATURES:**

  
 DENVER L. PLETCHER, COL, USAF  
 COMMANDER, AFRCC

  
 CHIEF FRANK R. TAYLOR  
 NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE

28 Jun 96  
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