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**SAR Coordinating Committee**

**& SAR Plans for**

**Whole of Government Approach**

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# **How is the cooperation and coordination between your:**

**Aeronautical and Maritime SAR agencies?**

**(or Land or Local authorities)**

**Civil and Military authorities?**

- Most States rely upon the military to do SAR**
- Who has the search planning experts**
- Who has the rescue resources**
- Lessons learned from Air France 447, Malaysia Flight 370, and other incidents around the world**

# **Government Processes to Establish a SAR System**

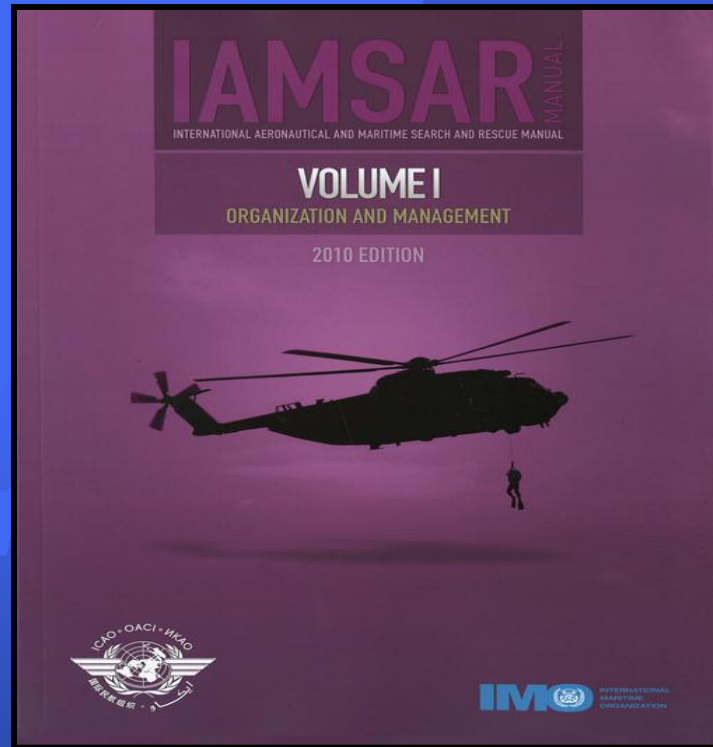
- **Our countries are part of the Global SAR System**
- **ICAO and IMO Guidance/Conventions**

**International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual (IAMSAR Manual)**

- **National SAR Coordinating Committee**
- **SAR Plans**

# International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual

**IAMSAR Manual Volume I  
Section 6.4.3 and  
Appendix J “SAR Co-  
ordinating Committee”  
(2016 edition will have a  
template with details)**



# National SAR Committee

## A Strategic Level Whole-of-Government Approach

**-Member Agencies could include:**

- **Defense,**
- **Transportation (Aeronautical, maritime),**
- **Interior, Communications, National Police,**
- **Health, Emergency Management, etc.**

**Who chairs the Committee? Your choice (But equal vote.)**

**-Focused on policy matters, while ongoing operational matters could be handled under a different interagency forum.**

# National SAR Committee Objectives

- “...provide a standing committee to oversee the National SAR Plan and coordinate interagency SAR matters.”
- “... provide a forum for preliminary development of interagency positions in SAR matters.”
- “... provide for an interface with other national agencies involved with emergency services.”

# SAR Plans

- **The National SAR co-ordinating committee**
  - “...provides a standing committee to oversee the National SAR Plan and coordinate interagency SAR matters.”
- **However, the term “SAR plan” can have different meanings.**
- **IAMSAR Manual, Volume I, Section 5.2 “Planning Processes” provides good information on this.**
  - **Operational level – search plan, rescue plan**
  - **Strategic level – National SAR Plan**



# Which SAR Plan is used here?



**Your national SAR plan provided the framework for your SAR service to create a search and then a rescue plan**



# **National SAR plan for**

## **Whole of Government Approach**

**A single document regarding your SAR region, rescue coordination center and SAR-related functions for which your country is responsible. It may include:**

- Coordinates or general description of SAR region**
- General description of available facilities, personnel and equipment**



# National SAR plan for Whole of Government Approach

Discussion of the roles and responsibilities of all agencies which will provide or support SAR services

- Policy on development of SAR agreements
- Coordination of operations
- Military – Civil relationships
- General principles, etc.

# National SAR Plan

- **A strategic level policy document created and maintained by an interagency SAR coordinating committee.**
- **Focused on areas of common interest and used to implement higher-level conventions, legislation and plans which apply to members.**
- **This may sound complicated to create but the National SAR Plan and its SAR Co-ordinating Committee are essential for every competent SAR service.**

# **Regional Collaboration/Rich Roberts**

- **Since 2006 the Pacific Region SAR Principals (AU, FR, NZ & US) through the Secretariat of the Pacific Community held biennial Maritime SAR workshops for the 22 Pacific Island Countries and Territories.**
- **Objectives include development support for National SAR Plans, Mass Rescue Plans and Boating Safety Programs.**
- **In 2013, the “first of kind” Regional Maritime SAR Arrangement for Cooperation was created.**
- **In 2013 the workshop expanded to include Maritime and Aeronautical SAR Authorities to develop a joint approach.**

**A National SAR Committee and SAR Plan enable your country to handle heavy seas in your region.**

