

DALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Procedure

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Policy: Requests for Georgia Search & Rescue Personnel

Scope: All Personnel

Procedure:

Georgia Search & Rescue (GSAR) Task Force 6 will send texts and emails to all members when assistance is requested. When received by task force members, this is nothing more than informational material that must be acted upon by DFD leadership based on present needs and capabilities of the department.

Upon receipt of a deployment request, individual task force members shall communicate their availability to their respective shift commanders. This should be done by text when possible. This is merely a statement of availability on the part of the individual for the purpose of obtaining real-time resource availability at the department level. Missing person search requests do not require notification by the individual as this will be accomplished utilizing on duty personnel when possible.

The Training Division shall serve as the clearinghouse for information regarding any possible activation or deployment. The chain of command shall be utilized for improved communication and accountability. Shift commanders will be the point of contact for the Training Division prior to deployment.

In cases where the City of Dalton is unaffected by the incident (e.g. localized weather event), available GSAR resources from the on-duty shift will be the first to roster up for activation or deployment.

For smaller incidents (especially in the immediate area of surrounding counties), training will contact the on-duty shift commander and make a determination of what he/she can afford to send. For larger incidents/deployments, training will contact shift commanders to obtain real-time resource availability, then contact administrative chiefs to identify what resources we are willing to assign.

The department will not send resources to incidents involving missing person searches, etc. **outside** the immediate area of surrounding counties (Whitfield, Murray, Catoosa, Gordon, Walker) without approval from an administrative chief officer.