



FUNCTIONAL ANNEX J  
SEARCH AND RESCUE

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Primary Agency: Guam Fire Department (GFD)

Support Agencies: Office of Civil Defense (OCD)  
Guam Police Department (GPD)  
Guam National Guard (GNG)

Support Organization: U.S. Coast Guard  
U.S. Navy  
U.S. Air Force

*I. Introduction*

A. Purpose

Functional Annex J — This function deals with the actions that are taken to search and rescue disaster victims from the effects of a disaster. It is the government's role to provide search and rescue for its citizens prior to, during, and following an emergency or disaster.

B. Scope

The Procedures and Actions provided by Functional Annex J include, but are not limited to:

1. Provide an effective well-coordinated search and rescue effort in response to an emergency or disaster.

*II. Policies*

A. The OCD will have the overall responsibility to coordinate and oversee the implementation of response efforts from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Logistics necessary to perform the tasks will be coordinated with other response agencies from the EOC.

B. Executive Order No. 91-09

### *III. Concept of Operations*

#### A. General

The Guam Fire Department will have the lead responsibility to coordinate search and rescue operations from the EOC. Supporting GFD will be the OCD, Guam Police Department, Guam National Guard, and Federal military assets, (United States Coast Guard, Navy and Air Force) as required. Other Response Agencies activated during the emergency will provide support to the lead agencies with equipment, manpower and materials or supplies as required.

The Incident Command/Unified Command System Concept of Operations established in the GERP will structure the implementation of this annex. An incident command post will be established at the incident site. The OCD will activate the required agencies necessary and coordinate from the EOC a unified command response supporting the Incident Commander.

#### B. Organization

The first response unit to arrive at the site will identify an Incident Commander (IC). An incident command post will be established to provide an organization and structure to the response. The IC will coordinate the need for manpower, equipment and response resources with the OCD, or when operational the EOC Director.

#### C. Response Actions

##### Land Based Incident

If on Federal or Military property, military responders will take the lead in establishing the Incident Command Post, supported, as required, by Government of Guam response agencies.

If not on Federal or Military property the first responding unit will establish an Incident Command Post, and take action as required by the Guam Emergency Response Plan.

##### Sea Based Incident

If beyond the operational capability of the Guam Fire Rescue Units, the United States Coast Guard along with Navy resources will take the lead in the search and rescue response. All Government of Guam resources will maintain readiness to support the lead agency as required.

*IV. Responsibilities*

OCD will be responsible for the maintenance, revision, update and exercise of this annex.

A. Primary Agency

1. Office of Civil Defense

- a. Will have the lead responsibility to coordinate a Unified Command response from the EOC.

2. Guam Fire Department

- a. Will have the lead responsibility to establish IC and on scene operations.

B. Support Agencies

1. Response Agency Coordinator (RAC)

- a. Activated Response Agencies will support response efforts as necessary or required.

C. Federal Support Organizations

1. U. S. Coast Guard

- a. Will be the lead organization in a sea search and rescue effort.

2. U. S. Navy

- a. Will provide air and sea support to the Incident Commander as required.

*V. Appendices*

A. MOUs with Federal or Military Agencies

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