

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Search and Rescue Association****Federal Tax ID: 33-1117695****Project Title:****Project Type: Planning and Research**

Alaska Search and Rescue Association - Incident Management Team Search

State Funding Requested: \$50,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$50,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$50,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

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From this core of AIMT leaders, a comprehensive training program will be developed to include:

- ICS courses to be offered across the state of Alaska to SAR volunteers in each region

and

- Develop statewide workshops whereby SAR volunteers from across the state will attend. The workshops will allow the AIMT participants to train together utilizing the Incident Command System and develop relationships vital to solving large scale search related events.

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Project Timeline:

Over a two to three year time period, the money from this grant will be utilized to fund specialized training in the Incident Command System as well as bring together search and rescue volunteers from across the state.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Alaska Search and Rescue Association

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LEGISLATIVE GRANT PROPOSAL

February 28, 2012

Dear Legislators,

The Alaska Search and Rescue Association (ASARA) is requesting a \$50,000 funding grant to train volunteer search and rescue personnel and provide training and search-related equipment for our Alaska Incident Management Team (AIMT).

ASARA is a state-wide, non-profit affiliation of search and rescue organizations and individuals. Our mission is to support the training of search and rescue personnel across the state of Alaska and liaison with the Alaska State Troopers on behalf of search and rescue volunteer organizations. Below are highlights of some of ASARA's accomplishments and information on training opportunities previously sponsored by ASARA as well as a proposed budget for the requested grant.

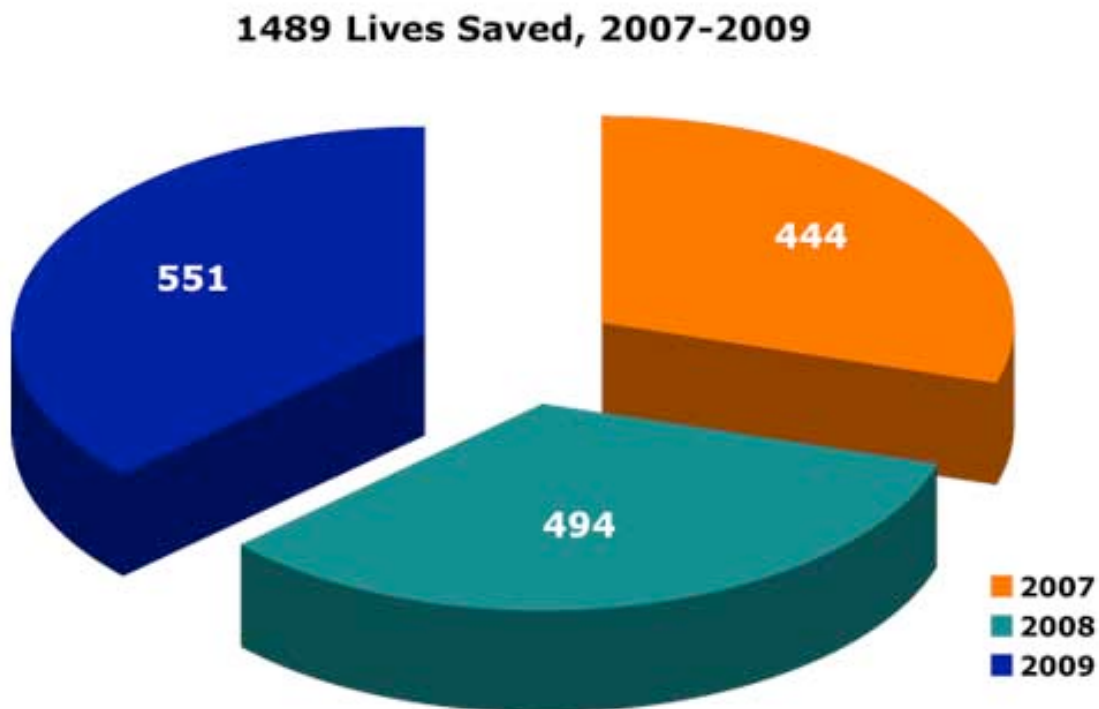
Only through continued professional training can ASARA provide highly skilled, competent search and rescue personnel to the critical mission of finding lost and missing persons. We appreciate your consideration of our funding request.

Sincerely,

COREY E. AIST, President
Alaska Search and Rescue Association

FROM THE 2009 ALASKA STATE TROOPER ANNUAL REPORT.

"With a commissioned count of less than 400 troopers, AST depends heavily upon the professional volunteer search and rescue organizations, as well as the military and local emergency service agencies. There are roughly 48 volunteer organizations statewide. These volunteers drop what they are doing to answer the call for help that often interrupts regular -day jobs and family life."



ALASKA

ASARA ACHIEVEMENTS:

- ASARA members participate in over 750 search and rescue missions across the state of Alaska every year saving the state hundreds of thousands of dollars in volunteer man-hours.
- Each year, ASARA members are instrumental in saving approximately 350 lives across the state of Alaska.
- ASARA represents over 500 search and rescue volunteers throughout Alaska
- Since 2005, ASARA has provided training for over 500 search and rescue personnel, representing over 25 different volunteer organizations, and municipality,

state, and federal agencies.

- ASARA organization members include: Alaska Mountain Rescue Group, Alaska Search and Rescue Dogs, Anchorage Nordic Ski Patrol, Anchorage Police Department Search Team, Bethel Search and Rescue, Delta Search and Rescue Team, Eastern Interior Search and Rescue Association, Ketchikan Volunteer Rescue Squad, Kodiak Island Search & Rescue, Juneau Mountain Rescue, MATSAR, Northslope Search and Rescue, PAWS / WSAR, Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department Search and Rescue, SEADOGS, Sitka Mountain Rescue, Southeast Alaska Search and Rescue.

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Additional information on the *Alaska Search and Rescue Association* can be found at www.alaskasar.org.



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ALASKA INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

PURPOSE: AST AND ASARA RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO IDENTIFY AND SUPPORT HIGHLY TRAINED INDIVIDUALS WITH CAPABILITIES TO MANAGE MULTI-OPERATIONAL PERIOD SEARCHES. WITH ASARA'S ASSISTANCE, AST WOULD LIKE TO DEVELOP ICS CAPABILITIES ACROSS THE STATE OF ALASKA. MEMBERS OF THE ALASKA INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM WILL SPECIALIZE IN THE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM, ADDITIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES AND SUPPORT.

OBJECTIVES: AST HAS ASKED ASARA TO:

- IDENTIFY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL.
- SET AIMT CRITERIA AND MANAGE THE APPLICATION PROCESS.
- SUPPORT, SCHEDULE, AND ENCOURAGE ICS LEVEL TRAINING.
- DEVELOP RESOURCES TO SUPPORT AIMT TEAMS.
- DEVELOP STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES.

DEPLOYMENT: AST IS THE AUTHORIZED AGENCY TO DEPLOY AIMT RESOURCES. IN THE EVENT AIMT RESOURCES MAY BE NEEDED, FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES SHOULD CONTACT AST. PARTICIPATION IN AIMT DOES NOT LIMIT INDIVIDUALS FROM DEPLOYING WITH THEIR MEMBER ORGANIZATION IN ANY WAY.

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PARTICIPATION WITH AIMT: AS A MEMBER OF THE AIMT, INDIVIDUALS WILL:

- BE PREPARED AND AVAILABLE TO DEPLOY TWO (2) HRS FROM TIME OF NOTIFICATION ANYWHERE IN ALASKA FOR MULTIPLE DAYS AT A TIME.
- PARTICIPATE IN AIMT SCHEDULED TRAININGS ON A REGULAR BASIS.
- CONTINUE TO BUILD ICS RELATED SKILLS THROUGH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICIPATION ON SAR MISSIONS.

CRITERIA: THE AIMT COMMITTEE WILL SET AIMT QUALIFICATIONS BASED ON NIMS STANDARDS AND ALASKA SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING NEEDS. PLEASE SEE THE 2012 AIMT POSITION QUALIFICATION DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS.



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ALASKA INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM (AIMT) POSITION QUALIFICATIONS

Initial Development of the AIMT

Alaska currently lacks officially recognized SAR management/ICS position standards and qualifications, and obtaining all of the above referenced training may be an expensive, time-consuming effort. However, the need for capable resources to respond and manage extended SAR incidents around the state exists today, and is growing every year. Therefore the Statewide SAR Coordinator with assistance from the AIMT committee will initially identify for each AIMT position, at least a primary and an alternate individual, and potentially up to three alternate individuals, who have extensive SAR response, planning, leadership, and management experience; who are recognized by their peers and SAR managers across the state as highly capable and professional; and who are willing and able to accept responsibility for participating in each position on the AIMT. These individuals will form the initial core of the new AIMT.

Once selected, the individuals will meet together to identify and inventory their current skills and capabilities. They will also identify their individual, team training and experience needs using the qualifications adopted by Alaska Department of Public Safety for the AIMT as the target over the next two years. The Alaska Search and Rescue Association (ASARA) and the Statewide SAR Coordinator will support and assist the team members in achieving their identified training and experience needs through funding support, coordinating training courses, and coordinating or conducting practical exercises.

Purpose and Background

Identify the minimum qualifications for each of the positions on the AIMT. The following relies on a number of references in FEMA's National Incident Management System (NIMS), the Incident Command System position manuals (ICS), the National Park Service's Type II All Risk Management Position Task Books, FEMA Task Books, the National Association for Search and Rescue's SARTECH certification program, and Managing the Lost Person Incident program.

Incident Management Team (IMT). An IMT consists of the Incident Commander and appropriate Command and General Staff personnel assigned to an incident. IMTs are generally grouped in five types. Types 1 and 2 are national teams, Type 3 are state or regional, Type 4 are large department specific, while Type 5 are for smaller jurisdictions.

A Type 3 Incident Management Team (IMT) generally includes an Incident Commander, and four Section Chiefs---Operations Section Chief, Planning Section Chief, Logistics Section Chief. Depending upon the needs of an incident, the team may include a Safety Officer and/or a Public Information Officer.

The team trains together and may be deployed as a team or individually as directed by AST. The AIMT members are to provide second operational period management and beyond to local managers, and to manage the incident to completion or until relieved.

The AIMT will not be mobilized to a SAR incident until it is clear that the incident will not be resolved during the first Operational Period by the local resources.

Alaska Incident Management Team (AIMT)

The AIMT may only be mobilized through the Alaska Department of Public Safety and their Statewide SAR Coordinator or their representative.

The AIMT represents the most experienced, qualified, and most capable SAR management personnel in Alaska. The AIMT Team leader on call will respond to a request for support from AST within 1 hour of notification with a list of available resources. Those available resources will be able to deploy from Anchorage in 2 hours from the time of initial notification. Team members outside the Anchorage area will be deployed as necessary from their location to the scene. The AIMT will be self-sufficient for at least the first 24 hours. During this time the AIMT will assess, assume command, establish supply lines, order and receive sufficient resources, materials, and support. This includes personal food, water and equipment, as well as team and incident management supplies and equipment. The AIMT members must be available to work on the incident for an extended period of time if necessary, in order to maintain management continuity for an incident.

The AIMT generally does not include members of the Command Staff and Unit Leaders. Those functions will usually be filled as needed by the AIMT from local resources.

Upon full implementation, the AIMT program may include the following:

- 1) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Alaska Department of Public Safety.
- 2) Standard Operating Procedures and team guidelines.
- 3) An agency or jurisdiction-specific qualification process to qualify members to function in incident management positions.
- 4) Specific training programs for AIMT positions
- 5) Formal recruiting program for future members
- 6) Creation of regional AIMT teams as needed
- 7) The AIMT may in the future become a 501C3 non-profit with its own

Board of Directors and funding

Each AIMT member will be evaluated on their performance on each training and incident to document experience, performance, qualifications, and additional training needs.

AIMT Position-specific training/experience requirements

Incident Commander (IC). The IC is the individual responsible for all incident activities, including the development of incident objectives and strategies, and the ordering and the release of resources. The IC has overall authority and responsibility for conducting incident operations and is responsible for the management of all incident operations at the incident site.

Training:

NASAR MLPI and Planning Section Chief course or equivalents

Experience:

Operations Section Chief, or Planning Section Chief, or Logistics Section Chief, and IC Trainee on an extended incident, or on a simulated incident.

Operations Section Chief (OSC). The Operations Section Chief is responsible for all tactical operations at the incident.

Training:

NASAR MLPI and Planning Section chief or equivalents

EMI All Hazard OSC course or *NWCG generic OSC course

*National Wildfire Coordinating Group

Experience:

Division/Group Supervisor or equivalent on an extended SAR incident; and OSC Trainee on an extended incident, or on a simulated incident.

Planning Section Chief (PSC). The PSC is responsible for the collection, evaluation, dissemination and use of information related to the incident situation, resource status and incident forecast. The PSC is responsible for the development of a written IAP when required and development of contingency plans. The Planning Section includes the Situation, Resource, Documentation, and Demobilization Units as well as Technical Specialists.

Training:

NASAR MLPI and Planning Section Chief, Emergency Management Institute All Hazard PSC, or equivalents

Experience:

Planning Section Chief, or Situation or Resources Unit Leader on a SAR incident, or PSC Trainee on an extended incident, or on a simulated incident.

Demonstrated knowledge of the incident action planning process, typical incident action plan content, ICS forms, information display types, use of communications devices, use of office supplies and equipment for planning duties, requirements of managing a planning briefing, job performance requirements of the planning section staff, standard operating procedures.

Demonstrated ability to forecast potential incident outcomes; ability to develop alternative plans; ability to identify training needs of assigned staff personnel.

Logistics Section Chief (LSC). The LSC is responsible for providing facilities, services, and materials for the incident. The Logistics Section may include the Communications, Medical, Food, Supply, Facilities, and Ground Support Units.

Training:

Specific Position Training through NASAR, FEMA, NWCG, or other equivalent

Experience:

Logistics Section Unit Leader on an extended SAR incident; or

LSC Trainee on an extended incident, or on a simulated incident.

The Finance Section Chief position will not be a part of the AIMT.