New Governance Structure and Developments for Search and Rescue.

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The Irish SAR Review – background and Report

Development of a new National SAR Plan following extensive review

Enhancing safety and oversight across the SAR system

Addressing SAR aviation oversight – nationally and internationally
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Link to National SAR Plan


The New National SAR Plan was launched by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport during the Summer.

The new National SAR Plan is based on international best practice and was drafted with considerable stakeholder consultation and agreement.

The purpose of the National Search and Rescue Plan is to promote a planned and nationally coordinated search and rescue response to persons in distress at sea, in the air or on land.

The new governance structures identified in the plan, brings clarity to lead coordinating authorities at the strategic, tactical and operations level for land, sea and air as well as innovative approaches to sharing safety and lessons learnt and a new forum for regulators in the search and rescue sphere.
Linking National Plans with Major Emergency Plans and other plans

National Emergency Management

- National Emergency Plans
- National Emergency Plan for Nuclear Accidents etc

MEM Framework
- Major Emergency Plans

Regional Coordination
- MEM Regional Steering & Working Groups

Local Coordination
- LA Plans
- HSE Plans
- AGS Plans
- IRCG SAR Plans

SAR Framework Requirements

- SOLAS
  - IMO SAR Convention
  - ICAO Annex 12

- IAMSAR Manual
  - Volume 1 – Organisation and Management
  - Volume 2 – Mission Coordination
  - Volume 3 – Mobile Facilities

National SAR Regulatory framework

SAR System
- Organisational structure
- Facilities
- Functions/services
- Training
- Supplies & maintenance
The new National SAR Plan components

- Draws on best practice / IAMSAR guidance

- Re-balance previous maritime-centric SAR plan to encompass both aeronautical and land SAR more comprehensively;

- Provide a clearer description of the National SAR System itself including roles, inter-relationships and responsibilities from strategic, through tactical to operational levels

- New Governance and Oversight chapter - more explicit on policy, performance and oversight roles across each level within the SAR system

- Reconfigure a more strategic National SAR Committee - strong leadership and oversight role with a leaner, more coherent set of sub-committees.

- Guidance on a common approach to managing SAR incidents across all three domains

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- Implement a virtual JRCC model to harness existing strengths and address key vulnerabilities

- Ensure transition from search and rescue to search and recovery is risk-based, documented and responsibilities well defined; and boat launching criteria are more explicit and adequately recorded
Operationalise a JRCC

The National Aeronautical SAR System

- **DTTAS**
  - National Act(s): Maritime, Aeronautical

- **IRCG**
  - Maritime oversight
  - Management of the SAR contractual requirements
  - Overall oversight of the national SAR system

- **IAA**
  - Aviation oversight of CAT operations (AOC)
  - Oversight of the National SAR Approval
  - Oversight of ARCC/ARSC

- **Manual**

- **Operation Manuals Part A, B, C, D, F, G**

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**The National Aeronautical SAR System**

- Overall responsibility & Contracting Party
- Regulations, Certification & Authorisation, Oversight & Enforcement
- Air Navigation Services
- Tasking & Coordination
- Vessel Traffic Monitoring
- Execution of SAR
- Operation of Helicopter SAR Missions

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**DTTAS**  |  **IAA**  |  **ANSP**  |  **ARCC (IAA)/MRCC (IRCG)**  |  **Coast Guard**  |  **Operators**
Responsibilities and Roles + SAR Assurance
Enhancing safety and oversight across the SAR system
Innovations

• SAR assurance mechanism
• New SAR Regulatory Forum
• More explicit reference to oversight roles
• New SAR Health and Safety Forum
• Independent chair of the NSARC
• Greater focus on bringing rigour to the system
• Greater attention on continuous improvement
Finally,

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Excellence through Collaboration
Leading Reform
Excellence in Innovation
Thank you for your attention.