

Senate Bill 1002

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE (at the request of Search and Rescue Task Force)

SUMMARY

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Requires counties to include in search and rescue plan information about qualifications or credentials of personnel and volunteers available within county to participate in search and rescue activities.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to search and rescue; amending ORS 401.573.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 401.573 is amended to read:

5 401.573. (1) The sheriff of each county shall adopt a search and rescue plan for the county. The
6 search and rescue plan shall set forth search and rescue policies for the county and shall describe
7 procedures for implementing those policies. A county search and rescue plan shall list and describe
8 materials, equipment and personnel available within the county for search and rescue incidents. The
9 plan shall also include:

10 (a) A detailed description of activities and circumstances that constitute search and rescue in
11 the county.

12 (b) Identification of volunteer organizations available to the county for use for search and res-
13 cue.

14 (c) Procedures for contacting and requesting assistance from volunteer organizations during
15 search and rescue activities.

16 (d) Procedures for contacting and requesting available assistance from other agencies and
17 groups.

18 (e) Minimum standards for individuals whose technical or professional skills may be required for
19 search and rescue.

20 **(f) The qualifications or credentials of personnel and volunteers who are available within**
21 **the county to participate in search and rescue activities.**

22 (2) A county search and rescue plan adopted under this section shall require [*a person*] **an in-**
23 **dividual** in charge of a search and rescue to complete a fact sheet for the incident. The fact sheet
24 shall contain the incident number assigned under ORS 401.580 for search and rescue and [*such*]
25 other information required under the search and rescue plan of the county.

26 (3) The sheriff of each county shall review and, if necessary or desirable, revise the search and
27 rescue plan annually. After the initial adoption of a search and rescue plan under this section and
28 after each annual review or revision of the plan, the sheriff shall submit the plan to the Search and
29 Rescue Coordinator appointed under ORS 401.550.

30 (4) The Office of Emergency Management, after consultation with the Oregon State Sheriffs'
31 Association, may establish guidelines for county search and rescue plans.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (5) The Office of Emergency Management shall annually publish and distribute to the sheriff of
2 each county a search and rescue resource inventory, which shall include materials, equipment and
3 personnel available from counties, agencies and the State of Oregon for use in search and rescue
4 incidents.

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