Ohio Special Response Team

OSRT is a broad based response unit able to respond to a variety of emergencies and disasters in support of civil authorities.
What OSRT does...

• FEMA ESF#9 Type II Wilderness/Wide Area Search and Rescue Response Team
• Support local, state and federal authorities in the event of natural and/or man-made disasters or emergencies.
• Capable of conducting and sustain operations for 48 hours in all weather.
Organizational Structure
Organizational Information

• Registered with Ohio Responds
• Liability Insurance and Worker’s Compensation
• All Members
  – BCI&I Background Check
  – Take oath per ORC 5502.33
  – Sign confidentiality/ethics agreement
Our Members

• All volunteers
• Consist of law enforcement, firefighters, medical personnel, and other professional individuals
Training

• Trained to National Standards:
  – ASTM (search and rescue)
  – FEMA ESF#9 Land Search
  – National Association of Search & Rescue
Training

- Land Search/Rescue (ASTM 2209 & 2751)
- SAR Dog Crew/Team (ASTM 1848)
- First Aid, CPR, AED, Bloodborne Pathogens
- FEMA 100, 700, 200, 800, 300, 400
- Wide Area Search
- Hazmat Awareness
- Lost Person Behavior
- Confined Space/Trench Awareness
- American Sign Language for 1st Responders
- Man Tracking and Sign Cutting
- Identifying and Preservation of Evidence
- Helicopter Safety/Operations
Technical Support

- K-9 Capabilities
  - Tracking
  - Human Remains
  - Air Scent
- Rope Rescue
- Man Tracking
Leadership Training

• NASAR - Managing Lost Person Incident
• National Park Service – Search & Rescue Management
• National Search and Rescue School – Inland Search & Rescue Management
• FEMA – All-Hazards Position Specific
• FEMA – ICS 300 & 400
Summary of Findings

OSRT is currently training its members to meet and exceed the ASTM F2209 Standard Guide for Training of Level I Land Search Team Member.

OSRT is currently operating at the level of a ESF#9 – Type II Wilderness Search and Rescue Team.
Deployment/Activation

• **Unit doesn’t self deploy**
• Unit works for Incident Commander
• Deploy as a Task Force or Strike Team
• *Never a Charge for our services*
Response Capabilities

- Search and Rescue (Wilderness/Wide Area)
- High and Low Angle Rope Rescue
- K-9
- Medical Support – EMT-B
- Traffic Control and Security Operations
- Assist in Evacuating Areas
- Search for Clues and Evidence
- Preliminary Damage Assessment
- Assist IMT
What We Bring with US

• Personnel in Uniform
  – Trained
  – 48 Hour Pack
  – PPE

• Communications Capabilities
  – FCC Frequencies
  – Computer Capabilities
  – Radios/Repeaters/Air to Ground

• Specialized / Organizational Equipment
Volunteers Being Accepted

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