

**39F.020 Rescue squads -- Formation -- Authorization to operate within a jurisdiction -- Functions -- Public notification of lost or missing impaired adults.**

- (1) Rescue squads may be formed and duly authorized to perform in the public interest. Authorization to operate within a jurisdiction may be granted by the chief elected official of each urban-county government, charter county government, county, or city which the squad proposes to serve. Rescue squads shall have a formal affiliation with the local disaster and emergency services organization. The statement of affiliation shall be renewed annually.
- (2) Except as provided in KRS 39F.040, a rescue squad shall be composed of at least twelve (12) active members and shall maintain at least one (1) vehicle dedicated to rescue service. Squads may operate in conjunction with a fire division, or may operate as a separate unit.
- (3) Each rescue squad shall develop and maintain bylaws and written procedures to specify, at a minimum, election or appointment, succession, and term of officers; financial accounting; property accountability; and rules of notification and response to emergencies.
- (4) Rescue squads shall contribute to public safety and welfare by performing functions which may include but not be limited to: removal of victims trapped in vehicles or structures; search for lost or missing persons or missing impaired adults, except those sought for criminal acts; first aid; emergency evacuation; recovery of drowning victims; recovery of any corpse if not accessible by ambulance or hearse and if so authorized by the coroner; and traffic control at an accident scene when requested by law enforcement authorities. Rescue squads organized for the purpose of searching for lost or missing impaired adults shall work in cooperation with local media outlets to notify the public that an impaired adult is lost or missing. Rescue squads shall not engage in law enforcement activities other than traffic control.
- (5) The division shall administer funds appropriated for rescue equipment and training and the division shall promulgate administrative regulations to be applied to all rescue squads that apply for financial assistance.

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