

# Search & Rescue – Manitoba

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S.A.R.M.A.N. represents the Policing Authorities responsible for Search & Rescue in Manitoba, the Federal and Provincial Search & Rescue authorities, as well as those agencies with a mandated role to support Search & Rescue efforts in the Province of Manitoba.



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# The Manitoba GSAR Picture

- **Lost or missing persons in Manitoba is the responsibility of the Policing authority having jurisdiction.**
- **OFC mandated to support and coordinate on behalf of the Province**
- **There are 21 Chapters of SARMAN Volunteer Assoc. throughout the province.**
- **1500 - GSAR – Basic**
- **150 - GSAR – Team Leader**
- **500 active members**



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# Summer SAR Exercises

- Helicopter safety training for volunteers
- Promote night time search and survival skills
- Provide opportunity to refresh valuable SAR skills



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# Summer SAR Exercises

- Promote inter-agency cooperation
- Provide opportunity for SAR members to Network
- Exercise under the Incident Command System



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# Richer, MB 1995

- Overdue Deer hunter
- Not dressed or prepared for Wx
- Overnight lows of -25C
- Tamarack & Black Spruce swamp
- Beginning of joint operations between SARMAN partners
- Introduction of GPS technology to SAR operations



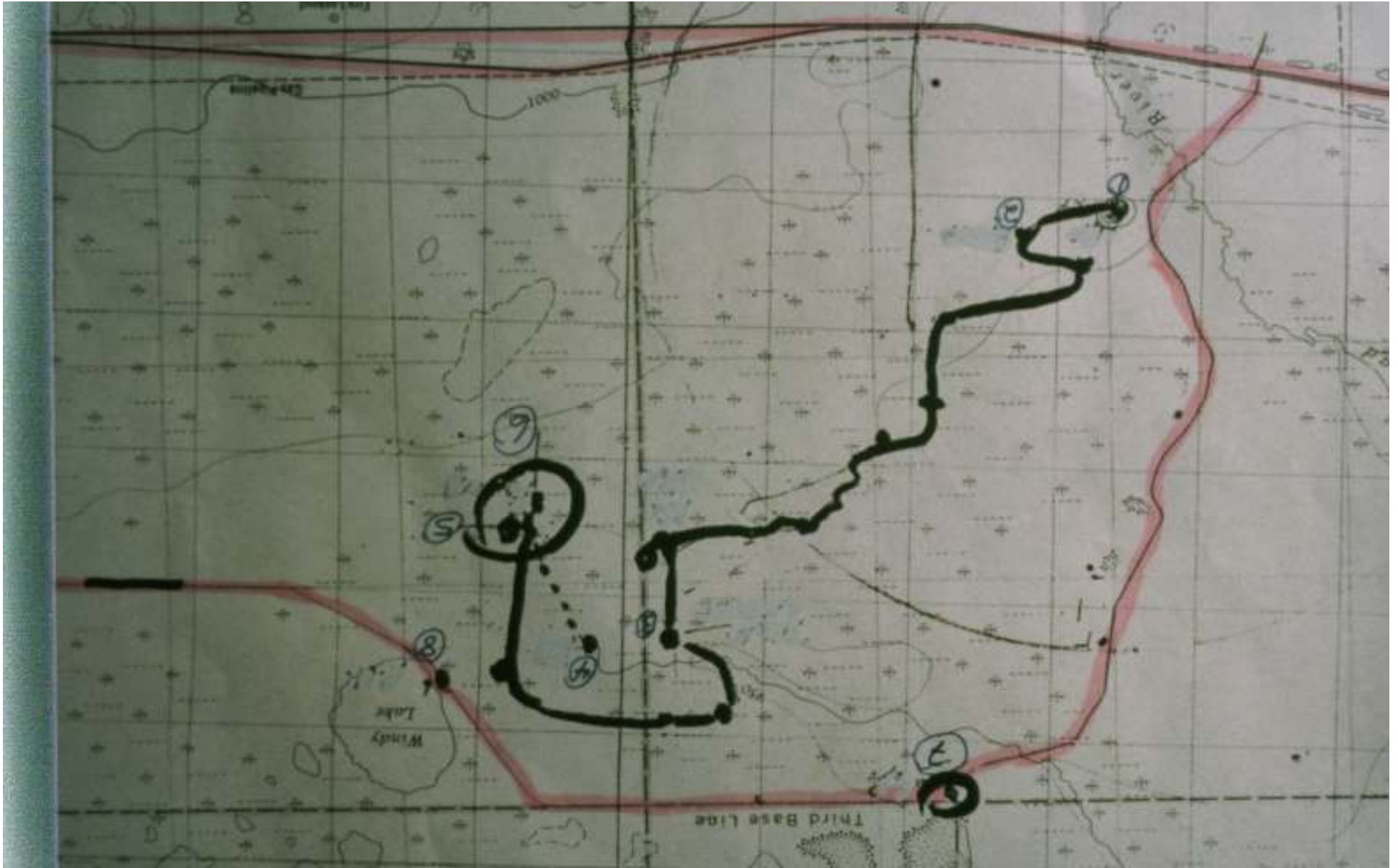
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# Mallard - 2000

Marcus  
McKay



Office of the Fire Commissioner



- Lost / Missing 8 yr old boy
- Remote – swampy area – poor access
- Overwhelmed by volunteer support
- Inter-agency cooperation and interoperability was paramount



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# Resources Utilized

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- RCMP D Division
- Office of the Fire Commissioner
- 17 Trained SAR Teams
- Regional Health Authority
- Provincial Mental Health
- Parks Canada
- Salvation Army
- Red Cross
- Local EMS service
- Manitoba Hydro
- Department of Highways
- Department of Conservation
- Canadian Armed Forces
- CASARA
- Helicopter (2)
- Volunteers from 55 Communities
- MEMO
- Department of Northern Affairs



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# Lessons Learned

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## ICS is modular is design

- Anticipate the potential size of the incident
- Stay ahead of the incident – PLAN
- Build your organization to meet the needs of the incident

## Primary Management Functions

- Give all sections of ICS equal consideration
- Importance of Command staff positions
  - Information Officer
  - Liaison Officer
  - Safety Officer



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# Lessons Learned

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## **Integrated Communications**

- Development of an improved provincial emergency response communications network and training programs

## **Span of Control**

- Development of Provincial Team Leader program

## **Personnel Accountability**

- Development of Provincial Tag system
- cold, warm and hot zone accountability



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# Lessons Learned

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## Management by Objectives

- Plan to manage the incident – don't let it manage you
- Give all sections of ICS equal consideration – **Planning section**

## Incident Action Plans

- Adoption of ICS forms for written IAPs
- Ensuring that you are managing by objectives
- Sharing of information – common objectives to guide all agencies
- Set operational periods for planning purposes



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# Lessons Learned

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## Incident facilities and resource Mgt.

- Location of Command Post
- Establish staging area(s) as required
- Establish a base for Logistics section operations
- Resource tracking

## Unified Command

- Unified Command will work when agencies are committed to working together.
- Know where and when to step forward, and when to step back



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# Why ICS ?



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# ICS – for all Hazards



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# Belair Provincial Forest Sept, 2010



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# SARMAN Volunteer Association



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# Incident Command System

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