

## La Plata Police Department – Emergency Operation Plan

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- 01 POLICY:** It is the policy of the La Plata Police to engage in search and rescue operations of a limited nature as staffing and equipment allows.
- A. On occasion, the Department may engage in search and rescue operations, such as an intensive search for a missing child or a mentally impaired person. All search and rescue operations shall commence as soon as possible and not terminate until the missing person is found or the search is terminated by a member of Command Staff.
  - B. The Shift Supervisor shall utilize all personnel and resources at his/her disposal including assistance from other governmental and private organizations, if necessary, possible manpower pools are as follows:
    - 1. Charles County Sheriff’s Department;
    - 2. Charles County Fire Department;
    - 3. Maryland Transportation Authority Police Department;
    - 4. Air Support from an allied agency; and
    - 5. Allied agencies, such as the Montgomery County Police Department with search and rescue dogs.
  - C. Searches should be systematic and organized. When allied agencies or other manpower resources are deployed, communications with all searching parties is paramount. Whenever possible, a La Plata Officer will be present with each and every search team.
  - D. Typically, a grid method of search provides the best results in search and rescue operations.
  - E. Consider deploying the Child is Missing program.