

EXERCISE WESTERN CANADA SAREX 2006

Operations Order

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DISTRIBUTION LIST

1. **SITUATION**

Members of the four Western Provinces, Northwest Territories, Yukon and Nunavut CASARA organizations will participate in a simulated search & rescue exercise and competition. This exercise is to take place at The Pas Airport (Clearwater Lake) between the hours of 1800 hrs June 29 2006 and 1800 hrs July 2 2006. All times Zulu.

2. **MISSION**

- a. To provide an opportunity for Western and Northern CASARA Units to practice working together in a simulated search exercise involving a large number of search aircraft.
- b. To provide an opportunity for selected air search teams of all four Manitoba Zones to compete with selected air search teams of the other western provinces and territories in a series of search skill related competition events.
- c. To provide an opportunity for those Manitoba staff members selected to act as Search Headquarters staff to practice these functions during the exercise.
- d. To provide an opportunity for additional Manitoba crews and aircraft to act as standby crews and to carry out navigation exercises.
- e. To provide other CASARAMAN members who may be on site an opportunity to observe a SAREX competition and if assigned, assist in ground operations and other duties.

3. **CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

- a. Manitoba CASARA will organize and staff a simulated multi-task search exercise and competition for this event.
- b. The organization used for the search headquarters will be a modified version of the military search headquarters establishment.
- c. This modified search headquarters will be established at the Municipal Airport facilities, The Pas Airport.
- d. This competition will consist of four taskings.
 - (i) a multi-target track crawl
 - (ii) an in-flight homing
 - (iii) a message drop

(iv) a ground homing.

4. **EXECUTION**

a. **General**

This exercise will be carried out at the Provincial level with the Manitoba Zone 3 Commander, Murray Harvey, acting as the Exercise Commander. The following personnel will be assigned the following positions to assist him:

- i. Ass't to Exercise Commander - Allen Martin
- ii. Search Coordinator - Rob Mason
- iii. Ass't Search Coordinator - Carrie Kolisnyk
- iv. Chief Pilot - Lawrence Melko/John Hall
- v. Chief Navigator - Terry Lumb
- vi. SAREX Competition Judge - Larrie Happy
- vii. Chief Ground Operations - Aircraft support - Roy Boyes
- viii. Chief Ground Operations - Service support - Marilyn Meyer
- ix. Chief Communications Officer - Richard LeBlanc
- x. Chief Exercise Security/First Aid Officer - Keven Iles
- xi. Chief, In-Flight Communications, Weather and NOTAMS - Bill Tostowaryk

Short job descriptions for each of the above positions are attached to the copies of this operations order as distributed to SAREX staff only.

b. **Timings**: All times Zulu.

All participants are to notify the Exercise Commander via e-mail at harvey@mailme.ca **no later than June 15 2006** of their intent to participate in the exercise.

The SAREX activities will commence at 1800 hrs June 29 2006 and end 1800 hrs July 2 2006. Activities on June 29 2006 apply to SAREX staff only.

All SAREX staff will muster at the Search Headquarters, The Pas Airport, at 1800 hrs Thursday June 29 2006. The purpose of this briefing is to review operational preparations and to finalize the Search Headquarters and Search Strategy. This work will end at 2100 hrs.

All participants and guests will muster at the Clearwater Club Hall, The Pas Airport for a meet and greet between 2200 hrs and 2300 hrs Friday June 30 2006. Registration and general support briefing will be provided on arrival.

All pilots, navigators and spotters of participating crews will muster at the Clearwater Club Hall at 2330 hrs Friday June 30 2006 to receive a search and competition briefing and to prepare their aircraft and flight materials for a 1300 hrs departure July 1st 2006. The briefing will end at 0200 hrs. All navigation and search preparation work to be completed by 0300 hrs hrs. The order of departure for search crews will be drawn up at 0300 hrs and all crews notified at that time.

The first scheduled search team will be picked up at their accommodations in The Pas at 1100 hrs July 1 2006 and transported to the Clearwater Club Hall (The Pas Airport) for early breakfast.

All other crews and participants will be picked up and transported from their accommodations at The Pas to The Pas Airport commencing at 1130 hrs on July 1 2006 according to the following pick up schedule:

- a) Super 8 Motel: 1130hrs
- b) Wescana Inn: 1145 hrs
- c) Kikiwak Inn: 1200 hrs

All other crews and participants will muster at the Clearwater Club Hall for breakfast at 1230 hrs July 1st 2006

The first scheduled search team will muster at the Search Headquarters - The Pas Airport at 1200 hrs Saturday July 1 2006 to be ready for a 1300 hrs departure. Subsequent teams will muster by individual team at the Search Headquarters one hour prior to their scheduled launch times. Launches will take place 20 minutes apart until all crews have been launched.

The Clearwater Club Hall will serve as a crew lounge for crews waiting to launch or be tasked to the ground homing event.

Crews who have drawn a later launch time will be scheduled into the ground homing event and will be tasked to complete this event while waiting for their launch time.

All crews must muster at the Search Headquarters one hour prior to their appointed launch time. Local jitney service will be available for transport between the Clearwater Club Hall and Search Headquarters.

5. SERVICE SUPPORT

a. Transportation

All transportation arrangements are the responsibility of the Chief Ground Operations Officer-Service Support. All arriving crews will be met by the staff of the Chief Ground Operations Officer-Service Support. Crews will be briefed at this time on all ground transport arrangements, aircraft services and parking, meals and other operational detail including leisure activities and tours and operation

scrub alternatives. The crew commanders will be handed a copy of this operations order if they have not already received one. A briefing package will be handed out following the general briefing. Bus transportation will be arranged between The Pas Airport and arranged hotel accommodation in The Pas. Jitney transportation will be available on The Pas Airport site.

b. Accommodations

All facility requirements are the responsibility of the Chief Ground Operations Officer-Service Support. There are a total of 45 hotel rooms booked in The Pas. These rooms are booked in anticipation of double occupancy. Exercise participants desiring single occupancy or other special accommodation arrangements can make them in advance by contacting the Chief Ground Service Officer-Service Support or the Exercise Commander at harvey@mailme.ca or mmeyer@ucn.ca. Any additional costs for these arrangements will be the responsibility of the participant. All participants will be responsible for paying for their rooms and follow regular claim procedures to recover the costs.

c. Rations

All ration requirements will be arranged by the Chief Ground Operations Officer-Service Support. There will be a requirement for a "meet & greet" with food and refreshments on Friday, June 30th at the Clearwater Club Hall, The Pas Airport. There will be a requirement for two hot breakfasts (one on each of July 1st and 2nd) and one come and go buffet style lunch to be served on July 1st at the Clearwater Club Hall, The Pas Airport. There is a requirement for a catered banquet to be held in The Pas on the evening of July 1st 2006.

d. Cooking Facilities

All cooking facilities will be arranged by the Chief Ground Services-Service Support. There are limited cooking facilities at the Clearwater Club Hall, The Pas Airport. The two hot breakfasts may have to be done using outside cooking arrangements. The "meet and greet" food and the buffet lunch may have to be catered and the food brought in.

e. Equipment

All primary search equipment is to be arranged by the Ass't Search Coordinator, and delivered onsite to Search Headquarters - The Pas Airport. All other equipment required for the exercise but not directly connected to the Search to be arranged by the Chief of Ground Operations - Service Support.

All Search Headquarters equipment and services other than Primary Search resources are to be arranged for by the Chief Communications Officer.

f. Dress

All personnel are required to wear suitable environmental clothing for the weather and their duties in the exercise. Flight crews are to be suitably dressed for any in flight emergency including overnights in a remote site. Crews will be checked to see if proper dress is worn.

All participating crew members and all other participating CASARA personnel are required to have official CASARA ID tags for entry to the Search Headquarters and to the air side of The Pas Airport. These tags must also be available on request at all meals and messing events. Temporary ID tags will be issued to media and other civilian officials at the sole discretion of the Search Coordinator. These tags are to be worn at all times during the exercise and will provide entry to certain areas only on a "need to enter" basis. Failure to wear a tag or a lost tag could result in being escorted off site or to a non-secure area. In addition, a special Western SAREX ID tag will be issued to all participants and can serve as official ID for those crew members and guests not yet issued with official CASARA ID tags.

g. First Aid & Survival

All aircraft are to be equipped with first aid and survival equipment. Emergency first aid attendants will be available at search headquarters.

6. COMMAND AND SIGNALS

a. Communications

Landline Communications during the exercise will be through the regular municipal number at The Pas Airport 204 624 5233

Radio Communications are to be arranged for by the Chief Communications officer.

Emergency numbers are:

Hospital - 623 6431

Police - 623 6200

Ambulance - 623 4500

Fire - 623 3100

In the event of an emergency all personnel on site at the air side or in Search Headquarters will be confined to the Town of The Pas Hangar or the tarmac nearby. All personnel on site but not on the air side will be confined to Clearwater Club Hall.

In the event of an air emergency all pilots will follow emergency procedures as directed by the on-site commander (CAP Aircraft Commander or Chief Pilot as designated) or the Search Coordinator.

b. Reports and Returns

The Chief Communications Officer will arrange for all Reports and Returns using the regular resources of the The Pas CASARA unit and/ or resources arranged by him. There is a requirement for a base station with back up at The Pas Airport, handheld communications at some target sites and a site radio network at The Pas Airport.

c. Discipline and Regulations

The Exercise Commander has overall command of operations and personnel from 1800 hrs June 29 2006 until 1800 hrs July 2nd 2006 except for those operations and personnel who have entered the air side of the airport through Search Headquarters and/or are actively involved in the search exercise and competition. These personnel are under the sole control and direction of the Search Coordinator unless or until they are stood down by him or his staff and removed to the land side of the airport.

The Search Coordinator is in overall command of the search exercise and competition. The Assistant Search Coordinator is deputized to act in his absence or unavailability.

The Safety Officer for this exercise will be the Chief Pilot or a CAP Aircraft Commander designated by him. All aircraft commanders will follow his directions regarding safe in-flight operations, flight preparation, aircraft equipment and crew briefing.

The Chief Ground Operations Officer-Service Support is responsible for the safety, good order and discipline of all other personnel on the ground, including standby flight crews.

In the interest of safety, good order and discipline there will be no exceptions to this section.

d. Targets and Search Objects

The setting out and recovery of all targets and search objects will be arranged for by the Competition Judge assisted by the staff of Chief Ground Operations Officer- Service Support.

e. Aircraft Direction, Parking, Refueling and Repair

The reception, marshalling and refueling and emergency repair of aircraft will be the responsibility of the Chief Ground Operations Officer-Aircraft Support.

f. Media and Public Relations

All personnel are to refer all media and civilian personnel to the attention of the Chief Security Officer who will, after determining the nature of their business escort them either to the Search Coordinator or to the Exercise Commander. Under no circumstances are any other personnel to answer questions from the media or other civilian

personnel unless participating in a media interview under the direction of the Search Coordinator and or the Exercise Commander.

g. Daily Routine Orders, SITREPS, Weather and NOTAMS

Daily Routine Orders, SITREPS, Weather and NOTAMS will be prepared by the Chief Communications Officer and his staff.

M.O. Harvey
Exercise Commander

Annex A

Exercise job descriptions will be handed or sent to Exercise staff when they come available.

DISTRIBUTION LIST

<u>Action</u>	<u>Information</u>
Ass't to Exercise Commander	Provincial President
Search Coordinator	All Aircraft Commanders
Ass't Search Coordinator	Exercise Bulletin & DRO board
Chief Pilot	CASARAMAN Website
Chief Navigator	
SAREX Competition Judge	
Chief Ground Operations Officer- Aircraft Support	
Chief Ground Operations - Service Support	
Chief Communications Officer	
Chief Exercise Security/First Aid Officer	
Chief In-Flight Communications, Weather and NOTAMS	