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This memo presents a draft version of the pre-plan we verbally discussed at the MSF course on February 22, 1987. Please review this document and let me know of any revisions are necessary.

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ASRC-Pennsylvania DER Pre-plan  
First Edition  
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### 1.0 Purpose

This document provides a general outline of the procedures used when the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (DER) and the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference (ASRC) participate in a SAR incident.

### 2.0 Scope

This edition of the ASRC-DER preplan outlines the principles that govern an ASRC response to a DER SAR incident. It shall be enforced whenever the ASRC participates on an incident within Pennsylvania where DER is in charge.

### 3.0 Authority

The ASRC recognizes DER as the legal authority (responsible agent) when the ASRC responds to any DER request. As such, DER has the authority to accept or reject any ASRC participation at any time during the incident.

### 4.0 Applicability

This document, along with the ASRC Search and Operations Plan (SAROP), provides for all levels of ASRC participation in SAR incidents that are conducted under the authority of DER.

### 5.0 Alert Procedures

The alerting procedures are described in section 5.0 of the Third Edition of the ASRC SAROP (Appendex A). Dispatching of specific groups to an incident depends upon time and distance constraints at the time of the callout. Due to extreme distances in Pennsylvania, however, the dispatching of certain teams will often depend solely on the incident location. Appendix B provides a guideline for which ASRC groups will most often respond first is attached.

### 6.0 Operational Procedures

The ASRC will conform with DER's operational procedures on every incident where DER is the responsible authority. To provide the best possible ASRC response, the ASRC response leader or his designate should be considered as a staff aide to help direct the use of the ASRC resources. The ASRC reserves the right to withdraw from any incident if the operation is deemed to be outside the normal operational constraints of the ASRC, this includes searching for an at-large criminal.

### 7.0 Call-down Procedures

If the ASRC is responding to a SAR incident, and the incident is resolved prior to the ASRC's arrival, DER shall contact the ASRC dispatch

and inform them of the incident's status. This call-down shall be done in a timely manner.

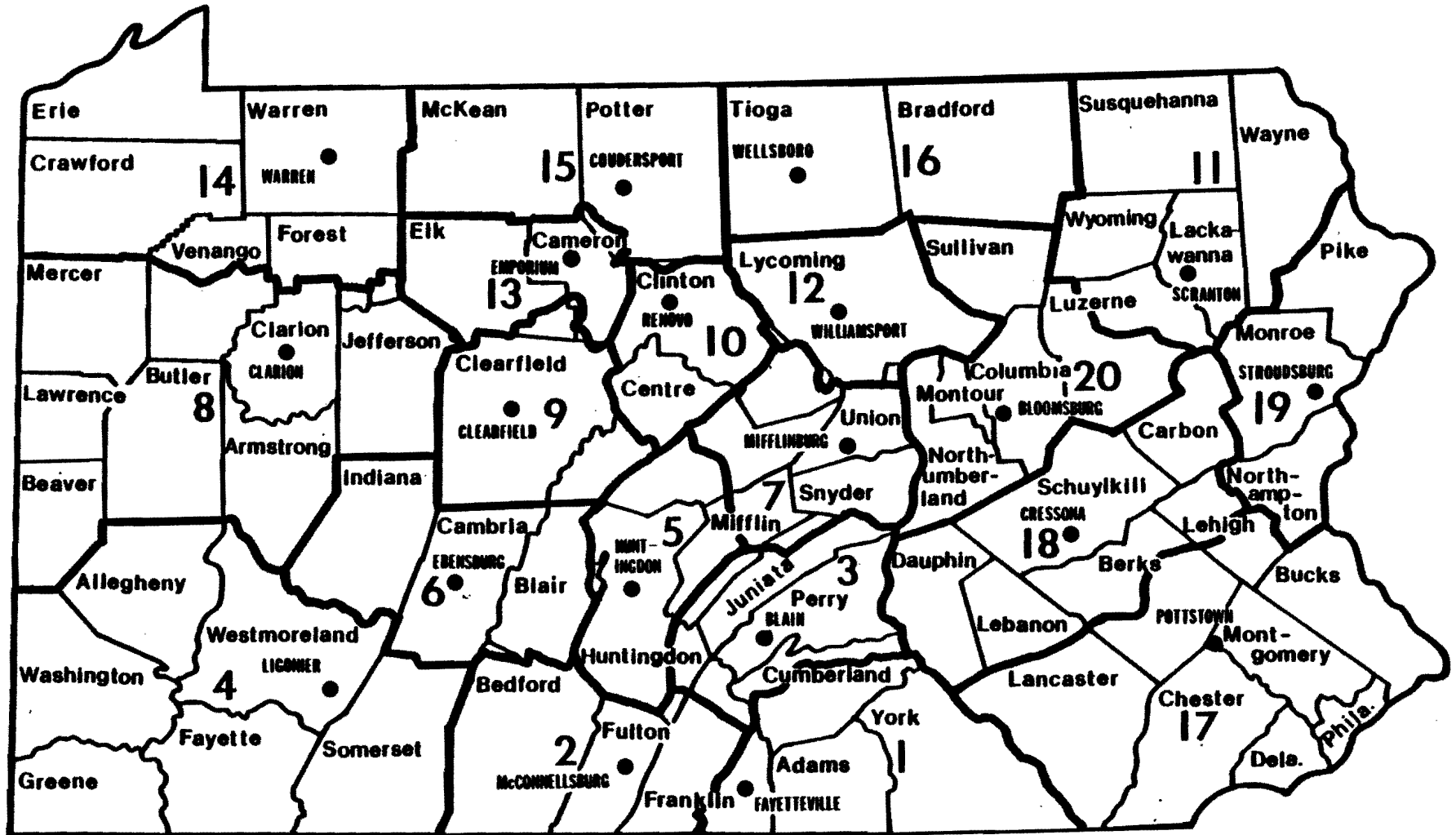
#### 8.0 Maintaining the Pre-plan

This document should be periodically re-evaluated and revised to ensure a rapid, efficient, safe, and effective ASRC response to DER's SAR needs.

## Appendix B

The initial ASRC response to most incidents in the western portion of Pennsylvania will be provided by the Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group out of Pittsburg. In the eastern portion of the state, Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group (National Capital area) or the Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group (Charlottesville) will most often respond. The approximate dividing line is given on the attached map.

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