From the <u>NATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE PLAN OF THE UNITED STATES</u>

UNITED STATES SAR REGIONS

"As defined in the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Annex 12) and the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, one RCC is associated with each recognized SRR. Comprehensive IMO and ICAO standards and guidance pertinent to these RCCs have been developed and may be found in relevant Conventions, the IAMSAR Manual, and other publications which should be held and used by United States RCCs."

"Terminology and definitions used throughout the United States civil SAR community will be standardized to the extent possible, and be as consistent as possible with usage in pertinent international conventions and the IAMSAR Manual."

<u>United States National Search and Rescue Supplement</u>

"This U.S. document, the *United States National Search and Rescue Supplement* (NSS*) to the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual*, provides guidance on implementation of the NSP, and information in addition to the contents of the IAMSAR Manual, especially where it applies specifically to the U.S. The IAMSAR Manual and NSS together are the primary references regarding implementation of the NSP. The NSS does not contain policies, procedures, etc., specific to a single federal agency."

<u>IAMSAR Manual</u> Defines Rescue as…

"An operation to retrieve persons in distress, provide for their initial medical or other needs, and deliver them to a place of safety".

Vol 3, Section 2 – Rendering Assistance

- **Communications**
  - **Radio**
    - **Prefix call sign**

"During search and rescue missions and exercises it is recommended that the following prefix call signs be used before the ordinary radio call sign or as a specific mission call sign:

<u>"RESCUE"</u> for all airborne units involved in a rescue Mission.

Combined Communications Electronics Board,
<u>ACP 135 (F) - Communications Instructions</u> - Distress and Rescue Procedures

702. Search and Rescue (SAR) Call Sign List

"Call signs for assigned SAR craft will consist of the prefix "RESCUE" followed by the normal SAR call sign. In the case of helicopters and boats the SAR call sign will be "RESCUE Helicopter/Boat (No._____)"."

The recommended CAP call sign in <u>*actual*</u> SAR activities would be "RESCUE CAP xxxx"

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