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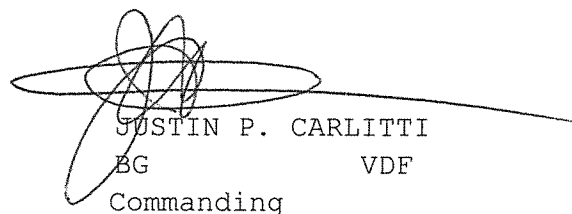
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Command Policy Letter CG 16-01

SUBJECT: Virginia Defense Force (VDF) Command Policy on Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR).

1. All VDF personnel shall adhere to the following guidelines.
2. GSAR is an opportunity for the VDF to train with other Commonwealth emergency service organizations. We are currently working to establish Type III and IV Wilderness Search and Rescue capabilities within the National Guard Civil Support (NGCS) playbook.
3. The ACoS G3 is the VDF coordinator of all GSAR matters to include training, approval for attendance and course content.
4. HQ Command, Regiments and the VDF Reserve may identify members interested in application for GSAR school attendance. Commanders will insure interested members attain published minimum standards IAW established VDF training guidance. Members will meet specific age and physical demand requirements and commit to scheduled course attendance dates. External GSAR training unless approved under VDF orders is prohibited.
5. Upon successful completion of GSAR training, members will be officially recognized by the VDF with appropriate skill identification to include approved uniform skill identifier.
6. POC is the Deputy G3, LTC Christoff.

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