

Cobb CERT Volunteer Search and Rescue Team

Mission Statement

To provide a volunteer search and rescue (SAR) team that will assist the Department of Public Safety when requested by CEMA as an additional resource to search for missing persons and/or criminal evidence.

Goals and Objectives

1. Operate under the direction of CEMA as a command and control element managing multiple teams as part of a large area SAR operation, or as a team performing search and rescue in a specific area as part of a SAR when minimal personnel resources are requested.
2. Supplement existing resources; VSAR is not a replacement for public safety resources.
3. Work as an operational unit within the Incident Command System structure and be supported logistically. We will not operate in a stand-alone, self-sufficient mode.
4. Perform additional duties/missions that may be developed.

Missions with which the team may assist are, but not limited to:

- Searching for missing persons (other than fugitives or escapees).
- Assisting with searches of specific assigned areas (downed aircraft, crime scenes, etc.).

CEMA will provide team equipment, supplies and initial training. Team members will be responsible for individual or unique equipment. Identification of CEMA equipment and individuals' equipment will be determined during the implementation process.

Chairman of the Working Group—Sam Peng

Sam was born April 14, 1962 in Washington, DC, to Mr. George and Dr. Jacqueline Whang-Peng. Sam received a BS Mechanical Engineering and a BS Nuclear Engineering. He received a commission in the US Army as an Infantry Officer through ROTC. After the Infantry Officer Basic Course, he attended Airborne and Ranger training. While in the military, he obtained his Master of Business Administration Degree. He left the service in December 1989 as a Captain. Upon leaving the military, he began a career in overseas construction management.

Sam resides in Acworth with his wife, Cathyann, and three children, Megan, Jonathan and Logan. In 2003, he joined the Georgia State Defense Force and is currently a Major assigned as the Deputy Commander of the 911th Support Command based in Atlanta. Sam completed CERT training in February 2004, and in 2006, he formed the Frey-Durham NCERT and was selected as the Volunteer Search and Rescue Team leader.

If you would like more information on this dynamic working group please contact Samuel Peng at Samuel@pengfamily.org.