



## 2.09 BODY RECOVERY

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### 2.09.1 GENERAL

**Related Policies:**

- 1.06 Personal/Commercial Conflict of Interest
- 2.02 Task Authorization
- 2.12 Search and Rescue
- 5.01 Task Registration
- 5.02 Expense Reimbursement
- 5.06 Volunteer Expense Reimbursement and Allowance Rate
- 5.07 Workers' Compensation Coverage
- 5.08 Liability Coverage

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### 2.09.2 DEFINITIONS

See Terms and Definitions

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### 2.09.3 POLICY STATEMENT

- (1) Search and Rescue (SAR) volunteers may conduct body recoveries on behalf of the BC Coroner's Service and will be reimbursed by EMBC for eligible expenses in accordance with pre-established rates. There is **NO** obligation for SAR volunteers to provide body recovery services.

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### 2.09.4 CONDITIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES

- (1) A request for SAR volunteers to conduct a body recovery must be received from the Coroner's Service, or the police on behalf of the coroner, and a Task Number issued.
  - (2) On request, EMBC headquarters ECC will issue a Task Number to provide workers' compensation and liability coverage, and reimbursement for meals, mileage, and other eligible operational expenses.
  - (3) SAR volunteers must concur that they are willing to conduct the body recovery as volunteers, and not seek payment for their services or lost wages.
  - (4) Should SAR volunteers wish to contract their services to the BC Coroner's Service, they do so as a private enterprise and will not be provided with workers' compensation and liability coverage.
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## **2.09.5 AUTHORITIES**

*Emergency Program Act*

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## **2.09.6 RELATED DOCUMENTS**

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