

RESOLUTION 11-1

**WHEREAS**, Section 5-1188 of the Counties Code, attached hereto as Exhibit A, grants Sangamon County the power to form a rescue squad to perform limited rescue squad services throughout Sangamon County; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders operating in Sangamon County support the formation of a Section 5-1188 rescue squad to assist them; and

**WHEREAS**, County representatives, including the OEM/911 Committee and OEM's director, spoke to existing Rescue Squad members, including Chief Terry Nydegger, and discussed whether Sangamon County should exercise its power to form a Section 5-1188 rescue squad, and the existing Rescue Squad members' general consensus is to support the formation of a Section 5-1188 rescue squad and work toward ensuring its success; and

**WHEREAS**, given the need for a Section 5-1188 rescue squad and the support of the existing Rescue Squad members for its formation and success, it is prudent to form a Section 5-1188 rescue squad to assist first responders and thereby better serve the community; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Sangamon County Code will be amended to include rules governing the Section 5-1188 rescue squad, and while standard operating procedures will be developed for the Section 5-1188 rescue squad, Exhibit B attached hereto sets forth requirements that the Board directs those rules and procedures to incorporate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Members of the Board of Sangamon County, Illinois, in session this 9th day of July, 2024, that: (a) pursuant to Section 5-1188 of the Counties Code, a rescue squad is hereby formed; and (b) at its earliest convenience, the OEM/911 Committee begin to

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*Don J. King*  
Sangamon County Clerk

oversee the development of rules governing the newly formed rescue squad which comport with Exhibit B.

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Chairman, Sangamon County Board

ATTEST:

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County Clerk

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SANGAMON COUNTY AUDITOR

5/5-1188. Sangamon County rescue squad, IL ST CH 55 § 5/5-1188

West's Smith-Hurd Illinois Compiled Statutes Annotated Chapter 55. Counties Act 5. Counties Code (Refs & Annos) Article 5. Powers and Duties of County Boards Division 5-1. In General
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55 ILCS 5/5-1188

5/5-1188. Sangamon County rescue squad

Effective: January 1, 2024

Currentness

§ 5-1188. Sangamon County rescue squad. The Sangamon County Board may form, manage, fund, and operate a volunteer rescue squad to provide assistance within Sangamon County to any public entity providing law enforcement, firefighting, emergency disaster response, or first responder services. The volunteer rescue squad may (i) locate missing persons, including drowning victims, (ii) perform a supporting, and not direct, role in fighting fires, and (iii) extricate persons from unsafe conditions. The Sangamon County Board may provide benefits for rescue squad volunteers who suffer disease, injury, or death in the line of duty.

Credits

P.A. 86-962, § 5-1188, added by P.A. 103-274, § 5, eff. Jan. 1, 2024.

55 I.L.C.S. 5/5-1188, IL ST CH 55 § 5/5-1188

Current through P.A. 103-591 of the 2024 Reg. Sess. Some statute sections may be more current, see credits for details.

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EX.A

## Sangamon County OEM Rescue Squad

1. The scope of assistance provided by the Rescue Squad shall be set by the County Board, but shall not exceed: locating missing persons, including drowning victims, providing supporting (not direct) roles in firefighting operations, and extricating individuals from hazardous situations.
2. The Sangamon County Rescue Squad Chief and Assistant Chief shall be nominated by the OEM Director, and if the OEM Committee approves such nomination, the nomination shall be submitted to the County Board for its consent. The County Board reserves the right to act upon any request that the Rescue Squad Chief or Assistant Chief be relieved of their duties.
3. The Rescue Squad Chief or the Director of OEM, with the advice and consent of the OEM Committee, shall appoint all Rescue Squad members, Squad Leaders, and Staff Officers. All such appointments shall be in writing and signed by the OEM Committee Chairperson. At all times, the Director of OEM, with the advice and consent of the OEM Committee, has the authority to relieve any Rescue Squad member, other than the Chief and Assistant Chief, from service for cause.
4. Prospective Rescue Squad members must undergo a background check conducted by the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office.
5. All members of the Rescue Squad are required to hold a minimum Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) certification.
6. All County mandated training and certifications will be provided through existing (National, State, or Regional) programs with an established training curriculum and funded by the County.
7. Only active and fully trained members of the Rescue Squad are authorized to respond to calls for assistance.
8. Adherence to Rescue Squad Standard Operating Procedures approved by the County Board is compulsory for the Chief, Assistant Chief, and all Rescue Squad members.
9. The Director of OEM or the Rescue Squad Chief may recommend that Rescue Squad special teams (e.g., K9 team, dive team, etc.) be formed. The County Board will approve or deny each request. The County Board shall set standards for each approved special team.
10. Prior to joining special teams/assignments, such as K9 and Dive teams, individuals must first fulfill the requirements of full membership within the Rescue Squad and must commit to responding to all types of Rescue Squad calls for assistance.
11. The Rescue Squad Chief is responsible for providing a quarterly equipment inventory report to the OEM Committee and for ensuring regular inspection and required certification of all Rescue Squad equipment. Sangamon County shall provide volunteers with required personal protective gear and equipment to ensure the safety and health of Rescue Squad members.
12. Sangamon County procurement and payment procedures must be followed regarding all county-funded Rescue Squad purchases.
13. The Rescue Squad may form a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit entity.