6110.2100 REIMBURSEMENT OF COUNTY SHERIFFS FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS.

Payments for annual appropriations for search and rescue operations shall be made pursuant to the provisions hereof in order of presentation until expended.

A search and rescue operation resulting from or related to water-related recreational activities will qualify for reimbursement if the incident necessitating the operation is of an unusual and nonrecurring nature. Reimbursable items of expense are those which are over and above the sheriff's regular operating budget, and include rental of private equipment and employment of personnel hired expressly for the search and rescue operation.

Payment by the state is limited to 50 percent of the reimbursable items of expense, subject to maximum state payment of \$2,500 for each search and rescue operation.

A sheriff claiming reimbursement shall submit in duplicate an itemized invoice, verified by the county auditor, together with a statement showing that the operation qualified for reimbursement, to the Department of Natural Resources. All claims will be subject to audit by the state.

Statutory Authority: MS s 86B.211; 361.25

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