



# UAE SAR UPDATE & CERTIFICATION OF SAR SERVICE PROVIDERS



# Overview



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## UAE Civil Aviation Law:

**The Civil Aviation Law specifically addresses Search and Rescue in CHAPTER IX – ARTICLES 58 to 64.**



### **ARTICLE 60:**

**The Competent Authority shall establish, jointly with the appropriate authorities, search and rescue regions for which it shall be responsible, and shall establish search and rescue coordination centers in such regions, in accordance with the requirements prescribed by the International Civil Aviation Organization.**



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# Background



- **The project of search and rescue started in early 2007 with establishment of joint rescue coordination center in Armed Forces / Air force and Air Defense.**
- **Complementing cabinet resolution number 224/6 and 384/3 for armed forces to take the responsibility of search and rescue services in southern aeronautical and maritime domain of UAE and Dubai police for the northern domain.**
- **The main task of armed forces was to organize Search and Rescue duties in the Southern region of the UAE, support the northern region, coordinate search and rescue efforts and maintain communication with other concerned agencies.**



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# UAE National SAR center



- **The National Search and Rescue Center (NSRC) was established under Federal Law 4 of 2013.**
- **The objective of the center is to provide search and rescue services all over UAE region.**
- **Execute the UAE policy regarding required procedures to conduct and manage related processes.**



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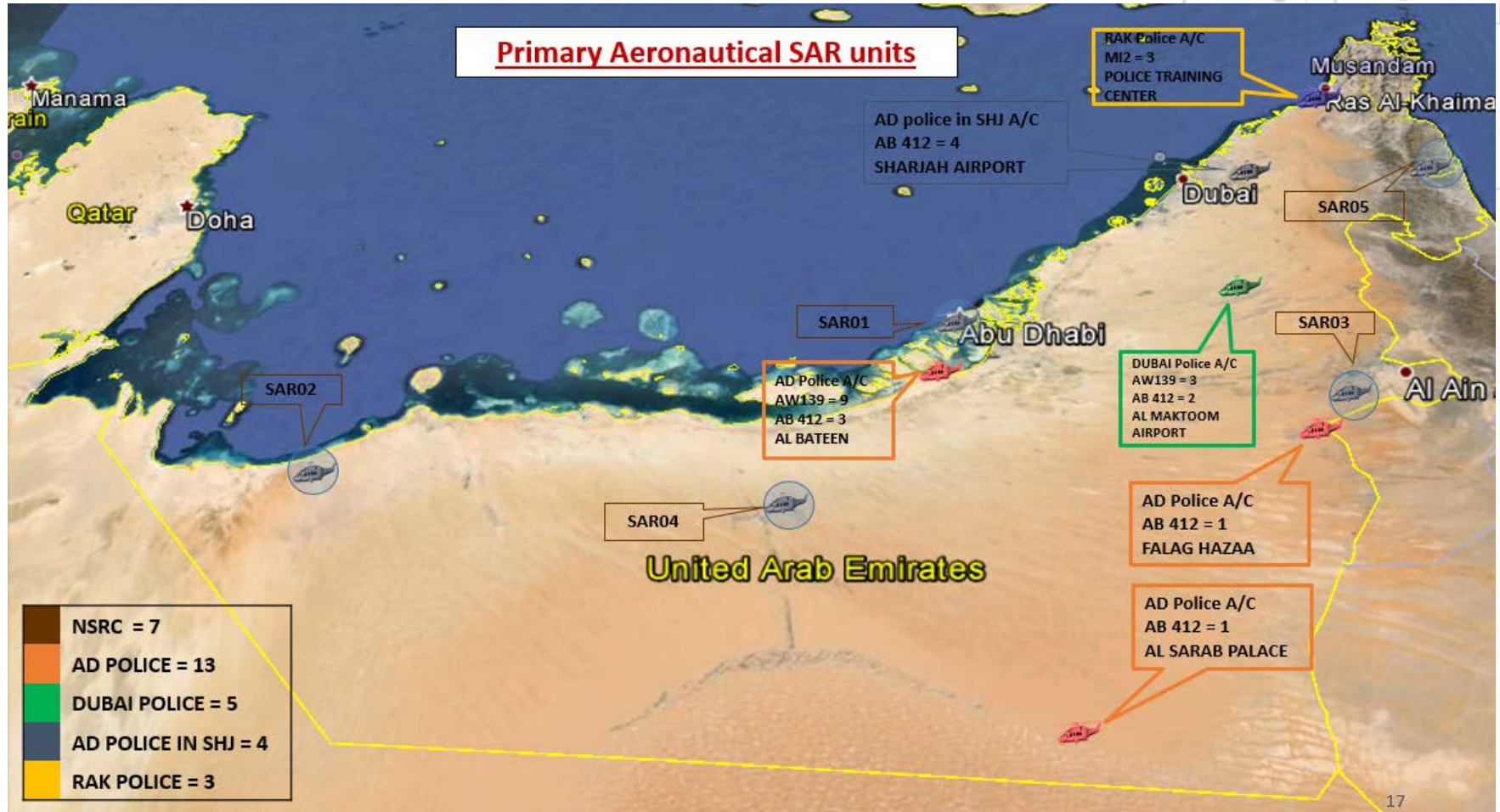
- **In coordination with the concerned authorities NSRC shall;**
- **Conduct and control land, maritime and aeronautical search and rescue operations all over UAE region .**
- **Represent the State in the field of search and rescue operations in association with the concerned agencies at the national, regional and international levels.**
- **Propagate search and rescue culture in UAE.**







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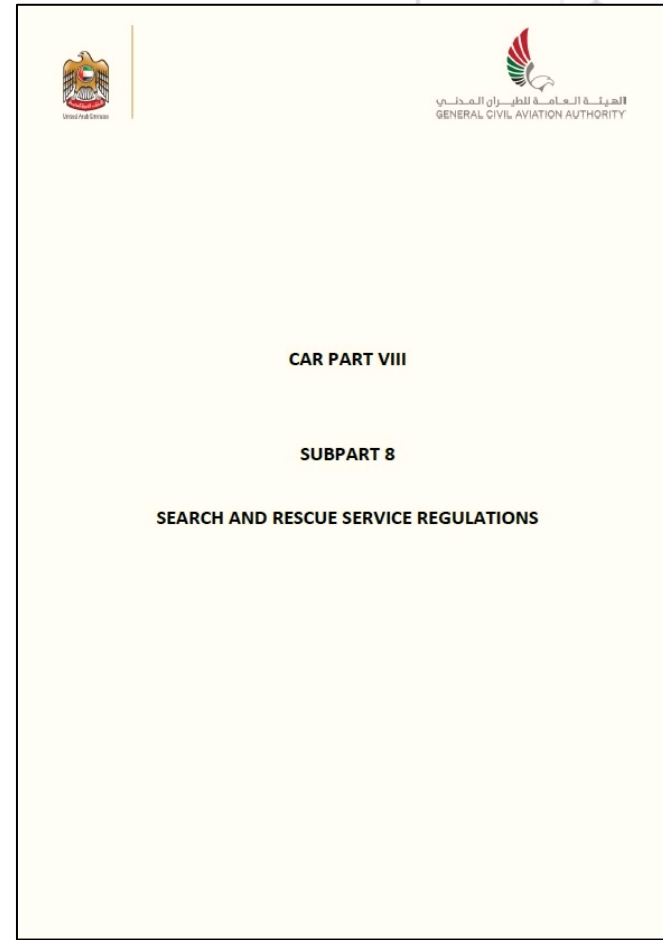




# Search and Rescue – Regulatory Oversight



- **Civil Aviation Regulations Part VIII, Subpart 8 is issued by the Authority in pursuit of its obligations to ensure enforcement of accepted international regulations and standards within and by organizations providing civil aviation search and rescue services within the Emirates SRR as designated by the Authority.**





# Search and Rescue – Regulatory Oversight



- **UAE GCAA:**
- **Any entity desiring to provide SAR Service is entitled for a Certificate from the GCAA to operate as SAR for civil aviation after demonstrating that the requirements of CAR PART VIII Subpart 8 are met.**
- **The GCAA has the obligation to conduct safety oversight activities including audit and inspections to verify and assist the service provider in meeting the expected safety objective with respect to the civil aviation system.**

