

UK SAR OPERATORS GROUP

COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP.

- 1) **Chairman:** Dr. A. S. G. Jones, MBE
- 2) **Secretariat:** From DfT - MCA
- 3) **Terms of Reference:-**
 - i To consider any matters referred to it by the Operators Group or following consultation with the Chairman of the Operators Group from other interested parties.
 - ii To review developments in communications and their application to search and rescue.
 - iii To develop policies to enhance SAR communications.
 - iv To encourage harmonisation of communications whilst maintaining the integrity of communications used by those active in SAR operations.
 - v To establish procedures for consideration of applications for access to dedicated SAR Channels
 - vi To maintain records of approved users and call signs used on dedicated SAR Channels
 - vii To publish information on approved users of SAR Channels and on approved call signs.

4) **Membership:-**

Ambulance Service Association (ASA)
Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO)
Association of Chief Police Officers (Scotland) (ACPO(S))
Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers Association (CACFOA)
Dept. for Transport - Maritime and Coastguard Agency (DfT - MCA)
Dept. of Trade and Industry - Radiocommunications Agency (Dti - RA)
Home Office
Ministry of Defence (MoD)
Scottish Executive
Mountain Rescue Committee of Scotland (MRC of S)
Mountain Rescue Council of England and Wales (MRC)
Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)