

UK SAR OPERATORS GROUP
Communications Working Group.

- 1) **Chairman:** Dr. A. S. G. Jones, MBE
- 2) **Secretariat:** From DFT / MCA
- 3) **Frequency of meetings:** Whenever required but normally twice a year. The venues of meetings to be decided by the membership
- 4) **Terms of Reference:-**
 - i To consider any matters referred to it by the UK SAR Operators Group. The CWG may also respond to any enquiries made by competent operators.
 - ii To review developments in communications and their application to maritime, aeronautical and land search and rescue.
 - iii To make recommendations and develop policies for implementation by Land-SAR operators.
 - iv To develop policies and procedures to enhance Land-SAR communications.
 - v To encourage harmonisation and maintain the integrity of Land-SAR communications.
 - vi To establish criteria for considering applications for UK Land-SAR channel utilisation
 - vii To provide a process for call sign approval and co-ordination.
 - viii To maintain records and publish information on approved users and their call signs.
 - ix To make recommendations and develop draft policies to improve maritime, aeronautical and land SAR communications.
 - x To make recommendations to UKSAR Operators Group regarding a more integrated and cross discipline SAR communications plan for UKSAR.

5) **Membership:-**

Ambulance Service Association (ASA)
Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO)
Association of Chief Police Officers (Scotland) (ACPOS)
Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers Association (CACFOA)
Dept. for Transport - Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA)
Ministry of Defence (MoD)
Mountain Rescue Committee of Scotland (MRC of S)
Mountain Rescue England and Wales (MRC)
Office of Communications (Ofcom)
Police Information Technology Organisation (PITO)
Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)
Scottish Executive, Communication and Information Services Division (SE CISD)