



**ANNEX 3-50 PERSONNEL RECOVERY**

**Personnel Recovery Command and Control**

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**PERSONNEL RECOVERY COORDINATION CELL (PRCC)**

The Air Force component's PRCC is the hub of Personnel Recovery (PR) command and control (C2) activities and is typically located in the air operations center. Air Force units will report all isolating incidents to the PRCC. Even if the commander, Air Force Forces (COMAFFOR) is designated the [supported commander](#) for PR, the COMAFFOR should maintain a PRCC capability in order to tend to air component PR responsibilities. PRCC responsibilities include:

- ✦ PR mission coordinator duties.
- ✦ PR planning.
- ✦ Task and coordinate mission requirements with subordinate PR capable units.
- ✦ Coordinate, establish, publish PR communications plans in Theater Air Tasking Orders.
- ✦ Document PR events.
- ✦ Operate PR checklists.
- ✦ Maintain real time intelligence information on systems posing threats to PRs.
- ✦ Designate Isolated Personnel report (ISOPREP) control points.
- ✦ Obtain ISOPREP data and evasion plans of action from units.
- ✦ Coordinate tasking among PR-capable forces.
- ✦ Inform the joint personnel recovery center (JPRC) if rescue forces are capable of executing the mission.
- ✦ Request additional recovery forces through the JPRC if rescue forces are unable to execute the PR mission unilaterally.
- ✦ Coordinate PR activities with the JPRC, supporting agencies, medical representatives, a variety of other government and non-government agencies, and the requesting unit.

- ✦ Distribute PR special instructions (SPINS) to the COMAFFOR's subordinate units. Note that the PRCC is still responsible for coordination of PR SPINS with other component commands and the JPRC.
- ✦ Maintain a database of known crash locations within their Area of Responsibility (AOR)
- ✦ Review PR appendices to Annex C (Operations) for air component supporting operation plans, concept plans, and operational orders.

## **PRCC DUTY POSITIONS**

**Director, Personnel Recovery Coordination Cell.** The COMAFFOR directs Air Force PR operations through the PRCC director. The PRCC director is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the PRCC and is responsible to the combat operations division chief. If the COMAFFOR is responsible for joint PR operations, the PRCC director will normally be designated the JPRC director. Additionally, that person will still be responsible for Air Force PRCC operations.

**Personnel Recovery Plans Officer.** This PR plans officer is responsible to the PRCC director and the Chief of Combat Plans with duties in the Combat Plans Division and typically works in the Master Air Attack Plan cell while providing expertise to all other elements of the Combat Plans Division. The PR Plans Officer applies operational art to develop detailed execution plans for PR operations.

**Personnel Recovery Duty Officer.** The PR duty officer (PRDO) is responsible to the PRCC director, Chief of Combat Operations, and Senior Operations duty officer, as appropriate, for the management of all PR assets assigned or made available. The PRDO monitors Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) packages from departure through recovery. The PRDO should know the details of each package in which CSAR forces participate, such as ordnance, primary target, secondary target, assigned pre-strike and post-strike tanker, orbit, off-load, and mission results.

**Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) Program Manager.** The SERE Program Manager (PM) is responsible to the PR plans officer. He/she is also responsible to the CSAR watch officer when providing subject matter expert support during active missions. The SERE PM develops joint SERE tactics, techniques and procedures and supports operational taskings for theater and JFCs. He/she also functions as the in-theater SERE and PR subject matter expert developing and coordinating SERE and PR operational support programs. These programs may include SERE reintegration debriefing, isolated personnel reports, evasion plans of action, blood chits, evasion charts, and PR aids.

**Theater PR Controller.** The Theater PR controller is responsible to the PR watch officer. He/she ensures that various functions of PR operations are performed and accountability functions are properly executed and sustained for COMAFFOR-assigned forces that become isolated. He/she maintains execution checklists for isolated PR, operates communications equipment, prepares required PR support requests and situation reports, and obtains and forwards isolated personnel data to other component organizations and the joint force supporting PR organization.

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