

SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION

POLICY OR PRECEDENT

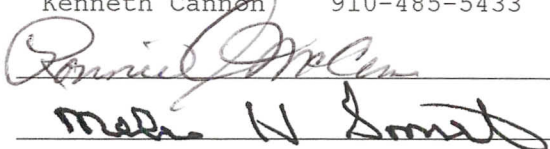
SUBJECT:
Emergency Relief Fund

DATE: 1 January 2009

POLICY NUMBER	ORIGINATING SECTION	ORIGINATOR	PHONE NUMBER
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1. **PURPOSE:** The Special Forces Association Emergency Relief Fund is designed to provide monetary support to eligible members in good standing in times of natural disasters. Natural disasters are defined as a disaster caused by natural forces rather than by human actions (e.g. earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes).

2. **SCOPE:** Applicants must be current and in good standing in the SFA or the dependent spouse, child or grandchild of a member in good standing. Family members of a deceased member in good standing may also apply. Funds to any member will not exceed \$2500.00 and is subject to approval by the Board of Officers. Initial funds not to exceed \$500.00 may be granted by the Executive Director with verbal approval from the President of the Association. The majority of the Board of Officers must approve all funds granted that exceed \$500.

a. These funds are not for reimbursement of deductibles for insurance purposes, upgrades not covered by insurance, or use for basic necessities unless related to a natural disaster.

b. The SFA Emergency Relief Fund is a separate account that derives its monies from contributions of members, chapters, and interested parties and corporations.

c. Checks should be made payable to the "SFA Emergency Relief Funds" and mailed to the SFA, ATTN: Emergency Relief Funds, PO Box 41436, Fayetteville, NC 28309-1436.

3. **GENERAL:** Eligible applicants must submit written applications and valid documentation to their Local Chapter for review and validation. Local Chapters, upon review, will forward application to National. Local Chapters should insure application is a result of a natural disaster and that all available resources have been exhausted. Telephonic requests may be initiated from the local chapters in emergency situations. (Limit \$500). Normal reaction time is 12-24 hours.

4. There is no formal application. Local Chapters have the responsibility to validate requests and to insure all pertinent information is submitted for review to the Board of Officers at National. National reserves the right to request further documentation. Submission to National does not constitute approval for release of funds.

5. Questions may be directed to National Headquarters at (910) 485-5433 or hq@specialforcesassociation.org.