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To: Trooper Christopher Sanchez, B-3

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Please be advised that no person or organization has ever submitted credentials and requested inclusion in the state SAR Registry for "Central Mass Public Safety" or any similar names.

Search and Rescue resources are prescreened for skills and a CORI check is performed on an annual basis to ensure that the registry contains only qualified individuals through qualified teams. Prescreening of resources ensures all law enforcement agencies using the state registry that teams and individuals have demonstrated skills required and have not committed serious crimes and misdemeanors.

Be advised that Central Mass Public Safety has never been utilized by Tactical Operations for Search and Rescue or any other event. It is possible that they only exist on paper as evidenced by their lack of contact with me, the State's Civilian Search and Rescue Administrator.

In closing, I have concerns about unqualified persons presenting themselves to persons as skilled. This often brings false hopes and promises to distressed families and friends. Often corporations contribute to organizations that state they contribute to emergencies when they have not. This is evidenced by a number of "persons" after 911.

If I can provide you with any additional information about the SAR program in Massachusetts as administered by the State Police under the Executive Order, dated January 18, 2000, entitled, "A Plan for Civilian Search and Rescue in Massachusetts" please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Toman
Civilian Search and Rescue Administrator

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