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### **TWO GRADUATE FROM NATIONAL SAR SCHOOL**

(COLUMBUS, OH) – Two public safety officials from Allen County graduated Friday from the National Search & Rescue School. They are Allen County Sheriff's Major Gene King and county EMA Director Russ Decker.

The prestigious National Search & Rescue School is based at the U. S. Coast Guard Center in Yorktown, Virginia and is operated by the U. S. Coast Guard and the U. S. Air Force, under direction from the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, DC. Major King and Director Decker graduated from the school's training off base at the Ohio Emergency Operations Center in Columbus.

The school's curriculum deals with developing command skills for organizing and directing large scale ground and air search and rescue operations for missing persons, aircraft and other situations.

Major King and Director Decker received their graduation certificates and school pins in a ceremony Friday from National Search & Rescue School director Lt. Col. Mark Fowler, USAF.