



UNICOI COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE



Membership Application

SAR Team(s) areas of interest (Circle Team Name):

Ground High Angle K-9 Swift Water EMS (Medical)

(SEE TEAM DESCRIPTIONS ON BACK PAGE)

Contact Information

Name: _____ Social Security #: _____
Last First MI

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone: _____
Home Work Cell

Email Address: _____

DL#: _____ State: _____ Ever been suspended or revoked: Yes No

If yes, state reason and date: _____

Employment/Status

Current Employer: _____ Hire Date: _____

Previous employment for the past five years:

Employer Start – End Date

Employer Start – End Date

Employer Start – End Date

Military Service: Yes No Highest Rank achieved: _____

Are you currently a member of another service team: Yes No _____
Name of Unit

History

Have you been diagnosed with a mental or physical disability: Yes No

If Yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever been convicted of an offense other than a minor traffic violation:
 Yes No

If Yes, please explain: _____

References

List three references you are not related to:

Name _____ Telephone _____

Name _____ Telephone _____

Name _____ Telephone _____

Volunteer Availability

During which hours are you available for searches and training:

- Weekday's Weekend Days
- Weekday Evenings/Nights Weekend Evening/Nights

Special Skills

List special skills/training (i.e. Law Enforcement/medical/climbing/scuba diving etc...)
you have that would be an asset to Search & Rescue: _____

Explain briefly, why you would like to be a volunteer of the Unicoi County

Search & Rescue Team: _____

Person to Notify in Case of Emergency

Name	
Street Address	
City, St., Zip	
Phone# H/W/Cell	

Your service is appreciated; however, it is essential that you follow some basic ground rules for everyone’s protection and safety. Please read and place your initials by each statement.

As a volunteer I agree:

- _____ To regard my assignment as a serious commitment and respect confidentiality.
- _____ To maintain communication with the team leader and request clarification when necessary.
- _____ To work as part of a team and abide by the directions of the team leader or other persons in authority.
- _____ To have appropriate clothing and equipment, and have the ability to be self-sufficient.
- _____ To not attempt a task for which I am not physically or emotionally prepared or trained for.
- _____ To respect crime scenes and evidence in accordance with any training I may have received.
- _____ To remain with any evidence or subjects I locate and notify team of location and nature immediately.
- _____ To check in and out with organizers each time I respond to assist.
- _____ To abide by local, state and federal laws.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

Agreement and Signature

If approved:

- I will obey and uphold all of the bylaws of the Unicoi County Search & Rescue team to the best of my ability.
- I will be responsible for any items issued to me such as uniform, patches, pack, identification cards, etc... I understand that all such items are the property of Unicoi County Search & Rescue; and I agree to return them upon leaving.

I understand that, if approved:

- Any false or misleading information given in my application may result in my removal from Search & Rescue.
- I will be an Uncompensated Volunteer Team Member of Unicoi County Search and Rescue and will be professional, courteous to others, and competent in my skills.
- I may be asked to voluntarily submit to a drug test and that a refusal will automatically disqualify me.

Volunteer Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Authorization to Release Information

NOTE: Photo or Copy of Driver's License/Picture ID must be attached

I hereby authorize the Unicoi County Search and Rescue to conduct an investigative search of my records and personnel files regarding my past. I further authorize the UCSAR team representatives to investigate and determine my qualifications through listed contacts, and others who may have knowledge concerning my abilities, aptitudes and behaviors.

Volunteer Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Unicoi County Search and Rescue Specializations

Ground Search / Tracking

Mission: Search and Rescue is the search for, and provision of aid to, people who are in distress or imminent danger. Ground team members will be trained in the various ground SAR techniques and should be skilled in land navigation, proper and safe driving, man tracking, lost subject behavior, clue location & preservation, CPR/First Aid, and communications protocols. Conduct searches in both rural and urban environments by foot, on ATV or by 4x4 vehicle as required. Be prepared to be deployed in very difficult locations and all-weather environments. Provide support as needed to our other specialty teams.

Equipment: Radio, Pack, Survival/First Aid equipment, Self-Rescue, Light Sources, Clothing & Personal Protective Equipment, Shelter, Food & Hydration and additional mission specific supplies as needed.

High Angle Rope/Mountain Rescue:

Mission: High Angle responds to subjects stranded on cliffs, fall victims, and searches in difficult terrain. They rappel into slots, perform technical raises and lowers. The High Angle Team members must be in good physical condition, be able to work in close spaces, in all weather, and with limited equipment and resources.

Equipment: Radio, Pack, ropes, carabiners, harness, light sources, clothing and personal protective equipment, food and hydration, and survival/First Aid equipment.

Swift Water Team:

Mission: SAR Swift Water deploys to flash flooding and potential flooding in the communities. They are trained in water hazards, water behavior and dynamics, shore and in water rescue techniques, water safety, and basic rope rescues.

Equipment: Basic rescue gear; PFD, Throw Bag, Helmet, carabiner, light source, water shoes/boots, dry suit. Basic gear bag and day pack for deployment.

SAR Emergency Medical Team (EMS):

Mission: We provide medical care for victims and rescuers on search and rescue incidents. EMS must have the ability to respond to all types of call outs and in all weather conditions. Members must be fully trained in the care that they plan to administer and/or licensed in the State of Tennessee. SAR EMS members need skills in all areas of SAR including; hiking, ATV/UTV operation, Basic Ropes, map reading/GPS, radio communications, and water rescues. Members must be able to work in challenging environments with limited equipment.

Equipment: Radio, Pack, Medical kit (Based on level of licensing/certification), Light sources, survival gear, and personal gear.

SAR K-9 Team

Mission: A K-9 Search & Rescue team consists of a K-9 Handler with basic SAR skills and a specially trained and mission ready K-9. K-9 Teams may deploy independently as needed, however

often deploy in support of law enforcement and traditional Search & Rescue operations. K-9 teams support SAR efforts by deploying specially trained search dogs to locate lost or deceased subjects. Although K-9 teams often deploy with support SAR personnel, handlers must be self-reliant and trained and proficient in basic SAR skills. The specialized K-9 training includes: Wilderness area search (lost or deceased subjects), Rural Tracking, Urban Tracking, Article/Evidence location, Water search, Cadaver and Human Remains Detection. K-9 handlers must be committed to dedicating a significant amount of time and personal resources to train their K-9 partner and to maintain the high standard of qualification necessary to meet our mission ready certification standards.

Equipment: K-9 with appropriate temperament trained for basic obedience and mission readiness, Skill specific K-9 equipment, K-9 First Aid kit, Radio, GPS, Pack for deployment, Survival/First aid equipment, Self-Rescue supplies, Light sources, Clothing and Personal Protective Equipment, Shelter, Food and Hydration, and additional mission specific supplies as needed.

Note:

All New SAR Members must complete the NASAR Basic Search and Rescue Criteria/Training during their 6-month probation period.