



Mendocino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue

About SAR

Each year Mendocino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue receives numerous inquiries from men and women interested in joining us, but wish to know more about the organization. Here is a brief explanation of what we do and what is required of our members.

Search and Rescue (SAR) is an unpaid, all-volunteer, non-profit corporation that currently has members who conduct Search and Rescue operations whenever and wherever we are called upon to do so, by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

We draw all of our resources from our local community of volunteers who train to develop the required skill sets as well as having the discipline and dedication needed to make a difference. The SAR Team meets once a month on the fourth Wednesday at 6:00 pm, typically in Ukiah. Quarterly, meetings are held in differently locations to allow for easier access and better training opportunities.

SAR operations involve a variety of specialized skill areas such as: Special (Ground) Forces, ATV, Horse Posse, Unmanned Air Squadron, Underwater Search and Recovery, Logistical Support, and Search Management. As a SAR member, you will be assigned to one or more of these areas according to your particular interests or skills.

Eligibility for Membership

Any person who is a United States citizen and has residence in Mendocino County, has not been convicted of a felony or serious misdemeanor, and is 14 years or older, is eligible for membership. All members are required to submit to a background check.

Member Requirements

All SAR members must obtain and maintain valid First Aid and CPR cards. Members are also expected to complete FEMA's Incident Command System(ICS) classes 100, 200, 700 & 800. Throughout the year there are regular training sessions on these and other diverse subjects such as man tracking, map and compass, rappelling, use of all terrain vehicles, search techniques, and land navigation. Each new member will be required to attend a SAR "boot camp" to obtain the basic skills needed to become an active SAR member. There are no dues or fees for members. After being sworn in as Disaster Service Workers all members are covered by state worker's compensation and disability benefits during approved training and when called out on actual SAR missions.

Apart from attending meetings and training sessions, all members may be called upon to participate in actual searches. Searches are often done in rugged terrain at all hours of the day or night, and in any weather. Although your specialties may lie in a particular area, you can expect to be called upon to join a search on foot if necessary.

Right Stuff

Being a member of SAR demands a **COMMITMENT** of your time, can be rigorous, but also rewarding. Please consider carefully if you are prepared to commit yourself to all of these requirements before seeking to join. The strength of SAR comes from its members, working together as a team, committed to the mission to see it through. Of course there are also plenty of support and administrative things to do behind the scenes, so if you are less inclined to climb a rope or a mountain, we can find a place in our organization for you too!

*The Mendocino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation in affiliation with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.
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APPLICATION

PERSONAL

The following information is requested of you for verification and contact purposes: (Please print or type)

1. Name		Last:	First:	Middle:
Other names (including nicknames) you have used or been known by:				
2. Address Physical Street Address (No PO Box):				
City:		State:		Zip Code:
Mailing Address (if different):				
3. Contact Info		Home Phone:		Cell Phone:
EMAIL:				
4. Citizenship		You must be a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident alien who is eligible for and has applied for citizenship. Can you provide such documentation?		Yes No
Social Security #:		(In accordance with the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, disclosure is voluntary. The SSN will be used for identification purposes to ensure that proper records are obtained.)		
5. Personal Identification		Birthday (MM/DD/YYYY):		
Height:		Weight:	Hair Color:	Eye Color:
Scars, tattoos, or other distinguishing marks:				
6: Skills and Interests (Check all that apply)				
<i>Skill</i>	<i>Interest</i>	Special Forces (Ground Searching):		
		Type 1 Searcher (Very Rough/Technical Terrain) Type 2 Searcher (Rough / Uneven Terrain) Type 3 Searcher (Flat Easy Terrain) Man Tracker Certified Track Aware Orienteering (Land Nav by Map and Compass) GPS (Land Nav using GPS)		
<i>Skill</i>	<i>Interest</i>	Technical Rescue:		
		Winter Conditions Search and Survival Technical Rope Rescue Rock Climbing and/or Repelling Swift Water Rescue		
<i>Skill</i>	<i>Interest</i>	K-9 (Search Dog Handling):		
		K-9 Handler Specialty: K-9 Flanker		
<i>Skill</i>	<i>Interest</i>	Safety - Training:		
		Instructor CPR / First Aid ATV, CCW, etc Specialty:		
<i>Skill</i>	<i>Interest</i>	Off Highway Vehicle Searching:		
		ATV Operator Years Exp: UTV Operator Years Exp: 4x4 Truck/Jeep Off-road Operator		
<i>Skill</i>	<i>Interest</i>	Mountd Posse:		
		Rider Years Exp: Assistant		
<i>Skill</i>	<i>Interest</i>	Dive - Search and Recovery:		
		SCUBA Certification Years Exp: Black Water Diver Years Exp: Dive Tender		
<i>Skill</i>	<i>Interest</i>	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron:		
		UAV Remote Pilot Years Exp: Assistant		
<i>Skill</i>	<i>Interest</i>	Communications:		
		HAM Radio Operator Lic #: Information Technology		
<i>Skill</i>	<i>Interest</i>	Administration:		
		Search Management Webpage, Clerical		



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APPLICATION (continued)

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You o wv/list the arrest and/or conviction if you have received a release (per Section 1203.4 or 1203.4a of the Penal Code or Welfare and Institutions Code Section 1179 or 1772) or a pardon (per Section 4852.16 of the Penal Code). However, you pggf 'pqv/list an arrest and/or conviction when the record of such an incident has been sealed in accordance with Penal Code Section 1203.45, 851.7, or 851.8, nor if your record has been expunged or is expugnable pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 11361.5, or the conviction was under Health and Safety Code Section 11557 or its successor 11366 when that conviction was stipulated or designated to be a lesser included offense of the offense of possession of marijuana. You pggf 'pqv/list an arrest if you successfully completed a diversion program which was based upon the arrest.

I have read and understand all of the above: (Initial) _____

Have you have ever been arrested or convicted for any crime as an adult or juvenile? Yes- Explain No
(excluding traffic citations)

Approx. Date: Circumstances:

Authorization for Background Check:

I, _____, hereby authorize the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office to perform a background check using any and all Law Enforcement Databases available to them to confirm that my conduct matches the Standards of Behavior expected of a Search and Rescue Volunteer. I also understand that in order to be a member of Search and Rescue, I must submit myself for a LIVE SCAN finger printing and background check which will be performed by the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. These background checks will only be used to confirm that you are a valid candidate for Search and Rescue and all results will be kept confidential within the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. This release will expire 180 days after the date signed.

Signature: Printed Name: Date:

8: Motor Vehicle Operation CA Driver's License #:

Name on License: Expiration Date:

In the last 3 years, have you been issued any Moving Traffic Citations? Yes-Explain No

Approx. Date: Circumstances:

California law requires that operators and owners of motor vehicles be covered by automobile liability insurance or bond or deposit of \$35,000 with the Department of Motor Vehicles. List the current liability insurance you have with your motor vehicles.

Company: Policy Number:

Address: Expiration Date:

If you are bonded or have deposited \$35,000 to meet your motor vehicle financial responsibility, please indicate.

Bond \$35,000 Explain:

I hereby certify that all statements made are true and complete, and I understand that any misstatements of material facts will subject me to disqualification or dismissal.

APPLICANT: DATE:

SAR COMMANDER: DATE:

If applicant is under 18 years of age, Parent or Guardian must sign authorizing juvenile's participation.

PARENT/GUARDIAN: DATE:

Please return completed application to:

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue, Attention Jared Chaney
Mail: 951 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah, CA 95482 ~ Deliver in person: 951 Low Gap Road, Ukiah
CA 95482 Call with questions: (707)695-5680