

Military Service: Yes No Highest Rank achieved: _____

Are you currently a member of another volunteer group: Yes No _____
Name of Unit

History

Please list all traffic violations within the past three years:

| Traffic Violation | Date |
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Have you been diagnosed with a mental or physical disability: Yes No

If Yes, please explain: _____

Do you use illegal drugs or abuse prescriptions drugs: 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: _____

Are you restricted from possessing a firearm: 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

Equipment/Special Skills

Do you own a Four-Wheel-Drive vehicle:

Yes No

If Yes, please describe: _____

List other specialized equipment (i.e. 4-wheeler/climbing gear/Dive Gear, etc...) you own that would be available to you for Search & Rescue: _____

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 Washington County Sheriff's 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 in this case.
- _____ 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 I locate and notify authorities of its 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 Washington County Sheriff’s Search & Rescue to the best of my ability.
- I will be responsible for any items issued to me such as decals, patches, badges, identification cards, etc... I understand that all such items are the property of Washington County Sheriff’s Search & Rescue, whether purchased by me or issued to me; 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 Employee of Washington County 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 Drivers License/Picture ID must be attached

I hereby authorize the Washington County Sheriff's Office to conduct an investigative search of my records and personnel files regarding my past. I further authorize the Department's representatives to investigate and determine my qualifications through contact with my previous employer, listed contacts, and others who may have knowledge concerning my abilities, aptitudes and behaviors.

I hereby absolve the Washington County Sheriff's Office, its investigators, my past employers and others contacted, from any liability which may occur as a result of the investigative search.

I also authorize any previous employer or credit reporting agency to release any and all information in their possession, to the representatives of the Washington County Sheriff's Office. I explicitly acknowledge that I have instigated this investigation.

Volunteer Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Washington County Sheriff Search and Rescue Teams

East and West Ground (Based on members residential address)

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. Be involved in many roles in a SAR incident including litter bearer, radio relay, re-supply, navigation assistant, etc. Provide support as needed to our specialty teams.

Equipment Needs: Radio, GPS, Ground Pack (load bearing of sufficient size to fit all equipment), Survival/First Aid equipment, Self-Rescue, Light Sources, Clothing & Personal Protective Equipment, Shelter, Food & Hydration and additional mission specific supplies as needed. Search vehicles including Jeep/4wd vehicles and ATV's are not required but highly recommended.

High Angle Rope/Mountain Rescue Team:

Mission: High Angle responds to subjects stranded on cliffs, fall victims, and searches in difficult terrain. They rappel into slot canyons, perform cave rescues and 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 Needs: GPS, radio, High Angle Pack, personal ropes, carabiners, harness, light sources, clothing and personal protective equipment, food and hydration, and survival/First Aid equipment.

SAR Dive Team:

Mission: The SAR Dive Team responds to drownings, missing person on or near water, in water vehicle and boat recoveries. The Dive Team provides water safety at Triathlons and other water events. They perform underwater photography, video, and crime scene investigations. Members must be Dive Rescue Certified to join the team. Members must be able to work in hostile weather and water environments.

Equipment Needs: Basic Scuba gear, Regulators, B.C., Tank, Wet or Dry Suit, Hood, Gloves, Mask, Fins, and Weights. Radio, GPS, and Day pack for deployment. Personal gear, clothing, light sources, and survival items.

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 rescuer gear; Type 5 PFD, Throw Bag, Helmet, carabiner, light source, water shoes/boots, wet or dry suit. Basic gear bag and day pack for deployment.

SAR Emergency Medical Team (EMS):

Mission: SAR EMS is a Utah Licensed Advanced Quick Response Agency. 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 currently licensed with the State of Utah as medical personnel. 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.

Basic Equipment: GPS, Radio, Ground Pack for deployment, 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.

Basic 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 Utah Sheriff's Association Basic Search and Rescue Criteria/Training during their probation period.