

Arkansas Department of Emergency Management State Search and Rescue Committee

Minimum Requirements for Missing Person Search and Rescue State Call Out

Purpose

To provide guidance as to the minimal suggested training requirements for a Search and Rescue Missing Persons Team state resource call out list.

Required certifications and trainings must be current and on file at the team's local jurisdiction. The team's point of contact must fill out a Certification Verification Form and submit to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management State Search and Rescue Committee annually by June 30. As required by the State Search and Rescue Committee, for a SAR team to be represented on the State Missing Person Search and Rescue Call Out list, they must meet, at minimum, the requirements outlined in this document. Once determined that the minimum requirements have been met, the team will be represented on the State Resource Call Out List. When a request for Missing Person Search and Rescue Team is called into ADEM, the State Missing Person SAR Mission Coordinator and ADEM staff will determine availability, expertise and subsequent notification for deployment based on this call out list.

Minimum Requirements

Team Requirements: At a minimum 6 members; of those 6 members - 1 designated team leader, 1 designated safety officer, 1 designated search manager, and at least 3 additional certified team members. (Note: each individual listed above must also meet the minimum requirements for a team member.)

Individual Team Member Training Requirement: Each certified member must maintain following current certifications:

SARTECH II or equivalent (equivalent must be approved by the State USAR/SAR Committee), CPR, Hazmat Awareness, Independent Study Courses 100, 200, 700, 800 and 809.

Team Leader Training Requirements: At a minimum, meet the requirements for a team member and training in one or more of the following:

Initial Response Incident Command, Managing Lost Person Incident, Initial Actions or Lost Person Behavior.

Safety Officer Training Requirements: At a minimum, meet the minimum requirements for a team member and be designated as the team's safety officer.

Search Manager Training Requirements: At a minimum, meet the minimum requirements for a team leader and complete training in IC 300 and 400.