



# MARIN COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please submit this application packet: pages 1-6

For SAR Use ONLY

Meeting Date \_\_\_\_\_

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in duplicate and hard copy to:

Personnel Coordinator  
Marin County Search and Rescue  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 145  
San Rafael, CA 94903

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE: - February 24<sup>th</sup> 2012** Date \_\_\_\_\_

### General

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Pager/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
eMail \_\_\_\_\_ School / Employer \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact - Who should be contacted in the event of an emergency?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to you \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
eMail \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal Information

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Hair \_\_\_\_\_ Eyes \_\_\_\_\_  
Build \_\_\_\_\_ Complexion \_\_\_\_\_ Glasses/Contacts Yes No  
Remarks or other information \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Information

Medical Plan / Company \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Num. \_\_\_\_\_  
Rate your physical health Strong Moderate Weak Medications \_\_\_\_\_  
Important medical history \_\_\_\_\_  
Allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical limitations \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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EXPERIENCE

Applicant name \_\_\_\_\_

**Outdoor or Emergency Experience** - List previous medical, outdoor, search and rescue or other related training / experience.

Course	_____	Completion Date	_____
Course	_____	Completion Date	_____
Certificate	_____	Expiration Date	_____
Certificate	_____	Expiration Date	_____
Other information	_____ _____ _____		

## Background Information

Have you been convicted of a crime in the last seven (7) years? You may omit minor traffic violations, but you may be asked to discuss other convictions. (Circle one)      Yes      No

## Vehicle / Insurance Information

Drivers License Number	_____	Expiration Date	_____
Vehicle Make/Model	_____	License Plate	_____
Auto Insurance Company	_____	Policy Number	_____
Coverage Limits    Phys Dam	_____	Expiration Date	_____
Pers Liability	_____		_____

## Employment / School Information

List your last two employers

Company	_____	Supervisor	_____	Phone	_____
Company	_____	Supervisor	_____	Phone	_____



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## APPLICATION ESSAY

*Applicant name* \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us a little more about yourself, your background, what skills or volunteer experience you bring to the team, and why you want to join Marin County Search and Rescue.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMITMENT AND PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

*Applicant name* \_\_\_\_\_

Members of the Search & Rescue unit are the first responders for search emergencies in the County of Marin, and are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. While it is understood that school, work, sport teams, and family commitments are priorities, I am willing to make every effort to respond to incident call outs, even when it means I must leave or not attend a planned event. (initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (if youth, parent's initial) \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I may be called or paged for a search when I may be at work, school or any hour, day or night. (initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (if youth, parent's initial) \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I will need to provide all of my own personal equipment and basic gear. (initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (if youth, parent's initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Physical regulations have been designed to outline the minimum level of physical ability a member must possess in order to be an effective search resource. Many operations will require significantly more agility and strength. Members will be screened to ensure they are able to perform operations beyond minimum requirements.

All members must be able to travel across steep, slippery and uneven surfaces (e.g. rocks, grass, brush, snow, ice and dense vegetation) in adverse weather conditions (e.g. extreme cold, extreme heat, rain and fog). Members also must be able to operate outside in inclement weather conditions that may include rain, snow, wind ice or hot conditions. Members must possess the ability to tie knots, handle ropes and technical rescue equipment within a specified timeframe set by the training coordinator. All members also must be able to work in the above conditions in complete darkness assisted by flashlights/headlamps.

Members must be able to at least ascend 1,000 ft in elevation over a one mile distance within 40 minutes and hike at least 4 miles on uneven terrain within 75 minutes. Members may also need to help carry heavy objects for long distances (e.g. carrying a 1/4 share of a Stokes litter with a patient, assuming a 160 pound load). Members must be able to perform all search activities described above while carrying a 30 pound pack. (initial) \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if selected I will be required to attend 100% of Boot Camp Training on the following dates: (initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Monday	April 2 <sup>th</sup>	6:30p.m – 9:00p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	April 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Monday	April 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	April 28 <sup>st</sup> & April 29 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 a.m. Sat - 3:00 p.m. Sun (Overnight)
Monday	April 30 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 p.m. Bootcamp Graduation

Members must possess the ability to understand written and verbal communications in English. Hearing aids and vision correction to ensure safe driving and outdoor travel are acceptable. Members must be able to function in a team setting without creating additional burden on teammates.

Cadets will be in a probationary status for the first six months in the unit. During this time, I understand tha I am expected to attend at least 75% of all searches, trainings and meetings. (initial) \_\_\_\_\_ At the end of this period, I will be evaluated on attendance, uniform, training, professionalism, and ability to carry out assignments and the ability to work with and get along with other members of the unit. A written test based on my training and an equipment check is also required after 6 months. Successful completion of this probation period and requirements will result in promotion to full membership. If requirements are not met at the end of the probationary period, the probationary member must take appropriate action to met requirements within the subsequent 6 month period or he/she will be released from the team. Do you understand this process? (initial) \_\_\_\_\_

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BACKGROUND CHECK

*Applicant name* \_\_\_\_\_

As a member of the Search and Rescue team, you will be expected to work closely with and under the direction and control of senior members of the Sheriff's Department staff. You may be assigned to carry out tasks such as: field work in rough terrain and poor weather conditions, communications, medical aid, flood control, spending the night in the field, evidence searches at homicide scenes or others as needed. Safety is a top priority, and you may be reassigned if you feel you are not ready for an assignment or are unable to perform it.

Background Investigation: The California Courts have held that an employer has a legal duty to know the persons who it employs. Both State and Federal Courts have also held that there is an absolute necessity for public employees to be truthful. As a volunteer member of the Marin County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Services, you are subject to these court rulings.

All prospective members will have a confidential background investigation done by the Sheriff's Department including a DMV and criminal history check. For applicants 18 years of age and older, you will be required to have a Live Scan (fingerprinting from D.O.J. and F.B.I. records) and a Computer Voice Stress Analyzer (CVSA) test. It is important to the Sheriff's Department that all Search and Rescue members are of sound character and show good judgment in their personal conduct. Members will often be involved in sensitive situations requiring trust and the ability to respect confidentiality. They will also be expected to consistently maintain a personal lifestyle of an upstanding, law-abiding citizen.

I understand any false statements and/or deliberate misrepresentations, whether by omission or commission, will result in my application being automatically and irrevocably rejected from further consideration. I hereby authorize the Marin County Sheriff's Office to contact the references on my application, I certify that I have read the above statement, understand it's contents, and have been furnished a copy of it.

If you understand and agree to the above, please sign below. If you are under 18, a parent or guardian must also sign.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant Printed Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent or Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent or Guardian Printed Name**

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## REFERENCE CHECK

*Applicant name* \_\_\_\_\_

List at least **three** personal references (not immediate family). If you are in high school or middle school, please list counselor or school contact person as one reference.

Name	_____	Phone	_____
Name	_____	Phone	_____
Name	_____	Phone	_____
Name	_____	Phone	_____

May we contact your references? (circle one)      Yes      No

We suggest that you call your references so that they know we might call.

Before you submit this form you must call to check the numbers provided and confirm they are working numbers.

Please re-check that all sections of this six page form are completed and legible.

Tick these off:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I know I have to send in two hard copies as noted on the first page.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any person could read everything in this application.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I've called all of the numbers listed above and they are working numbers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All six pages are in both copies being sent to MSAR.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I'm excited about this, but I'm pretty much over the tick-sheet part of the application.