



# Union County Search and Rescue



Application for Membership  
Please Print Clearly and Fill in Every Blank

## Personal Information

Full Legal Name (Last, First, Middle)	Nickname	Phone #	Age
Mailing Address		Sex	Birth Date
Residential Address (if different)		Height	Weight (lb)
Email	Driver's License # and State	Spouse's Name	Place of Birth
Have You Been Convicted of Any Crimes, Including Traffic Crimes?	Yes	No	Length of Residence in Union Co.
Do You Have Any Distinguishing Marks or Tattoos?			Do You Wear Corrective Lenses?
Do You Have Any Relevant Medical or Military Training? If So, Please Explain: (Ex: EMT, Wilderness 1st Aid, etc)	Yes	No	Any Prior Affiliation With SAR? Are You State SAR Certified?

Why Are You Interested in the Field of Search & Rescue? Please Be Complete:

Do You Have Any Special Training, Resources, or Skills That Would Benefit SAR?

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|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| ATV/UTVs     | Horses           | Mapping/GPS      | Snowmobiles | Have Others? Please List: |
| Back Packing | Incident Command | Ropes/Climbing   | Swift Water |                           |
| Drones       | K9               | Skiing/Snowshoes | Tracking    |                           |

## Personal References

List People Not Related by Blood or Marriage

Name	Phone	Length Known
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# Employment Information

## Current Employer Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Shift \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Years With Employer \_\_\_\_\_

## Previous Employer Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Does Your Current Employer Approve of You Missing Work Time for SAR Missions?      Yes      No

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# Medical

Do You Have Any Major Allergies?      Yes      No      If Yes, Please List: \_\_\_\_\_

If You Have Any Medical Concerns, at the Time of Applying, That Your Team Should Know About For the Safety of All, Please List: (Diabetes, Vision Impairment, Artificial Joints, Taking Medication, ect.) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Your Physical Condition or Limitations That Would Apply to Your Suitability for SAR Missions?

(Tell us how you stay active: Are you able to walk several miles with a 15lb backpack? Can you pick up and carry a 40lb object for a short distance?) \_\_\_\_\_

## Provide Local Emergency Contacts

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

# SAR Commitment

SAR Members Can Serve Multiple Roles: Indoor or Office Environment; Field Environment with Possible Rugged Terrain and Harsh Weather; Urban Field Environment.

### Do You Plan to Serve a Field or Non-Field Role or Both?

I have the time and willingness to dedicate myself to the training required to pass the minimum State Certification Requirements within two years of joining and will maintain that certification with thirty (30) hours of continuing education per year thereafter.      Yes      No

I respectfully request and authorize any person, current employer, past employer, or organization named in my application to provide Union County with relevant information and opinions that may be useful to them. I hereby, release such persons, organizations, and others from any legal liability which may result from providing the requested information.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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## **THE MISSION:**

- A. The mission of SAR is to support the office of the Union County Sheriff.
- B. Special emphasis of SAR will be search and rescue operations.
- C. Secondary effort will be made to promote, facilitate and coordinate public education on the hazards of outdoor recreation, proper preparation, and what to do when lost, with the purpose of prevention in mind.
- D. Additional efforts will be directed toward the betterment of the county and its communities, especially including assistance during local emergencies or disasters.

## **THE ORGANIZATION:**

Cut-ref-lay, Union County SAR has 43 members. We elect four officers, and have a Board of Control, which consists of the officers, the Sheriff, two elected members of the Board and the past Captain.

Each search operation is conducted, using the Incident Command System (ICS). ICS is used in SAR missions throughout Oregon, so that any County's SAR unit can help another.

## **PERSONAL GEAR:**

Each member is required to provide his/her own field gear. This includes clothing suitable for the season (including weather extremes), survival gear, and a decimated compass. If you do not already own these items, the initial outlay can be quite costly. Do not purchase any of these items until after you have attended our Orientation Session. At that time you will be given instruction on proper clothing and items needed for a 24-hour survival pack.

You need to provide your own transportation to the Sheriff's Office for a search "mission." The organization does own a couple pickups for transportation. Additionally, some members bring their own 4WD pickups for use on searches. Members bring personal snowmobiles, ATVs and/or trailered horses, though this is not required. Upon completion of a search, SAR reimburses the gasoline expense for private vehicles used on the mission.

## **SEARCHES:**

Union County SAR receives a "Call Out" between 16-20 times per year. These may be at any time during the year, though the hunting seasons, and the mushroom season are the busiest times.

Call Outs are usually called during the evening/late night hours. Union County SAR believes "A Search is an Emergency," so a search starts at the time of the initial report of the lost person. Often, searches are brief. There may be several missions where the lost party is found before SAR is fully mobilized and leaves the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Searches can last for several days, though that is not the norm.

## **HOW DO I GET STATE CERTIFICATION TRAINING?**

Union County SAR's Training Officer will coordinate a once-per-year New Member Training Event. This training is taught by several SAR members and covers all the topics essential for the certification. You will need to attend the classes and take the test. The classroom portion of this training is expected to take three days, with classes held on two weekends. The field portion of the class is one day, and will be held after the classroom portion is complete. This New Member Training is usually offered in the Winter/Spring months. A Class schedule will be made available as early in the year as possible.

There is no charge to Union County SAR members for the 30 hours of continuing education required. Training is done at the scheduled meetings, at Winter and Summer Camp, and specialized training is available both within and outside Union County. SAR can reimburse partial to full tuition on approved classes completed.