



Wasco County

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Wasco County Sheriff Volunteer Search and Rescue

Thank you for your interest in serving with the Wasco County Sheriff's Volunteer Search and Rescue team. The Search and Rescue team is comprised of citizens who volunteer their time for training and mission response to reported lost or injured persons, natural disasters, crime scene searches and other emergency response incidents. The team is coordinated by, and functions under the direction of the Wasco County Sheriff's Office.

Attached is an application for membership with information explaining the application process. Applicants may be required to take a drug screen test. This test is done at the county's expense and at a time convenient for you. A cursory background check is also done. While Search and Rescue team members are not law enforcement officers, they do represent this agency and must be reliable and of good moral character. We desire to have the best possible people working in Search and Rescue and representing the Wasco County Sheriff's Office.

If you are accepted as a member of the Search and Rescue team, you will be expected to meet Oregon State Search and Rescue certification standards within 12 months. All of the necessary training for basic certification is provided locally at no cost to you. Attendance at classes to meet state certification standards is mandatory. After Basic Certification, volunteers are required to maintain proficiency in required areas and are encouraged to further their training in specialized fields that are of interest to them. Examples of specialized fields are tracking, high angle (rope) rescue, swift water rescue, K-9, dive rescue, communications, logistics and other support functions.

Commitments to your family and employer are a priority; however active membership in Search and Rescue does require a substantial time commitment on your part. Between training, mission response and other activities, most members volunteer from 20 to 40 hours per month.

If you wish to become a member of the Wasco County Sheriffs Volunteer Search and Rescue team, please complete the attached forms and return them to the Sheriff's Office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Lane Magill
Wasco County Sheriff

Selection Process

Wasco County Sheriff's Volunteer Search and Rescue Team

1. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and must possess a valid driver's license.
2. Applicants are to complete the application forms and return them to the Wasco County Sheriff's Office, ATTN: Search and Rescue Coordinator.
3. The application will then be reviewed by the SAR Coordinator and a background check, including a driving record and criminal history check will be done. References will be contacted and a personal interview with the SAR Coordinator and the Sheriff will be scheduled.
4. The Search and Rescue team Advisory Board will then review and vote on the application.
5. The application process will normally be completed within 45 days.
6. General information / member requirements:

Clothing- Members must have adequate outdoor clothing for all seasons, including approved leather hiking boots. Additional equipment is sometimes necessary and will be provided when available.

Transportation- Members must provide transportation to and from meetings, training and a central location for call-outs. If a member is asked to use their personal vehicle for training or actual operations fuel will be furnished or mileage will be paid to offset fuel expense.

Vehicle Insurance- Under Oregon law, if you use your personal vehicle for business or volunteer purposes, your personal insurance is the first one charged in the event you are involved in an accident. It is recommended that you have a minimum of \$100,000 liability insurance.

Medical Insurance/ Lost Wages- There is a limited state fund to cover direct medical costs of an injured volunteer, however there is **no** compensation to cover lost wages for an injured volunteer.

I have read and understand the above:

Signed: _____ Date: _____



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WASCO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEARCH AND RESCUE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Complete all Sections, Print or Write Legibly

1. Name: _____ 2. Date of Birth: _____

3. Address: _____ 4. Phone: Home: _____

Work: _____

5. Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes () No () 6. Social Security#: _____

7. Driver's License#: _____ State D.L. Issued By: _____

8. Present Employer: _____ Supervisor: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Previous Employer: _____ Supervisor: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

9. Why do you want to become a Wasco County SAR Team member? _____

10. Are you aware of the time involvement? Yes () No ()

11. Are you aware there is no pay or compensation for your services? Yes () No ()

12. Do you have any physical disabilities? Yes () No ()

13. Do you now, or have you ever had any heart problems? Yes () No ()

14. Do you now, or have you ever had any back problems? Yes () No ()

15. Do have any medical condition which might limit your SAR activities? Yes () No ()

16. Have you ever had your driving privileges suspended or revoked in any State?

Yes () No ()

YES answers to questions # 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 **DO NOT** automatically disqualify your application. Due to the physical requirements of SAR activity, we need to be aware of any limitations you may have in order that you are not assigned activities which might endanger others or yourself unnecessarily. A valid Driver's License is required of all members. For **any** Yes answers to questions # 12, 13, 14, 15 or 16, please indicate which question, by number, and explain the circumstances.

17. Do you have a current first aid card? Yes () No () CPR card? Yes () No () (training will be provided at no cost if you do not)

18. List any experience you have had in Search and Rescue work. Include membership with organized groups or any Certificates you possess which relate to SAR work.

19. Why do you feel you would be a benefit to the SAR Team? List any special skills you have which would benefit the team.

20. References: List at least three references who have known you for three years or longer. Do not list relatives or current work supervisor.

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Best time to call? _____

_____ Time Known? _____ yrs. _____ mo.

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21. List any other information you feel we should know or which may be helpful in evaluating your application.

The information provided in this application is true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

WAIVER

If I am accepted as a member of Wasco County Sheriff's Volunteer Search and Rescue Team, I understand that I will be performing services for Wasco County on a non-paid volunteer basis. As a volunteer, I agree to hold harmless and release Wasco County, its officers, employees and agents, from any and all claims that I, or my agents, may have.

Printed Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION: In case of injury or other emergency, who should we contact?

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Relationship: _____

Physician: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____

This form is not part of the application process, may be completed after acceptance.