

For more information please attend
one of our monthly meetings
(call info line for date & time.)

Or write to...

Middle Creek Search & Rescue
P.O. Box 701
Ephrata, PA 17522-0701

Information Line
(717-661-9873)

Visit Our Web Page:
www.midsar.org

Emergency Response Call:

Lancaster Countywide
Communications
(800-691-3473)

Request Station 1-14
Middle Creek Search & Rescue

**Resources provided by
Middle Creek Search & Rescue**

Search Management

Field Team Leaders

Search Dogs & Handlers

Horse Teams

All Terrain Vehicles

4 x 4's

Communications

Rescue & Recovery

Other Groups Associated with

Civil Air Patrol

Fire Departments

Police Departments

Rescue Teams

Search Teams

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SEARCH & RESCUE**



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"SO THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE"

STATION 1-14

Middle Creek Search & Rescue is a team of trained Volunteers providing Search & Rescue operations in South Central Pennsylvania. Team Members are trained in Grid Searching Techniques, Managing Search Operations, Map and Compass Skills, Amateur Radio Communications, Skywarn (Severe Weather Spotters for the National Weather Service), Crime Scene Awareness and Interviewing Methods.

Middle Creek Search & Rescue holds monthly meetings at the Durlach/Mt. Airy Fire Company (Station 1-4). Training is done at various locations including the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area, located on the Lebanon-Lancaster County line about one mile south of Kleinfeltersville.

Middle Creek Search & Rescue works closely with other teams such as Trained Search Dog Teams, Horse Teams, Fire Companies, Rescue Units, and other Search Teams, etc.

Middle Creek Search & Rescue helps locate lost or missing persons, day or night.

Middle Creek Search & Rescue provides the following public training programs:

“A Child is Lost Program” teaches children what to do to avoid getting lost, and how to stay comfortable and help searchers locate them if they do get lost. (Please Contact Jim Stephens at 717-721-6706 for more information on this program.)

A “Map and Compass Clinic” teaches basic Topographical Map and Compass skills. It is a four hour program which teaches you how to use a map & compass. (Please contact Bill Boose at 717-538-1564 for more information on this program.)

Guidelines for Safety in the Wilderness

- Tell someone your trip plans and when you expect to return
- **NEVER** Hike Alone, Parties of three or more are best.
- **Carry the basic survival tools:**
- **Whistle** - sound three short consecutive blasts for an emergency.
- **Garbage** bag for shelter.
- Two quarts of **water** and high energy snacks.
- Have a **compass** and a **map** of your route and the skill to use them.

What to do if you get lost!

- **DO NOT PANIC!!!**
- Go to high ground and use your map and compass to orient yourself. If you still don't know where you are, stay put and hug a tree... make it your friend.
- If you have told someone of your travel plans (and when you expect to return) they will know to start looking for you and will call for help.
- Seek shelter before dark. A standard garbage bag provides good protection.
- Stay together as a group. Do not become separated. There is strength in numbers.

Someone is lost, what should I do?

- Call for help immediately, time is our enemy.
- Protect (allow no one to enter the area) within 100 feet of the “point last seen.” This provides searchers and search dogs with an excellent starting point and is very critical to the search function.
- Obtain a description of the subject. Searchers will need to know the subject's name, age, height, weight, hair color, eye color, an accurate clothing description, any travel plans, and when the subject had expected to return.
- Don't become a victim yourself. Let searchers do the job for which they are trained.
- **STAY CALM!** Help is on the way.
- Have friends and family gather when help arrives to provide searchers with additional information about the missing subject.