

Team membership and available resources include:

Search Managers

Field Team Leaders

Search Dogs & Handlers

Horse Teams

All Terrain Vehicles

Medical Teams

Communications

Rescue & Recovery

Certified Trainers

Team members are trained in:

Grid Search Techniques

Search Management Operations

Map & Compass Skills

Skywarn

Crime Scene Awareness

Amateur Radio Communications

Associated Groups

Civil Air Patrol

Fire Departments

Police Departments

Rescue Teams

Other Search Teams

For more information please visit our website, write or attend one of our monthly meetings.

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

**Information Line
866-542-LOST (5678)**

**Visit Our Web Page:
www.midsar.org**

Emergency Response Call:

**Lancaster Countywide
Communications
(800-691-3473)**

**Request Station 94
Middle Creek Search & Rescue**

**Monthly meetings are held at the Durlach/
Mt. Airy Fire Company (Station 1-4).**

**Middle Creek Search and Rescue is a
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**STATION 94
Lancaster County, PA**

Middle Creek Search and Rescue's mission is to assist agencies in finding missing persons in the following Pennsylvania counties:

Lancaster	Lebanon
Berks	Dauphin
York	Chester
Schuylkill	

Middle Creek Search & Rescue provides the following programs. Please see our website for contact information:

“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.

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.

A “Meet and Greet” program can be customized to your specific needs. These programs often include a dog demonstration, a child is lost program, and/or a question and answer period.

A “Fire Company” program can be customized to meet your company’s training program. These programs often include discussions on the golden hour, first response actions, documentation, clue awareness, and protection of the point last seen.

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.
- Remember to blow your whistle and listen for a response.

Someone is lost, what should I do?

- Call for help immediately, a missing person is an emergency.
- Protect (allow no one to enter the area) within 100 feet of the “point last seen.” This provides searchers and search dogs with a starting point.
- 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 the emergency responders do their job.
- **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.