

MIDDLE CREEK SEARCH & RESCUE, INC.

.....where teamwork is a tradition.





Middle Creek Search & Rescue (MIDSAR) was established in 1994 by Randy Maurer and Mike Musser in response to a local search with untrained volunteers that ended in the tragic death of a little girl. The team of approximately 30 members trained for a year under Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to become fully operational in search management. Today, MIDSAR is a team of over 60 fully trained volunteers that are available to assist our community in locating nonviolent lost or missing persons (such as overdue hikers or hunters, children or elderly who have wandered away, possible runaways or attempted suicides...). We are a nonprofit organization that is supported by personal donations, team fund-raisers, and an occasional grant. We do not receive financial support from local or federal governments, and we do not charge for our services.

Primary Area Served:

Lebanon, Lancaster, York, Dauphin, Schuylkill, Berks, and Chester counties (Assistance is available in other areas)

Emergency Services and Resources:

- •Fully operational search and rescue team on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- •Search management and operations team
- •Trained grid searchers (teams that search by foot)
- •Specially trained resource teams (K-9, horse, mountain bike, ATV, communications, and medical)

Additional Services Offered:

- •Certified Instructors provide the team and the community with training in:
 - ✓ Grid Searching Techniques
 - ✓ Managing Search Operations
 - ✓ Map and Compass Skills
 - ✓ Skywarn (Severe Weather Spotters for the National Weather Service)
 - ✓ Crime Scene Awareness and Interviewing Methods
- •Travel to schools, businesses, clubs, and other local organizations to provide:
 - ✓ Presentations and demonstrations
 - ✓ "Child is Lost" program (teaches children how to avoid getting lost and how to get help if they do)

Volunteers needed! No prior training is required. There are a wide range of assignments at every search so everyone can find a physical and skill level that's right for them. If you would like to learn more about becoming a member, call our information line at (717) 661-9871, visit our web site at www.midsar.org, or attend a monthly meeting at the Durlach/Mt. Airy Fire Company (Station 1-4) in Lancaster county.

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