



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

to

MIDDLE CREEK SEARCH & RESCUE

P.O. Box 701, Ephrata, PA 17522

Type of Application

Full Member ___ Associate Member ___

Personal Information

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number (____) _____ - _____

Cell Phone Number (____) _____ - _____

Email Address _____

Amateur Radio Call Sign _____

Birth Date _____ Height _____ Weight _____

Hair Color _____ Eye Color _____

Do you have any criminal convictions other than summary offenses? Y N

If yes, please explain _____

EMPLOYMENT

Employer _____

Job Title _____

Business Phone Number (____) _____ - _____

Address _____

Working Hours _____

Are you available for emergency response during working hours? Y N

If you are under 18 years of age, do you have working papers? Y N

TRAINING

Please list any training or experience you have in Search & Rescue, First Aid, EMT, Fire Fighting, Military Service, etc. _____

Specialized Interest (K9, Medical, Communications, Horse, etc): _____

HEALTH

Due to the passage of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 Middle Creek Search and Rescue has chosen to eliminate this section from our application. Remember, search and rescue can be a very stressful and strenuous activity. Missions typically involve high emotional and physical stress, sleep deprivation, and demanding outdoor activity. **YOU MUST KNOW YOUR LIMITS AND KNOW WHEN TO STOP. DO NOT PUT YOURSELF OR OTHERS IN DANGER.** Middle Creek Search and Rescue advises all members to voluntarily carry an emergency medical information card. You are applying for membership at your own risk.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of EMERGENCY notify:

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____

AUTHORIZATION

PA Child Protection Laws – I understand that my membership is subject to the requirements of legislation requiring volunteers having contact with minors to pass background checks and receive certain training. If my application is accepted, I will be required to complete these requirements, possibly at my own expense, within 90 days of my application being approved and prior to commencement of my service with Middle Creek Search & Rescue. See <http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/> for more information.

I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of facts called for is cause for refusal of membership from Middle Creek Search & Rescue. (If under 18 years old, application must include copy of working papers and signature of parent or guardian.)

PLEASE SUBMIT WITH A CHECK FOR \$10.00 PAYABLE TO MIDDLE CREEK SEARCH & RESCUE. CHECK WILL BE RETURNED IF APPLICATION IS DENIED

Date _____ Signature of Applicant _____

(if under 18 years of age)

Date _____ Signature of Guardian _____

Official Use Only PIN _____ Date Accepted _____ Signature of Executive Officer _____
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PA Child Protective Services Laws – Background Check Procedure

Pennsylvania law requires that volunteers who may have contact with individuals under the age of 18 pass a series of background checks. Outlined below are the current requirements which are subject to change.

Reference: <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2014&sessInd=0&act=153>

Required

(1) Pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 91 (relating to criminal history record information), a report of criminal history record information from the Pennsylvania State Police or a statement from the Pennsylvania State Police that the State Police central repository contains no such information relating to that person. The criminal history record information shall be limited to that which is disseminated pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. § 9121(b) (2) (relating to general regulations).

Required

(2) A certification from the department as to whether the applicant is named in the Statewide database as the alleged perpetrator in a pending child abuse investigation or as the perpetrator of a founded report [of child abuse] or an indicated report [of child abuse].

Requires either 3a or 3b

(3a) A report of Federal criminal history record information. The applicant shall submit a full set of fingerprints to the Pennsylvania State Police for the purpose of a record check, and the Pennsylvania State Police or its authorized agent shall submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of verifying the identity of the applicant and obtaining a current record of any criminal arrests and convictions.

Or

(3b) The prospective volunteer swears or affirms in writing that the prospective volunteer is not disqualified from service pursuant to section 6344(c) or has not been convicted of an offense similar in nature to those crimes listed in section 6344(c) under the laws or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or under a former law of this Commonwealth.

Clearances 1 and 2 above may be obtained for free* after your membership application is approved, while 3a requires a fee. Instructions for obtaining the clearances are available here:

<http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/findaform/childabusehistoryclearanceforms/index.htm>

or <http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/clearances/index.htm>

*To obtain clearances for free, Enter “Middle Creek Search and Rescue” in the agency field of the clearance forms.

After clearances are obtained, **you must present copies AND show the originals** to the MIDSAR CPSL Administrator before you can begin service with MIDSAR. If MIDSAR does not receive the clearances within 90 days of your membership application being approved, your application will be voided.