

MIDDLE CREEK SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM
Information regarding search callouts

1. Preparation begins with having a “go-bag” or otherwise having your gear ready to go.

**You should have: Clothing –appropriate for the weather and any possible assignment
- should include some sort of orange or other bright outerwear.**

MIDSAR name badge and pre-filled sign-in card.

**Radio-Amateur, if licensed, with ample supply of charged batteries,
or alkaline pack or 12V supply if able to use it.**

Don’t forget antenna(s) and cords, instruction manual.

- or other you might have: Cell phone, CB, FRS, Scanner

Water Supply—essential for health

**Food- bars or such. A person can live for days without food, but don’t
try it. Hunger can greatly affect one’s attitude, stamina,
efficiency, alertness, and thinking capability.**

**MIDSAR PAGER CODE Sheets—one in car, house, wallet, pack
ADC map of PA—current edition.**

2. Pagers are set off before the telephone callout. If you have a pager—see code sheet for info.

If you respond before being telephoned, you must let someone know you are responding.

**This can be done via: ham radio, calling a phone tree person, or reporting in at meeting
place to person assigned to keep track of who is there.**

**3. When called by telephone: If you have a pager, you will be asked if you got the page, and
whether you are responding.**

If you didn’t get the page, you will be told BRIEFLY: (if information is available)

Type of subject—age, hiker, Alzheimer, suicide, etc.

Any special conditions—took medicines, health problems, amount of time lost, etc.

General location of Search—town, Middle Creek, State game lands, Gov. Dick, etc.

Then you will be asked if you are available to respond and when.

If not available, there should be NO further conversation with caller.

**If Yes—you will be given location to proceed to. If location is not on the pager code sheet,
you will be given directions or person to call for directions. If location is a preset location that is
on the pager code sheet, you will be given that number, & NO DIRECTIONS. Team members
are expected to KNOW how to get to the locations on the pager code sheet! There should be
NO unnecessary conversation with the phone callers; THEY HAVE OTHERS TO CALL!**

4. PROCEED TO LOCATION ASSIGNED!

**5. Listen on the ham radio or scanner for updated information. Please do not transmit on the
radio unless necessary. No directions via radio unless absolutely necessary.**

6. If you hear the Search is re-called (called off) on radio or via your pager:

EITHER: 1. Call phone tree caller or

2. Call-in on ham radio or

3. Report to meeting spot.

**You must do one of these three things to let team know that you know to return home. We
don’t want someone left out trying to find the team that went home, or for the team to be
searching for a team member who we thought was on the way and might be lost.**