



UPPER SAN JUAN Search & Rescue, Inc. *Member Application*

Date Submitted: _____

Date Background Requested: _____

Background Passed: Yes No

Approved By: _____

Date Approved: _____

Name: Last			First			Middle		
Mailing Address:								
Physical Address:								
Home Phone:			Work Phone:			Cell Phone: Provider:		
E-mail:						DOB: / /		
Driver's License #:			Type:			State:		
Emergency Contact:								
Physical Condition, Allergies / Medical Hx:								
Length of residence in Archuleta County area _____						COSAR CARD #: Expiration Date:		

The following National Incident Management System (NIMS) courses FEMA requires all active emergency workers to have before they participate in relief efforts. While you are not required to have these completed before you apply for membership, a few of them are required to be complete before you participate in a mission. Please indicate which tests you have successfully completed and the date of completion.

<input type="checkbox"/> 100	<input type="checkbox"/> 800
<input type="checkbox"/> 700	<input type="checkbox"/> 300
<input type="checkbox"/> 200	<input type="checkbox"/> 400

Please indicate any and all levels of medical training you have either taken or hold certification with. For medical courses, list the last year you had formal education in the subject matter.

<input type="checkbox"/> First Aid	<input type="checkbox"/> EMT-B
<input type="checkbox"/> CPR	<input type="checkbox"/> EMT-I
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness Med.	<input type="checkbox"/> Paramedic
<input type="checkbox"/> First Responder	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

SARTECH is a tiered level of certification with the National Association of Search and Rescue (NASAR). Applicants are not required to have certification but are highly encouraged to obtain it to further their understanding of SAR techniques. If applicable list the cert level you have obtained and **completion year**.

<input type="checkbox"/> SAR TECH III -	<input type="checkbox"/> SAR TECH I -
<input type="checkbox"/> SAR TECH II -	<input type="checkbox"/> SAR TECH Instructor

Amateur radio skills are sometimes used when certain lines of communication fail. Please list any certification you hold **and the call sign** associated within these categories.

<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> General
<input type="checkbox"/> Novice	<input type="checkbox"/> Technician
<input type="checkbox"/> Amateur Extra	<input type="checkbox"/> Technician Plus

We realize that not everyone has previously learned skills that correlate the search and rescue. USJSAR, Inc requires applicants to be willing to learn skills and be utilized where they feel most comfortable and are most effective in helping a mission run smoothly. The person stationed at the trail head is just as important as the person on the end of a belay line. All persons are useful when someone is in need. We would like to know if you have had any previous experience and/or training with the following categories within search and rescue.

Ropes
Water Rescue
Avalanche
Ice Rescue
ATV / Snow Mobile
Confined Spaces
Helicopter / Air Operations
Recovery
Logistics / Communication

What types of training would you like to receive:

What SAR activities would you like to participate in:

What days or times would you be available for SAR activities:

BELOW TO BE FILLED OUT BY BOARD SECRETARY

ACTIVE DATE		CALL SIGN
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UPPER SAN JUAN SEARCH AND RESCUE, INC.

Guidelines & Protocols

Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, Inc is a volunteer organization which operates as a 501c (3) and is an available resource to the Archuleta County Sheriff or his designee. All decisions regarding administration and operation of the team, including training is made by voting members of USJSAR and its Board of Directors.

USJSAR, Inc. operates throughout the year in a four-season, mountainous environment. Volunteers are therefore expected to maintain good physical condition and know when they are unable to perform because of sickness or other obligations. Know your limits. The main goal of this organization is to perform a successful search and safe rescue on each and every mission it is utilized for.

There is no ‘glory’ in mountain rescue. Although there may be great personal satisfaction, participation in a search, rescue or recovery involves long periods of waiting followed by long periods of very hard and disagreeable work. There is no member of USJSAR, Inc above being assigned the most trivial job from ‘babysitting’ the vehicle on some back road to arranging for food and drink for those more actively involved in the mission. A successful mission depends as integrally upon the member monitoring the radio as it does upon the rescuer attending the patient. Whenever possible we stress the work of the group at the expense of the contribution of any single individual.

Searches, victim evacuations, technical rescues, rappelling and climbing are all strenuous activities with certain hazards. Each mission has its own unique conditions and must be evaluated by all members at the scene. Effective risk management comes from experience, proper training and good personal judgment. There is no place on a mission for over inflated egos that can endanger not only the victim the entire team. It is each member’s responsibility to obtain competent instruction, choose quality equipment and use adequate safety precautions.

It is the responsibility of each member to perform at the best of their ability and maintain a professional attitude. Alcohol or narcotic use during a mission is forbidden. If your ability is impaired when notified of a mission do not respond. Any violation of this policy will be cause for dismissal form the team.

Members of USJSAR, Inc are expected to maintain a high level of moral standards. Any member who has been arrested for and/or convicted of offenses related to theft, domestic violence, child abuse, any crime of violence or any felony will be terminated.

As a volunteer member of USJSAR, Inc, medical coverage is provided for any injury that is incurred during the course of an authorized and supervised training or mission. Members of the team are designated as ‘statutory volunteers’ under the County Workers’ Compensation Pool. A Certificate of Participation is maintained at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). If you are injured during a mission, all claims are to be submitted and processed within four working days through the Sheriff’s Office – starting with informing the Emergency Operations Director and USJSAR Board Secretary.

Volunteers may be called upon to use their own personal vehicles including snowmobiles and ATV’s. Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained and that you have adequate snow tires and chains for winter conditions. Car pooling is recommended when possible to avoid congestion at a trail head or staging area.

Members must provide their own insurance coverage on personal vehicles. If your vehicle is used during a mission, please maintain a log of your mileage and related fuel purchase including receipts. Some missions are state funded which means that certain expenses are reimbursed. Your expenses incurred

during those missions may be reimbursed at a later date. Please submit this information to the Emergency Operations Director within 5 working days of the mission.

Trainings are an integral part of your membership within USJSAR, Inc. All members are asked to participate in training programs. Volunteers are encouraged to obtain: Red Cross First Aid and current CPR certification.

Members who will be doing field work need to maintain a suitable backpack containing spare clothes, survival gear, a minimal first aid kit and personal items and enough food and water for two days. See the suggested equipment list contained in this packet of information.

Mission notifications...occasionally you will be instructed to respond directly to the scene or staging area. Make sure you know the exact location. Drive safely and obey all traffic laws. SAR missions are rarely an emergency situation. Sign in upon arrival and wait for further instructions.

USJSAR, Inc Identification such as shirts, caps and/or ID cards should be worn at all times during a mission.

Members are allowed to carry personal firearms with them during a mission. Members who carry side arms are expected to be proficient in the use of their weapons. If the weapon is carried concealed, you must obtain a Colorado Concealed Weapon permit from the Archuleta County Sheriff's office.

Keep radio traffic to an absolute minimum and use clear text when reporting information. Unnecessary radio traffic drains batteries, disrupts the mission and can be a safety issue. Remember to use good judgment when giving patient personal information over the radio. Be direct concerning injuries. Please use code words when identifying a death. Radio traffic is monitored, possibly by the subjects' family as well as the public and news media. Again, use good judgment – when in doubt – ask another member their opinion.

Helicopters are sometimes used for patient evacuation, equipment and personal transportation. Working around helicopters is very dangerous. Members WILL NOT approach helicopters unless they have had helicopter familiarizing training. Qualified team members should approach helicopters only upon the command of the on scene team leader and/or helicopter flight staff.

All inquires made by members of the subject's family and the news media will be referred immediately to the Emergency Operations Director or his designee. Members shall not give statements to the news media unless authorized by the mission commander. Members WILL NOT make death notification under any circumstances. The Archuleta County Coroner or his designees are the only people who are authorized to make such notification.

When a mission is terminated, it is mandatory that you check in and sign out either at field command or the EOC. After a mission, please make notes about your activities for the upcoming mission debriefing. You should be notified as to the date and time of the debriefing.

These guidelines and protocols are subject to change by Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, Inc Board of Directors. All members must read, sign and retain a copy of these guidelines.

Upon successful completion of your background check, your qualifications will be evaluated for physical fitness to participate in searches which take place in rough terrain, day or night, and in all types of weather. Mental qualifications involve the ability to cope with finding a critically injured or deceased victim.

SAR OPERATIONS

CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT LIST

BASIC CLOTHING—ALL OPS

- Long trousers (wool or pile in winter)
- Hiking shorts (summer)
- Long sleeved shirt (wool in winter)
- 2 large bandanas
- Wool or polypro hat (balaclava in winter)
- Wool or polypro mittens
- Shell parka (breathable) with hood
- Leather work gloves
- Boots with lug soles
- Pile, pola-guard, or down jacket
- Wool/polypro underwear top & bottoms
- Poncho or rain jacket with hood
- Rain chaps or rain pants
- Helmet
- Blaze orange vest and hat cover

BASIC EQUIPMENT—ALL OPS

- Large day pack (or) full size pack
- 24-hour emergency ration
- Headlamp/flashlight with batteries
- Large drinking cup (16OZ)
- Spoon/Spork
- (2)1-qt. bottles or bladder
- Pocket knife or multi-tool
- Saw and/or hatchet
- Compass (liquid filled)
- Candle (steric acid -hard)
- Butane lighter / waterproof matches
- Whistle (plastic)
- Sun screen & Insect repellent
- Potable Aqua purification tablets
- Toilet paper (white biodegrades best)
- Dark glasses (glacier glasses winter)
- Prescription glasses or contacts as needed
- Emergency storm shelter
- Pocket notebook and pencil (in Ziploc)
- Watch
- 2" x 3" glass signal mirror with hole
- Surveyors ribbon
- 50 ft. parachute cord (bright)
- Seat harness
- Climbing hardware as needed
- Personal first aid items
- Driver's License
- Money

(*) - not needed by all members of a group

(+) - sometimes needed during summer

OVERNIGHT OPS

- Full-size backpack
- Foam Pad (closed cell)
- Diddy bag or bivi-sack or ground sheet
- Tarp, tent, or tube tent shelter (*)
- Stove (*)
- Cook pot with fry pan lid (*)
- Fuel bottle with fuel (*)
- Sleeping bag (+20° sum,-15° win)
- Screw top containers for food
- Plastic bags for food and clothing

ADD FOR SPRING, FALL & WINTER

- Shell (breathable) over mitts
- Wind trousers (breathable)
- Gaiters (high) (+)
- Extra pair wool/polypro mittens
- Face mask
- Crampons with tip covers (+)
- Ice axe with tip covers (+)
- Avalanche cord (+)
- Snowshoes (or) skis and poles
- Snowshoe/ski repair kit
- Snow shovel

FIRST AID KIT CONTENTS

- Acetaminophen or aspirin tablets
- Plastic bag, zip lock, qt. size (for kit)
- Antacid tablets
- Antiseptic cleansing pads or hand sanitizer
- Razor blade, single edge safety type
- Antiseptic ointment
- Roller gauze bandage
- Band-aids, various sizes
- Safety pins, large
- Splinter forceps, tweezers
- Cotton swabs, non sterile
- Duct tape, 5 – 10 ft.
- Towelette, clean
- Moleskin
- Pair latex gloves
- Bandanna and Ace wrap
- Two 2x2's
- Alcohol prep pads
- Pocket mask
- Trauma scissors
- Glucose Tablets

Membership Goals:

1. Obtain and maintain a 24/48 pack for all seasons.
2. Obtain and maintain minimum CPR and First Aid.
3. Be in good physical condition to assist in the jobs you undertake.
4. Keep an accurate member hour log – and as a minimum:
 - a. At least 6 hours devoted to member meetings a year
 - b. At least 12 hours devoted to training or missions a year
5. Be able to perform field orienteering over an uneven terrain.
6. Be able to package a patient for any type of evacuation.
7. Apply principles of Incident Command Leadership.
8. Complete the required NIMS courses.
9. Complete at least the basic level of SAR TECH training.

Equipment List

Please indicate the equipment you own or have access to:

TRAVEL

- 4X4 Vehicle
- Motorcycle
- ATV
- Snowmobile
- Aircraft
- Boat, Canoe or Raft
- Horse
- Mountain Bike
- Snow Shoes
- Cross-Country Skis
- _____
- _____
- _____

TECHNICAL

- Rope
- Harness
- Carabineers
- Webbing
- Helmet
- Ice Gear
- Scuba Gear
- Mobile/Ham Radio
- Locator Beacon
- Avalanche Probe
- _____
- _____
- _____

PERSONAL

- Backpack
- Tent
- Bivouac Sack
- Hiking Boots
- Sleeping Bag
- Stove
- Head Lamp
- GPS Unit
- Compass
- Rain Parka
- First Aid Kit
- Whistle
- Flagging
- Water Filter

I _____, hereby certify that I have read and understand the Operations Guidelines and Protocols for this organization and agree to follow those guidelines and protocols. I understand that if I do not comply with those guidelines and protocols, I may be dismissed from Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, Inc. **I also agree to give authority to the Archuleta County Sheriff’s Department to conduct a background check on me.**

Signature

Witness

Date

In order to apply for grants, pro-deals, etc. Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, Inc will now be count volunteer hours put in towards member activity through out each month. Please make sure to keep an accurate account of your activity in the following areas:

Member / Board Meetings – Typically, on the second Thursday of each month, USJSAR Inc. members meet at the EOC (SAR Base) on Piedra Road. Members are encouraged to attend these to keep abreast of news and updates on USJSAR happenings. The USJSAR Board of Directors also meets monthly. Contact the Board Chairman or Board Secretary for date, time and location of next board meeting.

Training – USJSAR holds monthly training for members to learn or hone skills they use (will use) on a mission.

Mission – Missions are the icing of what we train for all year long. Searching for and rescuing people in need make what we do worth it. That’s why we are here – so others may live.

Education – USJSAR encourages members to further their understanding and knowledge of SAR techniques through education. CPR, First Aid, Rope, Swift Water, Avalanche Awareness, etc are just a few examples of education that USJSAR members may receive. Remember that your education hours need to be applicable in your role as a SAR member.

Community Awareness – USJSAR supports members who wish to conduct community awareness programs concerning SAR and issues pertaining to mountain recreation and rescue. There are brochures and curriculum available to help you with your presentations.

Please return the completed member hours form each month to:

Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, Inc
Attn: Board Secretary
135 Country Center Drive, Suite B-5, #17
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147