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APPLICATION FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Park County Search and Rescue

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414 East Callender Livingston, MT 59047 406-222-4143

Personal Information

Name _____ SSN _____

Mailing Address _____

Physical Address _____

Phone Numbers:

Please use the space to the left of each number to rank the order in which you would like the numbers called during callouts.

____ Home _____ Work _____

____ Cell _____ Pager _____

____ Other _____ What/Where? _____

E-Mail Address _____ (required to receive newsletters)

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Date of Birth _____ Height _____ Weight _____ Eyes _____ Hair _____

Spouse/Next of Kin _____ Relation _____

Children/Ages _____

Local Emergency Contacts:

Name _____ Phone _____ Relation _____

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**** Minimum Requirements – Please initial next to the minimum requirement you meet. ****

____ I am at least 18 years of age _____ I am a U. S. Citizen

____ I have a High School Diploma or GED _____ I have a valid MT drivers license (provide copy)

____ I have not been convicted a felony or an assault involving a partner or family member.

Office Use: Received _____ Background Check _____ Approved _____

Member File _____ Resource Lists _____ Training _____ Callout _____

Special Experience and Skills

➤ **Medical Training**

	Date	Agency/Institution/Certificate#
First Aid	_____	_____
CPR	_____	_____
First Responder	_____	_____
EMT	_____	_____
RN	_____	_____
MD	_____	_____

➤ **Outdoor Activities**

	# Years Experience	Proficiency
Backpacking	_____	_____
Back-country Skiing	_____	_____
Snow shoeing	_____	_____
Snowmobiling	_____	_____
Climbing	_____	_____
Swim/Diving	_____	_____
Boating	_____	_____
Horseback Riding	_____	_____

➤ **Search and Incident Skills/Experience**

Please explain your experience or training with the following:

- Search Management _____
- Incident Command System _____
- Radio Communications _____
- Map & Compass _____
- Man Tracking _____
- Lost Person Behavior _____
- Wildfire & Evacuation _____
- Critical Incident Stress _____
- Back Country Survival _____
- Other _____

Resources

➤ **Equipment**

Please describe those items below which you own or have immediate access to:

Snowmobile _____

Snowmobile Trailer _____

4WD Vehicle _____

ATV _____

Water Craft _____

Scuba Gear _____

Radio _____

GPS Unit _____

Climbing Gear _____

Avalanche Gear _____

Horse Trailer _____

Other _____

➤ **Animals**

Please indicate if you have the following and your/their suitability for search/rescue:

Search Dog(s) _____

Horse(s) _____

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION
FOR
CRIMINAL / DRIVER'S RECORDS CHECKS

To: Park County Sheriff's Office
414 E. Callender Street
Livingston, MT 59047

I am an applicant for the position as a VOLUNTEER with the Park County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue and wish to furnish information to use in a Criminal Records Check and Driver's Records Check. I understand the qualifications for this position prevent selection of persons with prior convictions of any crime for which the person could have been imprisoned in a federal or state penitentiary, any assault conviction involving a partner or family member, determination from a background investigation that shows a lack of good moral character, non-citizens of the United States, and / or suspended or revoked driving privileges. I hereby expressly authorize release of any information which you may have concerning me, including information of a confidential or privileged nature.

I hereby release the Park County Sheriff's Office and any organization, company, institution, or person furnishing information to the Park County Sheriff's Office as I expressly authorized in the preceding paragraph above from any liability for damage that may result from furnishing the information which I have requested that you make available for the stated purpose. I further authorize and understand that a photocopy of this document shall serve with the same authority as the original.

Applicant's Full Name: _____
Last First Middle

Applicant's Address: _____

Applicant's Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Applicant's Date of Birth: _____
MM/DD/YYYY

Applicant Signature Date

STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS
REGARDING VOLUNTARY SERVICE FOR PARK COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE

The Park County Sheriff is responsible for the protection of life and property within the unincorporated area of the county. It is, therefore, his duty to:

- Search for lost persons.
- Evacuate ill or injured persons from inaccessible areas.
- Remove bodies of deceased persons from areas inaccessible by conventional means.

To discharge this duty, a PARK COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE unit has been organized with the Sheriff, or his appointee in charge of operations, as administrative head. The nucleus of the unit is a group of auxiliary officers who have volunteered and been trained for such service and who are directly supervised by a full-time law enforcement officer.

CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES

Conditions and procedures for volunteers include, but are not limited to the following list:

- You will need to furnish your own personal equipment, such as mountain clothing, boots, and sleeping bags. The county is rarely responsible for loss or damage to your equipment. Although no payment will be given for your services, meals will be furnished during an actual mission, and state mileage rates or actual gas and oil costs, can be reimbursed for use of your private vehicle.
- You will be covered by Worker's Compensation while on assigned duty, but it is advisable to check your private insurance policy since voluntary service to a law enforcement agency may affect your insurance policy.
- Your ability to respond immediately when called, regardless of time of day or day of week, is very important to this unit. Habitual failure to respond, even with an excuse, will of necessity terminate your membership. You will need to make arrangements with your employer for time off; the Sheriff's Department cannot be responsible for these arrangements.
- You will work as assigned, at the discretion of the Sheriff or his appointee, until the mission is completed or your services are no longer needed and you are relieved by the Incident Commander.
- You are expected to follow the Park County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Policy and Procedure Manual. As such, you will also be expected to follow the department's standards in public relations, devotion to duty, confidentiality, and personal conduct while on duty. Your affiliation with the Sheriff's Office cannot be used for personal profit or benefit.
- You will not be expected to attempt any feat or perform any task that entails an unacceptable measure of risk, and you must not coerce other members to attempt any feat or perform any task for which he or she is not qualified by skill or training. Each person shall be the final judge of his or her own ability and capability with the equipment.
 - Unacceptable risk shall be defined as: ANY FEAT OR DANGER THAT FAILS TO PROVIDE A MARGIN OF SAFETY THROUGH A BACK-UP SYSTEM CAPABLE OF ABORTING THE ATTEMPT AND RETRIEVING THE PARTICIPANTS.
- You shall complete a minimum standard First Aid and CPR course and be trained for field personnel before being used without supervision in the field.
- You are expected to maintain an appropriate level of fitness to participate in the arduous work of this unit. This includes both physical and mental preparedness.

PRINCIPLES OF SEARCH AND RESCUE

- Rescue work is not glamorous. It is usually only plain, hard work.
- There are no regular hours on a rescue mission. Working hours are at any time and for as long as anything worthwhile can be accomplished.
- It will not always be possible to return to the headquarters truck or a restaurant at mealtimes or to a cabin at night. Each time we go into the field, we must be willing and physically prepared to spend a night in the field, if the situation demands.
- Personnel assigned to a rescue mission will work as directed by the Incident Commander. Discipline will be maintained. Suggestions will be appreciated, but members must follow the chain of command. The Incident Commander has final authority.
- The most important factor in a mission is its successful completion, not the person or persons involved in this accomplishment.
- Some rescue missions turn out to be false alarms. We operate on the principle that it is better to expend time and energy and find that it was not needed, than to wait to be sure it was needed, and then find it is too late.
- The professional application of skills and techniques as well as the maintenance of safety standards is mandatory in the performance of any and all search and rescue tasks.
- Relatives and friends of victims will be treated with patience and compassion.

We sincerely appreciate your concern and willingness to help!

By my signature below, I am indicating that the information I have provided on this application is true, accurate and complete and I have read, understand and agree to the above "Conditions and Procedures" and "Principles of Search and Rescue".

Signature

Date

Printed Name