Our Vision:

“The Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference (ASRC) is a confederation of professional volunteer search and rescue teams and personnel that provides incident management and field resources for search and rescue operations in the United States Mid-Atlantic region. Unified by common training standards, certifications, operational protocols, collaborative innovation, and a dedication to providing cutting-edge search and rescue to those in harm’s way … these things we do that others may live. Any weather, any terrain, anytime.”

Our Purpose:

1. Provide search and rescue capability within the Mid-Atlantic Region and other regions as necessary.
2. Conduct training programs in subjects related to search and rescue, wilderness safety, and wilderness survival.
3. Serve as a coordinating agency for related rescue and survival information, equipment, and resources.

Our Core Goals:

In order fulfill our purpose, the ASRC must consistently successfully achieve the following core goals:

1. Recruit, develop, and maintain a cohesive professional, progressive, and mission first oriented membership with operational expertise in search and rescue.
2. Provide local, state, and federal government agencies with highly trained and professional search management and field resources in support of lost person SAR incidents. These shall: increase the chance of finding a lost person quickly, be able to lead and coordinate emergent volunteers, mitigate liability, and provide a standard of care.

Guiding Values:

To achieve the realization of the Core Goals, all Objectives, Tasks, and Efforts of the conference shall reflect and further the following Philosophical and Operational Values:

Philosophical:
- Cohesiveness
- Professionalism
- Progressive Mindset
- Mission First Focus
- Safety
- Accountability

Operational:
- Search Management Expertise
- Ability to Coordinate Emergent Volunteers
- Mitigation of Liability and Standard of Care
- High Quality Field Resources
- Sustained and Tiered Response