



Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group

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ASRC Board of Directors –

On behalf of Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group (AMRG), this letter serves as our recommendation for full Certified Group membership in the ASRC for Northwest PA K9 SAR (NWPAK9SAR).

During its time as a Probationary Group, NWPAK9SAR has demonstrated itself to be a team that is not only technically skilled as a search organization, but is also committed to cooperating and partnering with other Groups on both missions and training events. NWPAK9SAR has also demonstrated a commitment to expanding the skills of its team members and by extension the capabilities of the whole team. When we started sponsoring NWPAK9SAR, it was a team primarily focused on canine SAR. Over the last several years, I have seen their members invest significant amounts of time and energy developing new skills in the areas of ground SAR, semi-technical and technical rescue, and search managements, which has transformed them into a full service search and rescue team.

The professionalism and capabilities that NWPAK9SAR brings as a SAR team makes them a valuable asset in the region. The ASRC will be a better organization with NWPAK9SAR as a Certified Group.

That other may live,

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