
ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP

a Group of the

APPALACHIAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CONFERENCE, INC.

(ASRC membership pending)

Affiliated with: Mountain Rescue Association,
National Association for Search and Rescue, and
Eastern Region, National Cave Rescue Commission

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CAVE RESCUE POLICY PROPOSAL

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1. Although at the present time the AMRG is the only ASRC Group involved with cave rescue, every AMRG cave rescue mission will be considered an ASRC mission, and standard ASRC alerting and operational procedures will be followed; however, AMRG member alerting may commence immediately, pending appointment of an ASRC IC by the official ASRC Alert Officer in Charlottesville, Virginia.
2. A bona-fide National Cave Rescue Commission Regional or local Coordinator must approve or initiate a request for AMRG support of a cave rescue operation; if the NCRC coordinator originates the request, the NCRC coordinator must secure the approval of the local Responsible Agent before the AMRG may commence field operations. However, an AMRG response may be initiated pending approval of the appropriate NCRC coordinator if said coordinator cannot be contacted at first.
3. the AMRG shall note on its Roster members who are considered cave rescue qualified. The following shall serve as minimum qualifications:
 - a. National Speleological Society member for at least one year (this may be waived in individual cases by the Group Training Officer).
 - b. ASRC Basic Member, Trainee Member, or Associate Member with the right to wear the ASRC uniform, as specified in the ASRC Training Guide.
 - c. Possess standard horizontal and vertical caving equipment as expressed by the publications of the National Speleological Society.
 - d. Have completed the Eastern Region National Cave Rescue Commission weekend Cave Rescue Orientation Class, or an equivalent approved by the Group Training Officer.
4. ASRC Members who are non-cavers will be used primarily in entrance operations management, the above-ground portion of the evacuation, and in assisting with near-entrance rescue tasks; the

actual use of all ASRC personnel in a given situation is, of course, the prerogative of the ASRC Mission Coordinator.

5. It is permissible for a qualified ASRC Mission Coordinator to also serve as the NCRC Incident Coordinator, if so designated by the appropriate NCRC Coordinator.