

Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference Incident Staff Requirements

Member's Name: Don Ferguson, 304-290-9118 cell

Member's Group: MARG

Members should note the date each item is accomplished. The signature of the Group Training Officer attests that the member has completed the requisite accomplishments and has been voted on by the group at a regular business meeting. Members are responsible for keeping an accurate record of accomplishments. Incident staff certifications must be voted on at an ASRC quarterly board meeting after the member has received the nomination of an ASRC GTO.

Certification Requirements

| Requirement | Date/s | Details |
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| 1. Be an ASRC Field Team Leader (FTL) | Oct 2002 | See attachment. Confirmed by FTL certificate issued by Michael Murphy MARG GTO on 10/15/2002. MARG GTO Carl Werntz confirms Don recerted FTL in Sep 2008 (attached). |
| 2. Have served as FTL on at least three field tasks | Apr2009 | WV02042009A, 4/2/2009, Cooper's Rock, WV. Missing, 1-1-1-1. Four missing hikers, located along trail near powerline. Participated in PLOPs and field tasks (FTL). As FTL I led a team of volunteer fire fighters to search a small area. On a second task, I led the same group of VFFs to meet the subjects as they were being lead out by another team. b. Reference: Doug Moore, doug@karstsports.com, (304) 288-3615. Confirmed by email dated 7/7/2009. c. Reference: Rusty Miller, rmillerwv@aol.com, (304) 437-3579. Confirmed by email from dated 7/7/2009. |
| | Jan2008 | WV01012008A, 1/1/2008, Lumberport, WV. Alzheimer's, 4(3). Missing elderly man found several days later after search was suspended Participated as planning-operations and multiple field tasks as FTL and GIS technician. As FTL I led a group of volunteers on multiple field tasks b. Reference: Doug Moore, doug@karstsports.com, (304) 288-3615. Confirmed by Doug in email dated 7/7/2009. c. Reference: Carl Werntz, cwerntz@hsc.wvu.edu, (304) 290-2275. Confirmed by Carl in email dated 7/7/09. |
| | Oct2007 | WV15102007A, 10/15/2007, Dolly Sods, WV. Missing, 2. Search for missing 18 YOM autistic and non-verbal, over 400 volunteer searchers, subject located on day 5 in search area A1. Participated as PLOPs and single field task as FTL and GIS technician. As FTL I led a team to search for sign along riverbed and several trails. Reference: Carl Werntz, cwerntz@hsc.wvu.edu, (304) 290-2275. Reference: Don Scelza, dscelza@cdsoutdoor.com, (724) 316-5298. [William note: Both Carl and Don Scelza remember Don being there and believe he would have been tasked as an FTL b/c they needed FTLs. But this particular task could not be confirmed by either. Documentation review of the incident is possible, but it would take many hours to go back and try to find this one task. I did not request this because Carl could attest to these next FTL tasks.] |
| | 10/15/2005 | WV20051123C. Cooper's Rock State Forest, WV. 2 Hunters missing. October 15, 2005. Alerted at 0150 by Preston County to assist MECCA with a search for two missing hunters in Coopers Rock State Forrest. History: Father (43) and son (14) Left camp to go hunting about 1430, did not return for dinner. Although the father had hunted before, this was their first trip to the area. 4am rain and falling temperatures to about 45F. Initial assessment was of a pair of fairly well equipped healthy males who were overdue. Available resources were 15 firemen, MECCA mobile command post with communicator, several fire trucks, and a Gator. Additionally, 3 CRSF rangers were assisting, primarily with road-based patrols. Initial tasks included hasty searches along trails, power lines, and roadways in the area of the PLS. Debriefing found that they were somewhat disoriented as darkness fell, and decided to hunker down |

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| | | <p>under a large power line that traverses the forest. They report that they heard the shots that the rangers had fired off (before our involvement), but did not answer. They report hearing our searchers calling their names and seeing their lights, but did not answer. They report that they weren't sure what direction the sounds or lights were coming from, so they didn't answer. Confirmed by Carl in email dated 7/7/09 who was IC.</p> <p>http://www.asrc.net/asrc/DesktopModules/DiscussDetails.aspx?ItemID=141&mid=79</p> |
| | 11/23/2004 | <p>WV15102004. Caddell Mountain near Kingwood on Thanksgiving day. 15 YO Male who was hunting and last seen at about 1600 11/23. Did not return to camp and family searched area and called 911 at about 2300. MARG responded with 7 members + AO; hasty tasks & planning overnight, AM brought about 10 firefighters. Located in AM 11/24 by Sheriff's Deputy whilst completing an assigned SAR task to pick up a team. Apparently subject had spent night in a building. Status 1, but really cold. Confirmed by Carl Wertz in email dated 7/7/09 who was initial IC</p> |
| 3. Meet the technical standards described in the ASRC Training Standards Section IV.c | 6/15/09 | <p>Attested to by GTO Carl Wertz, in email dated 7/1/2009.</p> |
| 4. Be proposed for Incident Staff qualification by a Group Training Officer at an ASRC Board of Director's business meeting and receive a simple majority of the vote. | 7/11/09 | <p>Passed group vote, and proposed by MARG Training officer (Carl Wertz) in email to ASRC CTO Alex McClellan 7/1/2009.</p> |
| 5. Complete Managing Search Operations, Managing the Search Function, or equivalent training; | Mar2004 | <p>See 2 Attachments. MSO certificate of completion, PA Dept of Conservation & Natural Resources. Signed Don A. Scelza (?) instructor. Also CDS Outdoor School certificate of completion, Mar 3-6, Mar 13-14th.</p> |
| 6. Complete Practical Search Operations, Search Operations for Staff, or equivalent training; and | Mar2009 | <p>See Attachment. PSO certificate dated Mar 8, 2009, signed by instructor Dave Cater of SARTA, Inc.</p> |

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| 7. Serve as a member of the Command Post or Base Staff on one incident. | Oct2007 | WV15102007A, See attachment. Carl Wentz email of 7/7/2009. |
| | July 3-5, 2009 | Buckhannon, WV. Upshur Co. IC: Doug Moore (1100-1700 on 7/4) and (0800-0200 on 7/5). Subject was an 89YOM that went missing from the residence around 1830 hours on July 3rd. Subject was on Project Lifesaver. Throughout the evening of the 3rd and morning of the 4th local Fire and Police searched for the subject using electronic scanning devices. Around 1030 on the 4th after numerous phone calls back and forth to the 911 center assistance was asked for. As I was responding I placed a call to WVDHSEM to have all teams placed on standby in West Virginia and also moved all ASRC teams to standby. Upon arrival on scene I received authorization to activate all above teams. Throughout the afternoon and evening of the 4th we went back over the details of what had previously been searched and setup mission objectives for both that day and the following morning. On Sunday the 5th we started a very active search utilizing over 75 civilian volunteers and multiple SAR teams. At approximately 1100 hours the subject was found status 1. The primary lesson learned from this event was technology does fail. The reason that Project Lifesaver was not working was due to a clerical error that caused the searchers to scan for an incorrect frequency. Confirmed by Doug Moore's email July 5 th 2009 attests to Don's base role as Plans chief during Upshur WV incident July 4- 5th 2009. Confirmed by DRAFT performance evaluation by WVSP Cpl Ken Huddelston 9jul09. |
| Optional: ICS-300 – Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | 1aug07 | Certificate of completion, instructor Jeffrey Buterbaugh. |
| Optional: ICS-400 (NIMS-400) Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff | 1/25/2009 | WVA Dept of Education, WVA State Fire Commission certificate of completion. |
| Optional: National SAR School: Inland SAR Planning Course. | 18aug06 | Certificate of completion of 5 day course. Signed by Danny R. Conley, program manager. |

The member whose name appears above has satisfactorily accomplished the requirements for Incident Staff in accordance with the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference training standards.

Group Training Officer Name

Signature

Date

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| CTO Name | Signature | Date |
| Approved/Rejected | ASRC BOD Minute # | Date |
| Credential Start Date | Credential End Date | Credential Issued |