I. ASRC Call-Out Qualified (CQ) Member (draft 6 apr 94)

A. Scope and Intent

Call-Out Qualification is intended to form the most basic level of the ASRC training hierarchy. Its purpose is to facilitate rapid involvement of new members in search incidents while ensuring, to the extent feasible, that persons representing the ASRC are capable of functioning as useful members of a field team engaged in uncomplicated tasks. Persons of this training level are not intended to be involved in tasks of dangerous, intricate, or politically sensitive natures. CQs must be familiar with ASRC policies and procedures and must possess the common sense and maturity to serve the organization effectively.

B. Qualifications

To become a Call-Out Qualified member of the ASRC, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete and submit to the Group Training Officer an ASRC application for membership;

2. Meet all requirements specified in the ASRC Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Operations Manual;

3. Participate satisfactorily in ASRC or Group training covering: the role of the CQ, ASRC policies and procedures, personal equipment, short-term survival, search tactics, and personal safety;

4. Participate satisfactorily in a minimum of one ASRC or Group practical field exercise;

5. Meet ASRC minimum equipment requirements as set forth in the ASRC Operations Manual;

6. Demonstrate the ability to function as an effective member of a field team on an uncomplicated task, as judged by the Group Training Officer.

C. Equipment Requirements

Equipment requirements are specified in the ASRC Operations Manual. Items listed below are for information purposes only -- refer to the Operations Manual for the most current requirements.

1. Appropriate clothing and footwear for both fair and foul weather;

2. Water containers with a minimum total capacity of two liters;

3. Food for 48 hours;

4. Five large, heavy-duty trash bags;

5. Two sources of light (headlamp strongly recommended as primary source);

6. Two waterproof sources of fire;

7. Knife;

8. Orienteering compass;

9. Personal first aid kit;

10. Whistle;

11. Waterproof pen/pencil and paper;

12. Two pairs of plastic/vinyl examination gloves;

13. Pack in which to carry equipment listed above.