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Dear «Title» «LastName»:

With the approach of spring, unfortunately, comes the "lost-person season." As large numbers of people head outdoors — many with medical conditions or minimal outdoor experience — chances rise that your municipality will be faced with a search. If that occurs, Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group (AMRG) is available to assist you at no charge.

AMRG's volunteer search-and-rescue (SAR) specialists have been responding to calls from responsible authorities (RAs) in western Pennsylvania for 10 years now. We have worked with many municipal and state officials in that time, including those from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Cranberry Township Police Department, and the police and fire departments in Washington Township, Westmoreland County. We only respond to requests from RAs — not from search subjects' families, the media, etc. — and we are happy to respond along with or under the direction of local authorities and other SAR teams.

AMRG is a versatile resource offering ground searchers, air-scenting search dog teams, wilderness medical personnel, wilderness rescue/evacuation specialists, and search managers. Early in a search, we can respond with a quick response team that includes highly trained field personnel and, when requested, search management personnel. In the case of a growing, already initiated search, we can offer an escalated response, thanks in part through our affiliations with the Pennsylvania Search and Rescue Council, the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference, and the Mountain Rescue Association. In all cases, we respond at the level that you request.

We would like to offer you a presentation about SAR and AMRG's capabilities. We trust that you won't mind an AMRG representative calling your office in the coming week to discuss such a presentation. Depending on your interests, we could offer a brief orientation or a longer training session, either to you alone or to your police, fire, and EMS personnel as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Heather E. Houlahan  
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Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group