

Pennsylvania Search & Rescue Council

Code of Ethics

As a Pennsylvania Search and Rescue Council Organization, we agree to abide and honor the following values:

- ❖ As a volunteer search and rescue provider we agree to furnish search and rescue services and care, to the best of our abilities and training, to any individual who is missing or injured and in need of these services. We will do so regardless of race, sex, religion, cultural background, sexual preference and economic or social condition.
- ❖ We ensure that, in the performance of our duties, we will conduct ourselves with honesty and integrity and shall not misrepresent ourselves, or any member of our team, beyond our abilities or training.
- ❖ We will not seek publicity or financial retribution for our team, ourselves as an individual, in response to any search.
- ❖ Our first and foremost thoughts, at a search, will be to provide the most immediate response, and best of care to the missing or injured individual or persons, while ensuring the safety of all searchers involved.
- ❖ We agree to work in unity with all responding search personnel, called upon by the organizers of the search and know and respect the chain of command.
- ❖ We shall at all times conduct ourselves in a manner which does not discredit the PSARC and shall not be disrespectful, insolent, mutinous or insubordinate in attitude or conduct and be courteous and respectful in our official dealings with the public, fellow members, superiors, and subordinates.
- ❖ We support the rights of the victim to the utmost of discretion, on our part, in the matter of confidentiality of privileged information.
- ❖ We believe that we not only have an obligation to advance our knowledge and skills in relation to the search and rescue field; but also agree to assist, to the best of our abilities, with the development and training of any individual or team truly interested in this endeavor.
- ❖ No use or transportation of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- ❖ No firearms allowed on deployments.
- ❖ Do not utilize equipment or take possessions without expressed permission.
- ❖ Remain ready for duty, even when unassigned.
- ❖ Maintain all personal protective equipment and wear it when appropriate.

As an Officer of the following organization I realize that my signature upon this document instills, upon my team, certain responsibilities and conduct by which I/we are willing to enforce and abide.

_____ Organization/Team	_____ Date
_____ Name	_____ Title