

Nicolet Search Team



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STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP - (Page 1)

I, _____, as a requisite of being a member of the Nicolet Search Team, do hereby certify that I have read and understand the entire contents of this Standard Operations Manual & associated appendixes and do hereby agree to and will abide to any and all of the contained requirements and/or any of the future requirements of this Standard Operations Manual as set forth and/or added by the Nicolet Search Team.

I understand that as a requisite of being a member of the Nicolet Search Team, do hereby certify the I agree with and will abide by the Confidentiality Statement found in the Standard Operations Manual under the section titled Rules of Conduct & Discipline. I understand that failure to comply to and/or with the requirements set forth in the Standard Operations Manual of the Nicolet Search Team can subject me to disciplinary action by the Nicolet Search Team.

I understand that as a NEW MEMBER of the Nicolet Search Team and that until the membership requirements are met, I may be asked to resign without cause, by a majority vote of the general membership, during this time period.

Code of Ethics

I do hereby personally pledge my support and efforts to the locating of any lost person in and around the northeastern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan and to those agencies and organizations responsible for searches.

Toward that end, I pledge that I will:

- Will train to the highest level of standard established by Nicolet Search Team, Inc. and will maintain that standard at all times;
- Will perform to the best of my ability the assignments directed to me and in the manner prescribed;
- Will maintain my physical condition to enable me to carry out my assignments in an efficient and professional manner;
- Do hereby accept to work under the concepts of the "Incident Command System" and the responsibilities and restrictions that go along with it;
- Will not respond to any search unless I or my team have been called out by a responsible agency;
- Will accurately identify myself when communicating to the coordinating agency having jurisdiction over the search;
- Will not openly or publicly disagree with any aspect of a search and will only offer positive and constructive advice during official critiques of searches that I have participated in;
- Will remember that a search for a lost or missing person is considered a potential criminal investigation until resolved and that the inadvertent or intentional disclosure of information could adversely impact or jeopardize any resulting criminal prosecution;
- Will adhere to strict operational security measures when participating in a search and will not divulge information relating to the search to any individual not participating in the search without first clearing the need for, and scope of, such disclosure with the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over said search;
- Will agree to debrief the coordinating agency having jurisdiction over a suspended, but not yet resolved, search at the completion of any training in such search areas; and
- Will agree to abide by all applicable state and/or local laws and regulations governing my conduct while responding to, and participating in, a search operation including, but not limited to, adherence to motor vehicle laws and any activation protocol.

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Waiver of Responsibility

In consideration of the Nicolet Search Team as a Not-For-Profit Organization and in consideration of the benefits to be derived, and in view of the fact that membership with the Nicolet Search Team is voluntary, I agree to waive all claims for damage, liabilities, or loss to my person and property which may be caused by any act or failure to act of the Nicolet Search Team, its officers, agents, representatives and/or membership. I assume the risk of all dangerous conditions in and about the search and/or training area and waive any and all specific notice of the existence of such conditions.

I understand that my participation in any activity involving the Nicolet Search Team, be it training, social gathering, search mission or any and all other activities, is done so on my own accord. I understand that the Nicolet Search Team does not provide insurance of any type to me, for any reason, and that I am encouraged to seek private insurance to cover any possible accident, injury or liability I may incur by any person or entity with respect to any liability, loss, or damage caused by or alleged to be caused directly or indirectly by the service I provide.

My signature attached to this document certifies that I understand and will responsibly discharge these obligations.

Members Name - Please Print

Presidents Name - Please Print

Members Name - Please Sign

Presidents Name - Please Sign

Date

Date

This statement is to be kept with the members personal file until such time as the member resigns or is dismissed from the Service, whereas this statement will be destroyed.

All members are encouraged, but not required, to become a voting member of National Association Search & Rescue (NASAR), the benefits of which include:

- Membership Portfolio with NASAR lapel pin, NASAR patch, NASAR decal, and NASAR notepad
- Voting Rights
- AD&D Insurance - \$10,000 24/7 accidental death and dismemberment insurance
- Discounts on NASAR Bookstore Merchandise
- NASAR \$5.00 off bookstore coupon (initial year)
- NASAR Training ~ \$10.00 credit applied after completion of course to use toward future Bookstore, Membership or Conference purchases
- Discounts on annual NASAR Conference Registration
- Discounts on annual International Technical Rescue Symposium (ITRS) Registration
- Advanced Rescue Technology Magazine subscription (6 issues per year)
- SAR Professional: The Official Publication of the National Association for Search and Rescue subscription (3 issues per year)
- Discounts on SAR-related Gear and Equipment from NASAR's Partners Information on Special Offers Exclusively for NASAR Members