

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

### SAMSAR

#### NEW MEMBER CONSIDERATIONS

SAMSAR welcomes anyone who is seriously considering volunteering their time, equipment and animal to assist the Pima County Sheriff's Department and the community.

Candidates wishing to join SAMSAR should read and seriously consider and understand the following: as a prerequisite of being a member of Southern Arizona Mounted Search and Rescue (SAMSAR), there are Bylaws, Standard Operating Procedures, Field Review Items and Minimum Equipment Lists and Minimum Requirements for training required to become a field qualified member of SAMSAR.

Each applicant should understand that as a requisite of being a member of SAMSAR, there is a Confidentiality Statement contained herein under the section titled Code of Ethics. Each applicant should understand that failure to comply to and/or with the requirements set forth in the Standard Operations Manual of SAMSAR can be subject to disciplinary action and/or termination by SAMSAR.

The following should be read and considered seriously before applying for membership to SAMSAR.

#### Code of Ethics.

I do hereby personally pledge my support and efforts to the locating of any lost, ill or injured person in and around Pima County and to those agencies and organizations responsible for searches.

Toward that end, I pledge that I will:

- Train to the highest level of standard established by SAMSAR and PCSD and will maintain that standard at all times;
- Perform to the best of my ability the assignments directed to me and in the manner prescribed;
- 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;
- Not respond to any search unless I or my team have been called out by a responsible agency;
- Accurately identify myself when communicating to the coordinating agency having jurisdiction over the search;
- 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;
- Remember that a search for a lost or missing person may be 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.
- 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;
- 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.

### STATEMENT OF MEMBERS

#### Waiver of Responsibility

In consideration of SAMSAR as a Not-For-Profit Organization and in consideration of the benefits to be derived, and in view of the fact that membership with SAMSAR 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 by SAMSAR, its officers, agents, representatives and/or membership. I assume the risk of all dangerous conditions known or unknown in and about the search and/or training area and waive any and all specific notice of the existence of such conditions.

I understand my participation in any and all activities with SAMSAR, whether training, social gatherings, search missions or any other activities, is done at my own risk. I understand that SAMSAR provides no insurance of any type to cover me for any loss or claim. I realize and acknowledge that I am encouraged to obtain my own private insurance coverage for any possible accident, injury or liability to any person or entity for any liability, loss, or damage caused by or alleged to be caused by, directly or indirectly, for any services I provide through SAMSAR. It is important to note that missions and/or training SAMSAR members are participating in while under the direction of the Pima County Sheriff's Department and a "mission number" has been provided for by PCSD will cover each member in case of an injury and/or damage to equipment.

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

If you are interested in becoming a candidate for SAMSAR, here is how to do it:

Contact one or all of the following:

Jerry Simmons, Founding Member.

Debi Mitchell, Founding Member

Email: [jerry@simmonsautorepair.com](mailto:jerry@simmonsautorepair.com)

Email: Deb

Francisco Leon, Founding Member

Email: [azcrimlaw@gmail.com](mailto:azcrimlaw@gmail.com)

Colleen Leon, Founding Member

Email: [sraleon@aol.com](mailto:sraleon@aol.com)

That SAMSAR member will contact the other members of SAMSAR and a meeting will be set up with the applicant and the members of SAMSAR for the purpose of an interview. After the meeting a group of SAMSAR members they will inspect the applicant's equipment, to include but not limited to, vehicle for pulling horse trailer, horse trailer and tack. Results of the inspection will be brought back to the membership of SAMSAR and if satisfactory an invitation will be extended.

We look forward to meeting you!