

SAMSAR CODE OF ETHICS

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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 the physical condition of myself and my horse/mule to enable my team to carry out our 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.
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