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## **About Laurel Mountain Search and Rescue**

So, you are interested in joining our team. Before completing an application it is necessary that you know a little bit about us. Laurel Mountain Search and Rescue is a non-profit organization that is currently training K-9 teams and individuals to help in the search and rescue field.

The Laurel Mountain K9 Search and Rescue Team looks forward to gaining new members who are dedicated to making our team professional and trustworthy for those companies or departments that call us for assistance. We certify and train to the highest of standards to ensure our team is respected and viewed as an asset for the area.

**Our training schedule is intense and regular.** We train every Sunday beginning at 1000 and train for 5-6 hours minimum. We also OFTEN train Wednesday evenings beginning at 1730, for 2-3 hours. We train regardless of weather conditions providing the conditions are not hazardous or dangerous to our team members.

We have various other events such as mandatory classroom training and certification testing, business meetings, fundraisers and deployments. **We require a minimum attendance (Quarterly) at training, fundraising events, business meetings and deployments.**

Our team consists of two primary positions, listed below:

**Ground Personnel** – There is always a high need for personnel that are not handling a K9. These individuals are the backbone of the search team. Ground personnel provide assistance with searches that may or may not involve a K9. They learn and provide hasty search and

grid search techniques to assist local LAW/FIRE/EMS personnel. This person often serves as a support person for the K9 team. They work closely with the handler, following the K9 team, alerting the handler to any terrain safety issues that may injure the dog or handler, assisting with navigation or communication and alerting on or documenting clues.

**Search Dog and Handler**-This is a team of the K9 and the handler. The K9 can be a Trailing, Air Scent or Human Remains Detection K9. The handler learns how to “read” their dog’s every move and determine where their search will take them. They focus only on the dog and their actions. It is not necessary to have a canine upon joining the team. Our team will help you determine what breed is best for the purpose should you decide you want to become a handler. We will work with a young dog and handler to achieve certification.

The positions above also include various other opportunities that are not listed such as, medical support and command personnel, along with others that can be discussed at training. We need and train for these positions using different courses available which will help prepare individuals for these positions. We also have fund raising events that will need to be staffed by our volunteers. As you can see there are a lot of opportunities to help our group become a service to our community and surrounding communities in case of a lost child or individual.

Our goal is to supply a search team with dedicated individuals with certified skills, to give the family every opportunity for a successful outcome.



# Laurel Mountain K9 Search & Rescue



## Membership Application

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ALIASES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHYSICAL ADDRESS (if different) \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PROVIDER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ SS NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DL STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

### CERTIFICATIONS/PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

CURRENT MEDICAL CERTIFICATION: (provide copies of all certifications/licenses)

- EMT or HIGHER     FIRST RESPONDER     CPR     OTHER

(if other, explain): \_\_\_\_\_

### REFERENCES

Please provide names, addresses and phone numbers of three personal references - these should not be family or friends.

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship

### CRIMINAL BACKGROUND HISTORY

Have you ever been convicted of a crime, pled no contest, or had adjudication withheld? If yes, please provide date(s), charge (s) and general comments below. (A conviction will not necessarily bar joining the Team. The Team Executive Committee may consider the nature, date and circumstances as to whether the offense is relevant to the duties of the position applied for."

- NO  
 YES

Have you ever been subject to a child or adult abuse investigation? If yes, please provide date(s), charge(s) and general comments below:

- NO  
 YES

Date	Charge	Comments

**PREVIOUS SAR RELATED EXPERIENCE**

Please provide name and address of team(s) or agency(s), name and telephone number of team leader(s), and type of training/specialty - **USE SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
	<b>Team Leader</b>	<b>Specialty/Training</b>	
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**Medical Information**

HEALTH:  EXCELLENT                       GOOD                       POOR

BLOOD TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGIES, MEDICATIONS OR OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

NONE     YES (explain)

NEXT OF KIN: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that I will be expected to operate in all weather conditions and may have to walk/hike long distances in rough terrain.

The principle purpose for requesting the information on this form is for conducting background checks on persons filling critical positions with responsibility for security of people or property; access to cash, checks, disbursements or receipts, authority for committing financial resources; access to medications; contact with minor children and/or access to financial and personnel systems. Furnishing ALL information that is requested on this form is mandatory. Failure to provide the information may delay or prevent completion of the action for which the form is being completed. Information furnished on this form may be used by Laurel Mountain K9 Search & Rescue for personnel administration and will be transmitted to federal and state government as required by law. Individuals have the right to review their own records. Laurel Mountain K-9 Search & Rescue is responsible for maintaining the information supplied on this form.

*A \$45.00 membership fee is due upon acceptance on The Team.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant