

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE CARROLL COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Carroll County Search and Rescue.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

The ~bjective for which the Carroll County Search and Rescue Team is organized are:

- (a) To provide a search and rescue team whenever a search is needed
- (b) To raise money to support the Carroll County Search and Rescue Team

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall consist of any person at least eighteen years of age, of good character, and residing in or near Carroll County, Virginia. Junior members are limited to age 13 and above, but will be excluded from fieldwork unless accompanied by parent or guardian belonging to Search and Rescue.

Prospective members will be required to submit an application to the Carroll County Search and Rescue Team. All applications will be reviewed by the Membership Committee and will lay for 30 days before a final decision. New members shall be under (90) day probation period. All members shall be required to take the first available search and rescue class.

Members shall attend meetings of the search and rescue, participate in training sessions, and assist with fund raising activities or any other activity of the search and rescue team.

All members shall be of good moral character and conduct themselves in a professional manner, so as not to cast a bad reflection on the Search and Rescue Team.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Persons having rendered valuable service to the search and rescue team, either as an active member or otherwise, may be made honorary members of the search and rescue team by a two-thirds vote of the search and rescue members present, upon recommendation of the Membership Committee.

The number of Honorary Members shall be unlimited.

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Any search and rescue member who has served as an active member in a faithful and a satisfactory manner in the organization for a period of at least ten (10) years or is being forced to leave her or his present status due to health, age or extenuating circumstances after one (I) year active service may be given a Lifetime Membership by a two-thirds majority vote of members present upon recommendation of the Membership Committee. Inactive Lifetime Members shall have no voting privileges.

ARTICLE IV: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

If it becomes necessary for reasons of a personal matter or business nature for a member to miss several meetings, or other Search and Rescue activities, he or she may request the Captain for a leave of absence and be placed on inactive status for the specific period of time. Granting the request, the duration of the leave, and the stipulation thereof, shall be at the discretion of the Captain. If granted, the leave shall not constitute a break in service, but neither shall it count as active service. If member becomes inactive, he or she loses voting privileges.