



**Black Diamond Search and Rescue Council, Inc.
Application and Background Investigation Authorization Form**

WHO SHOULD JOIN SEARCH AND RESCUE?

If you are interested in helping others and are willing to spend time doing it, then you may be a candidate for a Search and Rescue (SAR) team. Members of Black Diamond come from all walks of life and everyone plays an important role in the success of our team. All types of skills are useful, and everyone has something they can bring to the organization.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP?

Successful completion of all on-line training modules, Basic First Aid and CPR certification, Successful completion of the SAR Academy, maintaining training hours per year and willingness to participate in missions on a time-available basis is all that is currently required to remain an active member.

A member must be in good physical condition and able to perform in all types of terrain or weather.

Most individuals involved in SAR also join one of the member groups, such as K-9, or Wilderness Rescue Technician (WRT) but is not a requirement.

WHAT IS THE SAR ACADEMY?

The basic course, Search Team Member (STM) is an entry-level field training designed to introduce the field responder to standardized practices for a search and rescue response. Course content includes an overview of the state system, legal concerns, SAR operations, search strategy & tactics, personal preparedness, wilderness survival, land navigation, and basic wilderness rescue. The STM course consists of approx. 60% classroom and 40% field instruction. Fieldwork is held regardless of current weather conditions unless extreme conditions present personal safety concerns. Successful completion prepares the student to function adequately as a Search Team Member under the direct supervision of a trained Search Team Leader.. This is a 40 hour course, held over two full weekends.

The Academy is really just the beginning of what you will eventually learn as a member of SAR.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN SAR?

Being a member of SAR can be a very rewarding experience. Knowing that your efforts helped save someone's life is a feeling that is second to none. The program always needs more people willing to give their time for the sake of others. If you are interested in helping others, and if you are willing to give just a little of your time to provide that help, then SAR is for you.

HOW DO I JOIN BLACK DIAMOND SEARCH AND RESCUE?

To join Black Diamond, complete all the online course noted on page 3 of the application. Complete the application and submit it with copies of the completed on-line courses to mmaggard@bdsarco.org. A background check will be conducted. After the background check has been cleared the applicant is placed on a one year probationary status. During the probationary period the candidate is required to complete first aid/CPR, S101 Body Fluid Exposure Training for SAR Responders and the basic academy. Probationary members must attend training and may respond to missions with a field training officer.



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In as much detail as possible tell us:

Why you would like to join Black Diamond Search and Rescue:

What are your goals once you become a member:

Do you have the time to commit to training and response:

Yes No

Do you have the support of your family or significant other:

Yes No

Are you interested in one of the specialty teams:

Yes No

If yes

- K9 Team Tracking Technical - Vertical or Cave
ATV Management

Any prior SAR, public safety or military experience?

Yes No

If yes please elaborate.

Are you now or have you been, in the past 3 years, a member of another search and rescue, fire or EMS agency?

Yes No

Did you leave in good standing, or do you have the support of your current team to join Black Diamond?

Yes No

If yes please attach a letter of recommendation from your direct supervisor.



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By completing this request and authorization, I acknowledge that Wilderness Search and Rescue Team membership of the Black Diamond Search and Rescue Council, Inc. represents the privilege of service to the citizens of Virginia. This privilege may be revoked or suspended for violation of law, or as a result of behavior that may jeopardize safety or reflect unfavorably upon the Council.

Applicant Information			
Applicant Legal Last Name	Applicant Legal First Name	MI	SS, DMV or Government ID Card number

Race	Gender	Hair Color	Eye Color	Height	Weight	Date Of Birth			Place of Birth County or City and State
						MM	DD	YYYY	
Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.									
Applicants under the age of 18 must use the Minor application and have parental consent.									

Your Current Mailing Address				Callout Information	
Street Address			Home Phone:		
		State	ZIP	Cell Phone:	
City or Town of Residence					
Cell phone and email will be used for primary communication					

SAR Reference Information (If Applying For Transfer)				
Chairman / Coordinator's Name	Chairman / Coordinator's Phone #		Name of Current Organization	
		Yes	No	
Applicant Current Status	Good			
	Current			
	Suspended			
Attach a letter of Recommendation From Current or Past (3 Years) Organization Coordinator				

<input type="checkbox"/>	SAR Experience Information Form Attached
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter of Recommendation Attached



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- YES NO HAVE YOU BEEN CONVICTED OR FOUND GUILTY OF ANY CRIME, OFFENSE, OR REGULATORY VIOLATION, OR PARTICIPATED IN ANY OTHER PROHIBITED CONDUCT IDENTIFIED BY THE VIRGINIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES REGULATIONS?
(SPECIFY ANY VIOLATION ON A SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET)
- YES NO HAVE YOU BEEN CONVICTED OR FOUND GUILTY OF ANY CRIME INVOLVING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT WHERE THE LACK OF AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT BY THE VICTIM IS AN ELEMENT OF THE CRIME, SUCH AS FORCIBLE RAPE?
- YES NO HAVE YOU BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY INVOLVING THE SEXUAL OR PHYSICAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN, THE ELDERLY OR INFIRM, SUCH AS SEXUAL MISCONDUCT WITH A CHILD, MAKING OR DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, OR USING A CHILD IN A SEXUAL DISPLAY, INCEST INVOLVING A CHILD, ASSAULT ON AN ELDERLY OR INFIRM PERSON?
- YES NO HAVE YOU BEEN CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR INVOLVING IMPERSONATING AN OFFICER OR IMPERSONATING CERTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL?
- YES NO HAVE YOU BEEN CONVICTED OR FOUND GUILTY OF ANY CRIME (INCLUDING ABUSE, NEGLIGENCE, THEFT FROM OR FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF) A PERSON ENTRUSTED TO YOUR CARE OR PROTECTION IN WHICH THE VICTIM IS A PATIENT OR RESIDENT OF A HEALTH CARE FACILITY?
- YES NO HAVE YOU BEEN CONVICTED OR FOUND GUILTY OF ANY OTHER ACT THAT IS A FELONY, (EXCEPT THE FELON IS ELIGIBLE FOR AFFILIATION FIVE YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF FINAL RELEASE IF NO ADDITIONAL FELONIES HAVE BEEN COMMITTED DURING THAT TIME)?
- YES NO ARE YOU UNDER ANY DISCIPLINARY OR ENFORCEMENT ACTION FROM ANOTHER STATE EMS OFFICE OF OTHER RECOGNIZED STATE OR NATIONAL HEALTHCARE OR SEARCH AND RESCUE LICENSING OR CERTIFYING BODY? (PERSONNEL SUBJECT TO THESE DISCIPLINARY OR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR AFFILIATION PROVIDING THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER DISCIPLINARY OR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS FOR FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO APPLICATION TO AFFILIATION WITH THE BLACK DIAMOND SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL, INC.).
- YES NO HAVE YOU BEEN SUBJECT TO A PERMANENT REVOCATION OF LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION BY ANOTHER STATE EMS OFFICE OR OTHER RECOGNIZED STATE OR NATIONAL HEALTHCARE OR SAR LICENSING OR CERTIFYING BODY?
- YES NO I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY REFERENCES TO CRIMINAL ACTS OR CONVICTIONS UNDER THIS APPLICATION REFER TO SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR LAWS OR REGULATIONS OF ANY OTHER STATE OF THE UNITED STATES. CONVICTIONS INCLUDE PRIOR ADULT CONVICTIONS, JUVENILE CONVICTIONS, AND ADJUDICATIONS OF DELINQUENCY BASED ON AN OFFENSE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN, AT THE TIME OF CONVICTION, A FELONY CONVICTION IF COMMITTED BY AN ADULT WITHIN OR OUTSIDE OF VIRGINIA.
- YES NO I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY NOT BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ANY DRUGS OR INTOXICATING SUBSTANCES THAT MAY IMPAIR MY ABILITY TO PROVIDE PATIENT CARE OR OPERATE ANY MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE INVOLVED IN ANY TRAINING, MISSION, OR PUBLIC ACTIVITY OF THE BLACK DIAMOND SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL, INC
- YES NO I AUTHORIZE THE BLACK DIAMOND SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL, INC. TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS FORM, AND AUTHORIZE CONDUCT OF A VIRGINIA CRIMINAL INFORMATION NETWORK (VCIN) RECORDS CHECK BY THE SHERIFF OF THE JURISDICTION.
- YES NO I HAVE ATTACHED CERTIFICATES SHOWING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF REQUIRED INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM AND NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ICS-100 AND -200, IS-700, AND 800)
- YES NO I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM EXPECTED TO COMPLETE SEARCH TEAM MEMBER CERTIFICATION WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF SUBMISSION OF THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION
- YES NO I understand that I am expected to keep first aid, CPR and an annual Blood Borne Pathogens for Search and rescue current WITH MY OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
- YES NO I understand my current credentials must be verified if transferring from another organization.
- YES NO I understand that Black Diamond Search and Rescue is an all-Volunteer team with no paid positions.

The above information is true and correct. By Signing, I understand the providing false information on this form is grounds for denying membership. I have read and understand the above statements and consent to a background check being completed by the Virginia State Police or other verifying means.

Applicant Signature	Date



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Basic On-Line SAR Training

Must be submitted with the completed and signed application.

Applications without completed online courses will not be considered for membership

The Federal Emergency Management Agency offers interactive training in search and emergency operations. These required programs are available on the internet, and printed certificates and transcripts are available upon successful completion of written examinations

<https://training.fema.gov>

NIMS – IS-0100.C An Introduction to the Incident Command System	Completed and Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
NIMS – IS-0200.C Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response	Completed and Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
NIMS – IS-700.B An Introduction to the National Incident Management System	Completed and Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
NIMS – IS-800.D National Response Framework, An Introduction	Completed and Attached <input type="checkbox"/>