



MAINE SEARCH AND RESCUE DOGS

Application for Trainee Status

Application for: Dog handler _____ Flanker _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Birthdate: _____

(City) (State) (Zip)
Tel.#: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____ Driver's License #: _____ State: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, NOTIFY: _____

Relationship: _____ Home #: _____ Cell#: _____

SKILLS

Medical: None _____ Basic First Aid _____ CPR _____ First Responder _____

EMT _____ Intermediate _____ Paramedic _____ WFR _____ WEMT _____ Other _____

Navigation: None _____ Map&Compass Proficient _____ GPS Proficient _____

Other _____

Outdoor: Hunter Safety _____ NOLS _____ Outward Bound _____

Maine Guide _____ Other _____

SAR: None _____ Certifications(please list) _____

Water: None _____ Canoe _____ Power Boat _____ Swift Water Rescue _____

Scuba _____ Other _____

Computer skills: None _____ Mapping _____ Graphics/Publishing _____

Cell phones and Internet access from phone and, or from computer are vital means of communications for search call out, training notification and record keeping. Do you have a cell phone? _____ Do you have access to the internet and e-mail? _____ At home? _____ Work? _____ Both _____

MESARD is a Non profit 5013c organization and fund raising is a vital key to our success. Do you have additional skills that would be a benefit in these efforts

Explain: _____

Continue to page 2 if applying as a Flanker.

Do you currently own a puppy or dog you wish to train? _____

Age _____ Breed _____

Have you had experience training a dog in SAR or another discipline? (explain)

Does your dog like to play with other dogs _____

Will your employer allow you to leave work or be absent from work in order to respond to a search? _____

Employer contact information: Name _____
Tel.#: Work _____ Cell _____

Will your family understand and support your commitment to search and rescue? _____

Are you able to be absent from home for up to three days? _____

When it is appropriate for you to do so, would you be willing to respond to searches before your dog is certified? _____

MESARD trains formally as a group on one Saturday or Sunday every month, at various locations around the state. Will you prioritize your schedule to enable you to attend MESARDS's monthly trainings? _____

Are you willing to acquire, on your own, the required basic skills as outlined? _____

Will you be able to train at least once a month with MESARD members outside of unit trainings? _____

Are you now or have you ever been a member of any public safety organization?
(explain) _____

Are you a now or have you ever been a member of another SAR unit? _____(explain)

SAR work requires adequate outdoor clothing and gear for all seasons and conditions, as well as specialized equipment such as GPS units and handheld radios. As a volunteers, we acquire and pay for our own equipment and expenses, which can cost hundreds of dollars each year.

You are also responsible for your own travel expenses, meals, gas and lodging at searches and trainings.

Are you able to cover those added expenses if they come up? _____

Are you willing and able to acquire the proper clothing and equipment necessary to do the search work? _____

Do you understand that trainings may be several hours' drive from your home? _____

Do you understand that you may be requested to a search many hours from your home? _____

Do you understand that searches may continue for several days and you may be asked to remain on scene? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than traffic violations? _____
A criminal background check may be conducted at MESARD's discretion. Do you object to having one done on you? _____

Please explain why you are interested in becoming a search and rescue dog handler:

Additional information about you and/or your dog which would help us to better understand your interests, skills, and suitability for SAR:

Do you have any medical condition that would prevent you from participating in strenuous physical activity (hiking under wilderness conditions) for up to eight hours at a time. If so, explain: _____

PLEASE INCLUDE TWO REFERENCES:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Tel.#: _____ Cell# _____ Relationship: _____

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Before filling out the application I read and understand "Join/Getting Involved", MESARD Standards and the MESARD Code of Ethics located on MESARD.org I understand what would be expected of me as outlined in the MESARD Standards and I am committed to meet these expectations. I believe in the MESARD Code of Ethics. I will conduct myself in accordance with the MESARD Standing Operating Procedure. *I understand MESARD is under NO obligation upon receipt of this application and membership is not guaranteed. I further understand, that if I am granted trainee status, MESARD reserves the right to dismiss me at any time during that period.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____