



Interview Ready Date:

# La Plata County Search and Rescue Application

Checklist for a complete application.

It may take up to 14 days to process your application.

**Your application will NOT be processed without ALL of the following information:**

- Application and Questionnaire (p. 4 - 7)
- Agreement to Participate (p. 8 & 9)
- Legible Photocopy of Colorado Division of Wildlife Hunting, or Fishing License or CORSAR Card
- Legible Photocopies of current First Aid and CPR certificates with expiration dates
- Annual Dues: \$12.00

Return Completed Application to:  
 La Plata County Search and Rescue  
 Attn: Secretary  
 P.O. Box 1885  
 Durango, CO 81302

QUESTIONS? Email: [secretary@laplatasar.org](mailto:secretary@laplatasar.org)

### **FOR SAR USE ONLY**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CORSAR Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ CPR Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ Dues: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Interview Conducted: \_\_\_\_\_ Interviewers: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Member Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Added to Roster: \_\_\_\_\_

Date added to email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date text message info sent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of New Member Orientation (Field Ready Member Status): \_\_\_\_\_

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**La Plata County Search and Rescue Application Process**

**1. Member Status**

- a. Submit legible copies including expiration dates of the following to the Secretary:
  - i. Current First Aid
  - ii. Current CPR
  - iii. Current CORSAR card (or Hunting/Fishing license)
  - iv. \$12 dues (cash or check payable to "LPC SAR")
  - v. Complete application form
  - vi. If all of the above information is not received, your application will not be processed and will go into a "pending" file and be retained for 6 months. If you do not submit all necessary information within 6 months of the application date, your application will be discarded, regardless of having completed the interview (see below) and/or Basic SAR Ops class (see below).
- b. Allow up to 14 days to process.
- c. An interview with one or more Officers of LPCSAR will be conducted to assess your level of interest and commitment to the team and provide additional information about any Special Team(s) you may be interested in joining.
- d. Upon completion of the interview process and the acceptance of your application, you will be considered a Member of LPCSAR. Welcome to our team!
- e. The Secretary will add you to the roster. You must have an email address to be added to the roster. You will be sent an email with your user name and password to access the "Members Only" section of the webpage where you can find the current roster, calendar, newsletters, and other information.
- f. The Secretary will add you to the email list to receive emails regarding meetings, trainings, and other LPC SAR news.
- g. Once you are a Member:
  - i. You can, and are encouraged to, attend trainings that are open to the General Membership;
  - ii. You can attend the monthly General Membership meetings;
  - iii. You will be sent a copy of the monthly newsletter via email;
  - iv. You can, and are encouraged to, participate in any fund raising activities;
  - v. The Secretary will coordinate with the communication team so you receive text messages regarding mission activities;
  - vi. You will NOT respond to mission activities until you are field tested and a "Field Ready Member" (see next section).

**2. Field Ready Member Status**

- a. You must complete the Basic SAR Ops class to be considered a Field Ready Member of LPCSAR.

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- b. Upon successful completion of the Basic SAR Ops class, you are eligible to go on missions.
- c. The Secretary will place you on the "callout" list and a "G" will show up on the roster by your name.
- d. The Basic SAR Ops class is given twice per year, once in the spring and once in the fall.

### **3. LPC SAR Special Teams**

- a. If you are interested in joining any of the LPCSAR Special Teams, please contact the Special Team Leader as indicated on the roster for any specific requirements/testing necessary to join that team.
- b. Special Teams have three levels of competency on each team.
  - i. Basic: Field Ready Members that have passed the standardized skill set for that team. These members are ready to assist on a mission or live rescue in the skill of that team. They are not ready to lead the team on a mission and are not ready to teach other team members.
  - ii. Advanced: Field Ready Members that have passed the standardized skill set for that team. These members are also ready to assist on a mission or live rescue in the skill of that team. They have also demonstrated the ability to lead the team if called upon to do so. They are able to teach other members of the team.
  - iii. Team Leaders are Advanced members that are also:
    - 1. Willing to lead the administration of the team including coordinating trainings and communications;
    - 2. Make final determination of Basic or Advanced designations for team members;
    - 3. Can test members onto or off of the Special Team;
    - 4. Establish minimum standards/requirements for the team;
    - 5. Write procedures for the team;
    - 6. Assure that essential equipment is in working order and make recommendations for purchase and/or replacement of essential equipment.

### **LPC SAR COMMUNICATIONS**

- LPC SAR disseminates information to its members via two primary means of communication:
  - Emails (for information on meetings, trainings, and other events)
  - Text Messages sent to cellular phone (primarily for information on missions)
- You are highly encouraged to have both of these means of communication in order to be advised of team events, trainings, meetings, and missions. Without access to both of these, you will not be fully aware of all events and missions with LPC SAR. We apologize, but there are no exceptions to this.

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**LA PLATA COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE APPLICATION FOR  
MEMBERSHIP**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND FILL IN ALL THE BLANKS**

**Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

*An email address is necessary so you can be added to the roster, access the webpage, and receive email notifications of meetings and other events.*

Do you have a cellular phone? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list the number: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your cellular phone provider? \_\_\_\_\_

*A text message cellular phone is necessary so we can send text messages regarding missions to you. We need your cell phone provider to enable sending text messages.*

Do you have a home phone? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please list the number: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a work phone? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please list the number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer**

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title or Description: \_\_\_\_\_

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR EMPLOYER BE NOTIFIED OF YOUR INTENT TO JOIN LA PLATA COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE AND THAT YOU AND HE/SHE REACH AN AGREEMENT REGARDING YOUR AVAILABILITY. INFORM THEM THAT MESSAGES FROM LPCSAR BE DIRECTED THROUGH THE BUSINESS'S PHONE TO YOU.

**Other**

Other Groups/Agency Affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

La Plata County Search and Rescue works under the direct authority of the La Plata County Sheriff's Office. Because of that affiliation, we must ask the following question: Have you ever been convicted of a felony?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
(if yes, please explain)

Please check any teams you may be interested in joining. You are not required to be a member of any special team; we always need "ground pounders".

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication Team                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hasty Team               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Response Team                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Equine Team              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swiftwater Team                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Bike Team                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Team             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Rigging Rescue Team                         | <input type="checkbox"/> ATV Team                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Subterranean Team                                     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle Team                                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am not interested in any special teams at this time |   |

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

# La Plata County Search and Rescue Application Questionnaire

Please complete the following questionnaire describing your skills. Feel free to elaborate or add any skills that you may have.

***The information you provide in this section does not preclude submission of legible copies of current first aid, CPR, and CORSAR certifications including expiration dates with your application!***

Medical Training

General Outdoor Skills

Radio Communication Skills

Whitewater Skills

Winter Mountaineering/Snow Travel Skills

Technical Rock Climbing Skills

Equestrian Skills

ATV or off-road Motorcycle Skills

**LA PLATA COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE  
PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Cell Phone Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any health concerns you would like us to know about you in the event of an emergency? If so, please describe below. (This information will be used in case of emergency only).

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Primary Emergency Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Emergency Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*If the above information changes, please notify the secretary at: [secretary@laplatasar.org](mailto:secretary@laplatasar.org)*

## La Plata County Search and Rescue Agreement to Participate

I am aware that participating in any search and rescue activity can be dangerous and can involve RISK AND INJURY. I understand that, by participating in a La Plata County Search and Rescue activity, I may be exposed to ABOVE-NORMAL RISK.

I understand that Emergency Response and Search and Rescue Activities have certain risks and dangers. These risks include loss or damage to personal property, injury, or fatality due to: Mountain storms; Rain; Hail; Snow; Ice; Electrical storms; Avalanches; Objects falling from above; Unstable loose rock, ice, snow, and/or other terrain; Extreme cold and hot temperatures; High altitude; Wind; Dehydration; Lack of Food; Exposure to cold water; Failure of rescue equipment despite reasonable care and use; Careless or reckless behavior in the part of third parties; and Accidents while traveling to and from the activity site. I understand that my participation on a La Plata County Search and Rescue activity may result not only in serious injury or death, but impairments of my future ability to earn a living, or to engage in other business, social, and recreational activities. I still intend to participate in the activity realizing the risk involved.

I understand that it is impossible for La Plata County to guarantee absolute safety. I also understand that I share responsibility for safety on the La Plata County Search and Rescue activities and I assume that responsibility.

I understand that I may be photographed or videotaped during trainings, missions, or public relations events. I hereby give LPCSAR the unrestricted right and permission to use and publish my image in all forms and media for purposes of promotion, fundraising, and any other lawful purpose. I waive the right to examine or approve the completed product, including printed material that may be created in connection therewith. I hereby release and hold LPCSAR and its representatives harmless from any liability associated with such published images, including any claims for libel or invasion of privacy.

Your Initials: \_\_\_\_\_



I understand and agree that any hardware equipment and software programs provided to me by LPCSAR remain the property of LPCSAR. I understand and agree that I am not to modify, alter, or upgrade any hardware equipment provided to me by LPCSAR without the consent or instruction of a Coordination Team Member. I understand and agree that, if I leave or if I am released from LPCSAR for any reason, I shall immediately return to LPCSAR all of the hardware equipment assigned to me or pay the current market value as determined by LPCSAR. I understand and agree I must make reasonable efforts to protect all hardware equipment from theft and physical damage.

LPCSAR Members are **required** to:

- Attend at least six monthly meetings per year
- Attend at least two trainings per year, as a participant or instructor
- Maintain current certifications in CPR and First Aid
- Maintain current hiking certificate (CORSAR card) or hunting/fishing license
- Provide legible documentation including expiration dates of above certifications to LPCSAR Secretary
- Pay \$12 in annual dues

**By signing below, I agree that if I do not meet the above requirements and conditions of the Agreement to Participate, I may be removed from the team.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Other Helpful Information

Our minimum requirement is a basic first aid class and basic adult CPR. You can also elect to complete a Wilderness First Aid (WFA) or Wilderness First Responder (WFR) class; which include CPR. The following is a list of resources to help you get started with your first aid and CPR. You are welcome to pursue your own classes/training too.

Southwest Colorado Red Cross  
259-5383  
office@swcoloradoredcross.org

Brad Sablosky  
Wilderness Medical Associates  
946-7630  
brad@wildernessmedic.com

Aaron Ball  
Southwest Rescue  
903-8355  
aaron@southwestrescue.com

*LPC SAR does not endorse any providers of first aid, WFA, WFR, CPR, or other classes.*

If you are an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P/Paramedic you will be required to provide a copy of your state registration when you renew it. You will also be required to submit copies of your current CPR/BLS/ALS. LPC SAR recognizes that you have to have your CPR/BLS/ALS to maintain your EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P/Paramedic; however, the expiration dates for your EMT certification and your CPR certification may be and typically are different.

If you are an RN, PA, or MD, please submit a copy of your license and your current CPR/BLS/ALS with your application. Subsequent years will require submission of your current CPR/BLS/ALS only.