

Membership Types

1. Objective/Purpose:

To establish the NMMSAR types of memberships.

2. Scope:

Applies to all NMMSAR members and prospective members.

3. Policy/Procedure:

There are four types of NMMSAR membership, Regular, Probationary, Auxiliary, and Legacy.

Regular Member

The Unit By-Laws establish the basic membership requirements for regular members and new members, which includes the meeting and training attendance and Unit activity participation. All regular members shall have a sound trained horse that is able to pass our mounted evaluations, proper search gear that meets current State SAR standards, and a means of transportation (suitable vehicle and horse trailer) as determined by the Review Board. The Review Board may waive the horse and transportation requirements if a prospective regular member has other skills valuable to the Unit. In addition, all regular members shall pass the State of New Mexico Field Certification for SAR Volunteers and maintain current CPR certification.

Probationary Member

A new member during their initial one-year probationary period. All new members shall attend a new member orientation session. In addition to meeting all the requirements for regular membership, a probationary member is also required to participate in a minimum of 2 searches before they can transition to being a regular member.

Probationary members shall abide by all Unit By-Laws, policies and procedures. The following additional rules shall apply to probationary membership.

- a. Probationary members shall not have voting rights or hold Unit office.
- b. Probationary members may not be issued a badge or radio on a permanent basis.
- c. Probationary members may respond to special activities and searches if accompanied by a regular member.

After probationary members have successfully passed their New Mexico Field Certification, received CPR certification, successfully completed their one-year probationary period, and participated in a minimum of 2 searches, they may be moved to regular membership following Review Board approval. Upon receiving regular member status, the Unit member will become eligible for all Unit-sponsored co-pay programs and reimbursements for chaps, GPS purchase, ESCAPE registration, and any other approved Unit sponsored programs in effect at the time.

Auxiliary Member

Auxiliary membership was created for regular members who want to remain active but are temporarily unable to meet regular member requirements.

Auxiliary members shall abide by all Unit By-Laws, policies, and procedures. The following additional rules shall apply to auxiliary membership.

- a. Auxiliary members shall not have voting rights or hold Unit office.
- b. Auxiliary members may not be issued a badge or radio on a permanent basis.

- c. Auxiliary members may respond to special activities and searches if accompanied by a Regular member.
- d. Auxiliary members shall pass the New Mexico Field Certification and maintain CPR certification.

Legacy Member

Legacy membership was created for members who wish to volunteer their time and efforts but cannot meet the regular or auxiliary member requirements. A legacy member may have been a regular member in the past or have a needed/useful skill that may benefit the Unit. A person may be listed as a legacy member at the discretion of the Review Board to honor a significant contribution to the Unit.

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