



Prospective Member Information

The mission of the Pennsylvania Search and Rescue Council is to encourage and nurture the development and operation of volunteer search and rescue activities in Pennsylvania and neighboring Mid-Atlantic States and commonwealths. The membership structure of the Council is designed to support this mission. The membership categories and requirements are described below. If you would like additional information please contact:

Don Scelza
PSARC Membership Committee Chairman
(724)-898-3603
dscelza@cdsoutdoor.org

Informational Resource

This category is for individuals or groups that wish to have information about the Council sent to them on a regular basis.

Informational Resource Status in the Council:

Is available to individuals and groups	Receives newsletters and training announcements
Does not have voting rights	Is not on the Council Call Out list
Is not on the Council Resource list	

This category is used by outside organizations to track general events within the Council. Informational Resource Status requires yearly renewal.

Individual Resource

This category is for individuals who wish to become a member of the Council but who have not yet joined a member group or who do not have a member group in their immediate geographic area.

Individual Resources Status in the Council:

Is available to individuals	Receives Newsletters and training announcements
Does not have voting rights	
Is on the Council Call Out List if they met the training requirements of the Council	
Is on the Council Resource List if they meet the training requirements of the Council.	
Will be encouraged to join a member team as soon as possible.	

Probationary Group Membership

This category is for new SAR groups or organizations wishing to join the Council. Groups or organizations are on probationary membership for one year prior to being changed to Active Membership. During that year the team must meet the following requirements:

Probationary Membership Status in the Council:

Is available to SAR groups or organizations
Does not have voting rights
Is on the Council Call Out and Resource List

- Is required to have a representative at four Council meetings in a calendar year
- Is required to provide a written protocol for ethical violations by its members
- Is required to provide a written protocol for criminal background checks of its members

To obtain Probationary Member Status, the group must meet the general guidelines for membership and:

- Be sponsored by an Operational Group
- Be recommended for Probationary Team status by the Membership Committee
- Provide to the Council Membership Committee:
 - A copy the groups by-laws
 - A copy of the groups 501(c)3 election

Active Membership

Groups or organizations that maintain Active status have full rights as a member of PSARC.

Active Membership Status in the Council:

- Is available to groups
- Is on the Council Call Out List
- Has members that may be nominated for offices in the Council
- Has full voting rights
- Is on the Council Resource List

To become a Active Member of the Council, the group needs to meet the general guidelines for membership and:

- Meet the requirements of a Probationary Team Member of the Council
- Have been a Probationary member for at least one year
- Be sponsored by an Active Group
- File an annual training and mission report
- Have a majority of it's members obtain FTM status. Certifying organizations are, but not limited to, ASRC, DCNR...