

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

Search Team Member Standard Appendix B

Initial Certification or "Grandfathering" of A Unit's Experienced Ground Searchers

I. Introduction

- A. Ground searchers certified to be field ready to search by their unit's Training Officer prior to 1/01/95 may not be subject to the full certification process as outlined by the MASAR Standards Committee.
- B. The Committee will review the information submitted by each unit applying for certification of a member. The Committee may then certify an individual as a Search Team Member based on one of the following:
 - i. The minimum requirements below;
 - ii. The minimum requirements below plus additional testing, selected by the Standards Committee from the Search Team Member certification standard;
 - iii. Or the full requirements of the Search Team Member certification standard.
- C. Individuals denied certification under this Appendix have the right to appeal the Committee's decision only as specified in Section IV of the Search Team Member Standard.

II. Application for Initial Certification or "Grandfathering"

- A. Each unit shall submit a list to the MASAR Standards Committee of individuals it wishes to have considered for initial certification or "grandfathering" under the MASAR Search Team Member certification standard.
- B. Units currently operating within the State of Maine shall submit a written letter of recommendation from a Warden Service supervisor or above who has worked with the applicant unit. For units which do not have SAR experience in the State of Maine, the list shall be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the agency of their state or subdivision that has SAR responsibility for their particular area.
- C. The unit shall provide the documentation requested below for each individual it wishes to have certified.

III. Minimum Requirements for Certification

- A. Each individual must show documented proof that he or she meets all of the requirements of Section III, Part B, of the MASAR Search Team Member certification standard.