

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

Mounted SAR Team Certification Standard Appendix A

Initial Certification or "Grandfathering" of Unit-Certified Mounted Teams

I. Introduction

- A. Mounted teams certified to be field ready to search by their unit's Training Officer prior to 8 February 2004 may not be subject to the full certification process as defined in the Maine Association for Search and Rescue's "Mounted SAR Team Certification Standard".
- B. The MASAR Standards Committee will review the information submitted by MASAR-certified units applying for certification of members. The Committee may then certify horses and riders as Mounted SAR Teams based on the requirements below, require additional testing of an individual before certification, or require full testing to the new Mounted SAR Team Standard.
- C. Horses and riders certified under the specifications of this Appendix shall receive full certification as a Mounted SAR Team.
- D. Individuals denied certification under this Appendix have the right to appeal the Committee's decision only as specified in Section VIII of the Mounted SAR Team Certification Standard.

II. Application for Initial Certification or "Grandfathering"

- A. Each unit shall submit a list to the MASAR Standards Committee of horses and riders it wishes to have considered for initial certification (grandfathering) under the Mounted SAR Team 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 have not had 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 horse and rider team it wishes to have certified.

III. Minimum Requirements for Certification

- A. Each horse and rider team must provide documentation that they meet all of the requirements of Section IV, Part A of the MASAR Mounted SAR Team certification standard.
- B. Each team must provide documentation that they are currently certified as field-ready by a MASAR-certified equestrian unit.
- C. The unit's minimum certification requirements must be at least equal to those defined in MASAR's Mounted SAR Team Certification Standard.