

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

Rescue Team Member Certification Standard Appendix B

Initial Certification or "Grandfathering" of A Unit's Experienced Rescue Team Members

I. Introduction

- A. Rescue team leaders certified by their unit's Training Officer, or equivalent, to be field ready prior to MASAR acceptance of the Rescue Team Member Certification Standard **may** not be subject to the full certification process defined by the standard.
- B. The MASAR Standards Committee, following review of an application for certification, shall do one of the following:
 1. Certify an applicant using the requirements below.
 2. Require additional testing of an applicant, said tests to be selected by the committee from the Rescue Team Member Certification Standard.
 3. Require full testing of an applicant using the Rescue Team Member Certification Standard.
- C. An applicant denied certification under this Appendix has the right to appeal the Standards Committee's decision only as defined in the applicable section of the Rescue Team Member Certification Standard.

II. Application for Initial Certification or "Grandfathering"

- A. If a unit has members that it wishes to have considered for initial certification or "grandfathering" under the MASAR Rescue Team Member Certification Standard, it shall submit a list of these people to the MASAR Standards Committee.
- B. A unit shall provide the documentation listed below for each individual it wishes to have certified.
- C. Any unit requesting certification of member(s), which currently operates 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.
- D. A unit requesting certification of member(s), which does not have SAR experience in the State of Maine, shall submit a written letter of recommendation from the agency of their state or subdivision that has responsibility for technical rope rescue in the unit's area of operations.

III. Minimum Requirements for Certification

For each person it wishes to have certified, a unit shall provide the following:

- A. Documentation of the training each has undergone.
- B. A copy of the standard(s) under which that person was trained or certified.
- C. Documented proof that the person meets all of the requirements of Section IV, Part A, of the MASAR Rescue Team Member Certification Standard.