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Dear Mike:

Subject: Training Session/Information for Prospective Members

We had tentatively scheduled a basic land navigation session for August 25 and 26, provided a minimum of 4 people signed up by calling me. Unfortunately, Joyce Bevic was the only person who called to sign up, so I canceled the class. If you'd like to try again for another date, let me know.

Regarding the "Information for Trainees" draft I sent you earlier, Cady was kind enough to send me some suggested revisions. She also told me that when the ASRC BOD passed the new Training Standards for CQ, FTM, and FTL, that the BOD voted to allow the uniform for FTM and above, but not for CQ. I tried to look this up in the BOD minutes, but I seem to be missing some. I can find February 1988 and April 1989, but nothing in between except the November Membership Meeting. Do you have copies of these I can borrow and photocopy?

I still can't find the BOD minutes with the vote about the ASRC uniforms, but I do remember that the General Membership approved the following in the last version of the ASRC Training Guide (before it became the Training Standards). The version I have on my computer is dated March 1988.

UNIFORM SPECIFICATIONS

The uniform is a Sears or similar blue chambray work shirt, with:

- a. on the left shoulder, a standard ASRC patch;
- b. on the right shoulder, a Virginia, National Registry, or other approved EMT or First Responder patch, or an American National Red Cross Standard or Advanced First Aid patch, with any appropriate rockers (patches consistent with the member's current certification must be worn);
- c. over the right breast pocket, a 3/4" x 3" blue plastic nametag, with white lettering denoting the member's name, and underneath, the words "APPALACHIAN SEARCH & RESCUE"; and
- d. over the left breast pocket, for all Certified Members and Certified Members only, a small (2-1/4") Mountain Rescue Association patch.
- e. centered on the left breast pocket, an optional Virginia Search and Rescue Council patch may be worn.

No other patches or emblems are to be worn on the uniform shirt.

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Members with the right to wear the ASRC uniform shirt may affix patches [(ASRC and medical)] and a(n) [ASRC] nametag to personal parkas or other outer garments, provided that they are in the same positions as are specified for the uniform shirt and no other patches or emblems are worn on the garment.

The new Ops Manual was approved by the Membership in November 1988, and its uniform specification supersedes the non-highlighted sections above. As far as I can tell, the highlighted sentences are still our official policy, and it was simply an oversight that I did not include them when typing up the Ops Manual. Therefore, I'd like to suggest that we discuss this at the next BOD meeting, and that these items simply be added to the Ops Manual for the next printing, and that notice to this effect appear in the next BOD minutes. I don't think we even need a vote on it unless there is dissent at the BOD meeting, since we're just correcting a minor oversight rather than establishing any new policy. I had one suggestion for clarification which appears in [square brackets] above, and as this is simply a clarification, again I don't think it needs a vote unless there is dissent.

We should probably vote at the BOD meeting to amend the Ops Manual uniform section, which says: "**All members [authorized to wear the ASRC uniform who are] responding to an incident will wear an ASRC uniform conforming to the following standards:**" (Again, my suggested revision is in [square brackets].) We should also vote to add a section to the Ops Manual with our specification of who can wear the uniform, unless this was already done at one of the BOD meetings which I missed and for which I have no minutes. Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

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