



**West Virginia State Police  
1300 Harrison Avenue  
Elkins, WV, 26241**

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Re: Upshur County Search

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in reference to the search that took place in Upshur County for Reatic Fultz. This officer made contact with the locale law enforcement agency and recommended that they contact MARG, more specifically, Doug Moore and Don Ferguson to act in the capacity as search managers. This officer went into detail with the local law enforcement agency, how beneficial it would be to contact the above named individuals. This officer explained that Mr. Moore and Mr. Ferguson were extremely knowledgeable, and bring a level of expertise to the search that would assist in bringing a timely conclusion to the search.

The local law enforcement agency eventually did make that call to request Mr. Moore and Mr. Ferguson. In addition, this officer and the West Virginia State Police Troop 3 SAR Team was also requested to come to the scene. I must say what a comfort it was to walk into the Command Post and see Mr. Moore and Mr. Ferguson there. At that point this officer was confident in knowing that good decision making was being used to come up with an effective plan of action. This officer briefed the State Police Chain of Command of the same.

This officer was witness to Mr. Moore and Mr. Ferguson taking charge of the planning process and effectively delegating task to individuals who had arrived on scene to help. Mr. Moore and Mr. Ferguson were well organized, and highly motivated to find Mr. Fultz, and bring a timely conclusion to the search.

As other Troopers began to arrive on scene, this officer was asked several times, "Who is managing the search?" This officer advised the Troopers that Mr. Moor and Mr. Ferguson were managing the search, and right away, this officer could see out Troopers were glad they were there, and had confidence in them, and their plan of action.

It is my opinion, that the plan that Mr. Moore and Mr. Ferguson came up with, directly resulted in successfully locating Mr. Fultz alive, and in timely manner, which in no doubt was critical. It is also my opinion that due to Mr. Fultz's age, and medical condition, and incoming weather, he very possibly may not have survived.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Ferguson's overall commitment to the search and rescue mission here in West Virginia is unmatched. Their professionalism, knowledge, and ability to work well with others is truly a force multiplier, and not only reflects greatly upon themselves, but MARG, and the State of West Virginia. POC for this letter is CPL K.W. Huddleston and can be reached at [kwhuddleston@wvsp.state.wv.us](mailto:kwhuddleston@wvsp.state.wv.us) , or contacted telephonically at (304)-637-0200.

Respectfully,

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