

That Others May Live

VISION STATEMENT

OUR VISION:

"The Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference (ASRC) is a confederation of professional volunteer search and rescue teams and personnel that provides incident management and field resources for search and rescue operations in the United States Mid-Atlantic region. Unified by common training standards, certifications, operational protocols, collaborative innovation, and a dedication to providing cutting-edge search and rescue to those in harm's way ... these things we do that others may live. Any weather, any terrain, anytime."

Our Purpose:

- 1.....Provide search and rescue capability within the Mid-Atlantic Region and other regions as necessary.
- 2......Conduct training programs in subjects related to search and rescue, wilderness safety, and wilderness survival.
- 3.....Serve as a coordinating agency for related rescue and survival information, equipment, and resources.

Our Core Goals:

In order fulfill our purpose, the ASRC must consistently successfully achieve the following core goals:

- 1....Recruit, develop, and maintain a cohesive professional, progressive, and mission first oriented membership with operational expertise in search and rescue.
- 2....Provide local, state, and federal government agencies with highly trained and professional search management and field resources in support of lost person SAR incidents. These shall: increase the chance of finding a lost person quickly, be able to lead and coordinate emergent volunteers, mitigate liability, and provide a standard of care.

Guiding Values:

To achieve the realization of the Core Goals, all Objectives, Tasks, and Efforts of the conference shall reflect and further the following Philosophical and Operational Values:

Philosophical:

Cohesiveness

Professionalism

Progressive Mindset

Mission First Focus

Safety

Accountability

Operational:

Search Management Expertise

Ability to Coordinate Emergent

Volunteers

Mitigation of Liability and

Standard of Care

High Quality Field Resources

Sustained and Tiered Response