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DEAR IRVIN,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF INQUIRY TO THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION. AT THIS TIME, WE DO NOT HAVE BROCHURES FOR THE MRA, ALTHOUGH ONE IS CURRENTLY BEING DESIGNED. BY THE TELEPHONE MESSAGE, I AM NOT SURE IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF A SAR TEAM, OR IF YOU WISH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP. PERHAPS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL HELP.

WE HAVE TEAMS THAT MAKE UP THE MEMBERSHIP IN MRA, RATHER THAN INDIVIDUALS. THE TEAMS MAKE UP A REGION, AND THE REGIONS, IN TURN, MAKE UP THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. TWO NATIONAL MEETINGS ARE HELD YEARLY, ONE IN JUNE, THE OTHER IN NOVEMBER.

WE ARE A NON-PROFIT VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE SAVING OF LIVES THROUGH RESCUE AND WILDERNESS SAFETY EDUCATION. WE CURRENTLY HAVE ABOUT 63 TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, WHICH INCLUDES NOT ONLY THE INDIVIDUAL TEAMS, BUT ALSO SOME OF THE NATIONAL PARKS. EACH TEAM HAS FROM 25 TO 175 MEMBERS.

MOST OF THE TEAMS OPERATE THROUGH THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. WE ARE AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, TO SEARCH FOR AND/OR RESCUE INJURED HIKERS, HUNTERS, CROSS COUNTRY SKIERS, MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS, A SMALL CHILD LOST IN THE DESERT, AVALANCHE VICTIMS, DOWNED AIRCRAFT, OR A HOST OF OTHERS. WE GO ON FOOT, SNOWSHOES, SKIS, SNOWMOBILES, OR HELICOPTERS.

EACH TEAM IS CONSTANTLY TRAINING ITSELF IN FIRST AID (AND BEYOND), GLACIER AND CREVASSE WORK, ROCK CLIMBING, TRACKING, SEARCH PATTERNS, AND PRACTICE RAISING AND LOWERING PEOPLE UP AND DOWN CLIFF WALLS AND SCREE SLOPES.

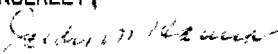
I AM ENCLOSING A PUBLICATIONS FORM LISTING SOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE. WE ALSO HAVE A NEWSLETTER, "THE RESCUE FORUM" THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR \$12.00 PER YEAR (4 ISSUES). ENCLOSED, TOO, ARE SOME PAGES FROM OUR POLICY HANDBOOK CONCERNING TEAM MEMBERSHIP.

I JUST DISCOVERED THAT YOU ARE THE NEW PRESIDENT OF PA SAR COUNCIL, AS I RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER, AND JUST PULLED OUT THE LATEST FROM MY FILE. SOMEHOW, I THOUGHT YOU WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPALACHIAN SAR CONFERENCE. I WOULD SUGGEST YOU CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PERSON FOR INFORMATION IN OUR APPALACHIAN REGION, AS A TEAM FROM THAT REGION WOULD BE THE SPONSOR FOR YOUR TEAM: CADY A. SOUKUP, P O BOX 430, FLINT HILL, VA 22627. HER HOME PHONE IS 703-675-3525, HER BUSINESS PHONE IS 703-675-3015, AND THE FAX NUMBER IS 703-675-3130.

PLEASE CONTACT ME IF AND WHEN WE CAN BE OF FURTHER HELP.

THANK YOU.

SINCERELY,


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