



# SHENANDOAH MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP

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Andrew Hower  
Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group (AMRG) and  
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Dear Andrew,

Having served as Operations Section Chief (OSC) during one of your shifts in the Incident Command Post (ICP), I offer this letter in acknowledgement of your service as Deputy Operations Section Chief during 28 October 2011, the last day of the search mission for Robert Arthur Wood, Jr. at North Anna Battlefield Park in Doswell (Hanover County), Virginia.

You supervised the briefing and debriefing of dozens of Wilderness Search and Rescue (SAR) search teams during this large and ultimately successful search mission for a nine year old boy who had been missing for five days.

Your outstanding service was instrumental to the successful outcome of the mission and was critical to my ability to effectively manage field search operations. I greatly appreciate your efforts and I look forward to working with you again on future missions!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith S. Grabtree".

Keith S. Grabtree  
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