

I. ASRC Call-Out Qualified (CQ) Member (draft 6 apr 94)

A. Scope and Intent

Call-Out Qualification is intended to form the most basic level of the ASRC training hierarchy. Its purpose is to facilitate rapid involvement of new members in search incidents while ensuring, to the extent feasible, that persons representing the ASRC are capable of functioning as useful members of a field team engaged in uncomplicated tasks. Persons of this training level are not intended to be involved in tasks of dangerous, intricate, or politically sensitive natures. CQs must be familiar with ASRC policies and procedures and must possess the common sense and maturity to serve the organization effectively.

B. Qualifications

To become a Call-Out Qualified member of the ASRC, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete and submit to the Group Training Officer an ASRC application for membership;
2. Meet all requirements specified in the ASRC Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Operations Manual;
3. Participate satisfactorily in ASRC or Group training covering: the role of the CQ, ASRC policies and procedures, personal equipment, short-term survival, search tactics, and personal safety;
4. Participate satisfactorily in a minimum of one ASRC or Group practical field exercise;
5. Meet ASRC minimum equipment requirements as set forth in the ASRC Operations Manual;

6. Demonstrate the ability to function as an effective member of a field team on an uncomplicated task, as judged by the Group Training Officer.

C. Equipment Requirements

Equipment requirements are specified in the ASRC Operations Manual. Items listed below are for information purposes only -- refer to the Operations Manual for the most current requirements.

1. Appropriate clothing and footwear for both fair and foul weather;
2. Water containers with a minimum total capacity of two liters;
3. Food for 48 hours;
4. Five large, heavy-duty trash bags;
5. Two sources of light (headlamp strongly recommended as primary source);
6. Two waterproof sources of fire;
7. Knife;
8. Orienteering compass;
9. Personal first aid kit;
10. Whistle;
11. Waterproof pen/pencil and paper;
12. Two pairs of plastic/vinyl examination gloves;
13. Pack in which to carry equipment listed above.

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FTM

The Field Team Member training level is intended to be conferred upon those individuals who have developed a significant knowledge base and proven their ability to serve as an effective member of a field team. The FTM must be able to function both in daylight or darkness, in difficult terrain, and in adverse weather conditions, and should possess the common sense and maturity to participate in tasks of a delicate nature. FTMs are expected to assist the FTL with team management as necessary, and should be capable of performing simple functions at a search base with a minimum of supervision. FTMs may on occasion be asked to serve as a team leader, should conditions necessitate.

FTL

The Field Team Leader training level is intended to be conferred upon those individuals who have proven their ability to function as an FTM and have developed significant leadership skills. They are expected to make sound decisions in the field, to provide on-the-job training for untrained searchers, and to interface effectively between the search management personnel and field personnel. FTLs should be capable of performing search base functions under the supervision of the Incident Staff (e.g. commo, briefing/debriefing, map maintenance, staging, etc).

IS

The Incident Staff training level is intended to be conferred upon those individuals who have proven their abilities as an FTL and have developed the capacity to serve in search management positions of all levels (with the exception of the Incident Command position), under varying levels of supervision depending upon experience. IS must have demonstrated knowledge of the ASRC management procedures, must be able to work independently, and must be capable of following through on assignments.

IC

The Incident Commander training level is intended to be conferred upon those individuals who have proven their abilities to provide leadership and to manage search incidents. They must have gained significant experience in actual search situations, be calm, level-headed, and mature, and must have demonstrated the ability to effectively manage sensitive situations. Incident Commanders must be politically astute and diplomatic in nature. They are the representative and commanding officer of ASRC resources on ASRC incidents.