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This is an introduction to the Blue Ridge Rescue Group (BRRG) and its parent organization, the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference (ASRC). The ASRC is a regional co-ordinating organization for search and rescue training and operations in this region of the U.S., and serves as an information resource in subjects related to wilderness and technical search and rescue.

In order to have a rapid reaction time, and to provide more localized capabilities, the ASRC is assigning its members to local "groups" by area. The first such group to be organized is the Blue Ridge Rescue Group, in the Charlottesville-Albemarle area of Virginia. Although BRRG members are on call for a rescue anywhere in the region (as are all ASRC members) their primary concern is for the central area of Virginia.

As of the present date, the BRRG is organized on an informal basis, with a roster of about twenty members. The BRRG, as with all of the ASRC, specializes in certain types of operations, such as cliff and high angle rescue, wilderness and foul-weather search and rescue, and cave rescue. The BRRG is affiliated (through the ASRC) with the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, the Intercollegiate Outing Club Association, the Potomac Speleological Club, chapters of the National Speleological Society, and units of the Mountain Rescue Association.

Please feel free to contact the BRRG or the ASRC at the above addresses if you have any questions.

