

Summit to Sound Search and Rescue: Membership Application

This is an application for membership in Summit to Sound Search and Rescue, a private not for profit organization whose mission is to provide professional search and rescue services through the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office to the northwest Washington region. To achieve this goal, we:

- o Train to provide professional level search and rescue service
- o Educate to maximize safety of individuals participating in outdoor activities
- o Respond to complement other county and state rescue services

Name: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (MI) _____

If you have a current Emergency Worker Card issued by Whatcom County, what is the card number _____ and expiration date: ___/___/_____. If not, please complete the DEM form-card.

Mailing Address: _____ WA driver's license # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

E-mail address for correspondence and newsletters: _____

Phone Numbers: please list numbers in order of preference, including pagers.

Type = (home, cell, work, page, other):

1: (____) _____ - _____ type: _____

2: (____) _____ - _____ type: _____

3: (____) _____ - _____ type: _____

4: (____) _____ - _____ type: _____

Pager or cell phone messaging device to receive callout notices; please list the e-mail address of any pager or SMS device that you routinely carry.

3607734018@verizon.net is an example

(1) _____

(2) _____

Areas of Interest (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground SAR (Search on foot) | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Administration (Keep records) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Search Dog Handling (Search with dog) | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Officer (Talk/write to media) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ATVs (Search/transport by ATV) | <input type="checkbox"/> Operations Section (Manage a mission) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications (Run radio/keep log) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Logistics Section (Supply a SAR) | |



**Please provide a letter detailing why you would like to join
and how you can contribute to the organization's mission.**



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<p style="text-align: center;">Board of Directors</p> <p>Decision: _____</p> <p>Date: ___/___/_____ Chair: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Local Sheriff's Office</p> <p>Background check completed: ___/___/_____</p> <p>Emergency Worker Card #: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Administration Section</p> <p>Date Record Created: _____</p> <p>Date included on roster: _____</p> <p>By-laws/Policies reviewed: _____</p> <p>Mentor: _____</p> <p>Gear check: _____</p> <p>Date probation ended: _____</p>

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The Steps to Joining

- 1 Obtain an application from any member or the Public Files section of our web site.
- 2 If you do not have a currently valid Division of Emergency Management (DEM) card, ask for a DEM application, too.
- 3 Follow directions to complete both forms.
- 4 Attend the next membership meeting with your completed application.
- 5 When you arrive, let a board member know that you want to meet with the board after the meeting has adjourned.
- 6 Meet with the board, who will give you an opportunity to ask questions and will ask questions of you.
- 7 Watch the mail for a letter letting you know if you have probationary membership.
- 8 Attend meetings and trainings to work through your initial training while the Whatcom County Sheriff's Department (WCSO) completes a background check.
- 9 Be assigned a mentor at the next membership meeting. The mentor will make sure you get a new-member packet of standard documents and forms.
- 10 Study the new-member packet contents so you become familiar with them. Your mentor will go over them with you to help you get ready for a simple assessment that demonstrates you know your responsibilities and unit expectations. You will have new-member intake form which lists several requirements for training and certification. *All training you do should be documented on the new-member intake form until you become a full member of Summit to Sound Search and Rescue.*
- 11 After a period of up to six months probation, you will most likely become a full member of Summit to Sound Search and Rescue. By this time, you should have completed all training needed to be in compliance with the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 118.04.120 and our unit's training requirements. During the probationary period you will have the chance to meet many new people, and decide where you feel you fit the best. You can then begin to enjoy working with dedicated, well-trained volunteers.
- 12 Most questions should be answered by the unit policies and by-laws. If you have additional questions, any member should be able to help you. If you ask several people, you are likely to get several answers. Your mentor or a board member should be able to give you a definitive answer.
- 13 Finally, thank you. Every member of Summit to Sound is a volunteer committed to excellence. Your commitment and contribution make our unit that much stronger; we look forward to working with you.

Our web site can be accessed by going to: **www.summittosound.org**