



Chaffee County Search & Rescue - North Application Package

Thank you for your interest in joining the Chaffee County Search & Rescue team!

Complete the attached application and return it by submitting it to a Board member, e-mailing it to secretary@chaffeecountysarnorth.org, or mailing it to P.O. Box 1671, Buena Vista, CO 81211

Once the application is received, the Chaffee County Sheriff's Office completes a background check. This process typically takes two to four weeks. Once this process is complete, we will contact you and provide you with additional information on your membership.

Please visit our website at chaffeecountysarnorth.org for additional information about CCSAR-N.

Our Mission

Chaffee County Search and Rescue-North is a non-profit, all volunteer organization operating under the direction of the Chaffee County Sheriff's Office. Our mission is to provide search and rescue services, as well as outdoor safety education, at no cost to the public.

Our Vision

Chaffee County Search and Rescue-North is a respected, cohesive, highly skilled group of volunteers who are continually trained to respond to the diverse scenarios present in our complex outdoor environment. We procure and maintain quality equipment supporting missions involving mountains, rivers, high desert and lakes. Additionally, we provide outdoor safety education to the general public.



Application for Membership

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Drivers License #: _____ State: _____

I hereby make application for membership in Chaffee County Search and Rescue - North. I authorize the Chaffee County Sheriff's Office to conduct a background investigation and likewise authorize the Sheriff's Office to furnish Chaffee County Search & Rescue - North officers with a copy of my criminal history, if any.

If accepted, I agree to follow and abide by the lawful orders of those appointed over me. I further agree to obtain and/or retain a minimum of Basic First Aid and CPR certification for the duration of my membership.

I understand that Chaffee County Search and Rescue - North is a volunteer search and rescue organization under full authority of the Chaffee County Sheriff and that membership therein does not give me any of the powers of a law enforcement officer.

As a member, I will make a good faith effort to respond to as many missions, meetings and training classes as possible. I fully understand that Chaffee County Search and Rescue - North is a volunteer organization dedicated to serving the public without expectation of any remuneration.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please circle any of the following skills and/or equipment you have:

4-WD vehicle	Horse and Trailer	Advanced First Aid Training
Snowmobile	Rock Climbing Equipment	Swiftwater Rescue Training
ATV or Off-Road Motorcycle	Rock Climbing Training	Avalanche Training
AT Skis	SAR experience	Electronic repair skills
Snowshoes	Vehicle repair skills	Other:

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Training Requirements

Following is the minimum level of individual training required of all members. New members have until the start of SAR Academy to complete the IS-100 and IS-700 courses and until the end of SAR Academy to complete BFA/CPR certification or provide proof of current certification. The SAR Academy schedule and course curriculum will be provided to prospective members prior to January 1st.

1. [IS-100.b](#) - This one-time online course introduces you to the Incident Command System. Upon successful completion of this course, you will receive (via email) a Certificate of Achievement showing the date you passed the course. A copy of the certificate must be emailed to: secretary@chaffeecountysarnorth.org.
2. [IS-700.a](#) - This a one-time online course introduces you to the National Incident Management System. Upon successful completion of this course, you will receive (via email) a Certificate of Achievement showing the date you passed the course. A copy of the certificate must be emailed to: secretary@chaffeecountysarnorth.org.
3. Basic First Aid - You must hold current basic first aid certification. A current higher level medical certification (WFA, WFR, EMT, etc.) satisfies this requirement. Submit a copy of the certificate to secretary@chaffeecountysarnorth.org.
4. CPR - You must hold current CPR certification. Submit a copy of the certificate to: secretary@chaffeecountysarnorth.org.
5. SAR Academy - This is required for any person who functions on SAR missions as field searchers, or in any capacity supporting SAR missions. It is customized to CCSAR-N and includes orientation to our specific gear and procedures. SAR Academy is held during the first quarter of the year for new members, and those members who have not previously taken it.

Participation Requirements

We expect CCSAR-N members to fully participate, and remain in good standing through participation. Following is the minimum level of participation required of all members. If for any reason you are unable to meet these levels due to temporary circumstances, please contact a board member so that we can work with you and your specific situation.

Every member is required to put in a minimum of 36 volunteer hours per year to include the following opportunities:

1. Attend team meetings held on the first Tuesday of each month. This is the primary source of team sharing and getting to know each other.
2. Attend regular training sessions throughout the calendar year. We strongly encourage you to attend as many as possible.
3. Respond to missions throughout the year. We typically average over 60 missions annually. It is vital that members respond, whenever possible, for missions. Regardless of your technical skills, there is always a role for those who show up.
4. Participate in at least one fundraising or public outreach event each calendar year. These are CCSAR-N's primary source of revenue and preventive SAR, and important to our operations.