

## PURPOSE of CERT

*The Anderson County Sheriff's Office volunteer Mounted Search and Rescue team is a unit of volunteers within the Anderson County Sheriff's Office CERT program (Community Emergency Response Team).*

*The volunteer membership of the MSAR consists of eligible citizen volunteers who wish to contribute their time and talents to assist and support the Sheriff's Office in the delivery of search and rescue missions to the community.*



For more information on the Anderson County Volunteer Mounted Search and Rescue Team, visit [www.acsomsar.talkspot.com](http://www.acsomsar.talkspot.com)



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**Volunteer  
Mounted  
Search and  
Rescue**



**CERT MSaR**

**Anderson County  
Sheriff's Office**



**Community  
Services Unit**

## ELIGIBILITY



Mounted volunteer applicants must be at least 16 years of age, a U.S. citizen and a resident of Anderson County or an adjoining county. They must also, at a minimum, meet the following basic requirements:

- 1) Possess the quality of honesty, maturity, self-discipline, and good judgment.
- 2) Maintain the highest standard of personal appearance and professional conduct.
- 3) Complete the Department approved Release of Liability form.
- 4) Have access to a horse, horse trailer and vehicle to pull; approved by the Department for use in Mounted functions and training.
- 5) Complete the Department approved equestrian training program.

## PRINCIPAL DUTIES

While horseback riding includes some inherent danger, Mounted volunteers will be utilized in situations, which do not involve dangerous activities. They may be called upon for special details including Search and Rescue, Parades, Community Relations Demonstrations (visitations to schools, churches, and youth groups) and other activities as requested by the Sheriff.

## GUIDELINES

- Prior to becoming a member and after completing application, a new recruit will:
  - (A.) Attend an orientation
  - (B.) Successfully complete a back ground check.
  - (C.) Present a horse that is sound and passes inspection.
  - (D.) Demonstrate acceptable riding skills.
  - (E.) Possess suitable tack that is in good condition.

- Members are expected to attend scheduled meetings training sessions. Members are required to attend 1/2 of the meetings and training sessions.
- Designated vests are to be worn when on duty.
- Members are not to permit non-members to use horses or equipment while on duty with the exception of picture taking with children on horses at approved events or giving children rides at approved events.
- Horse must have current Coggins Test, 3-way plus rabies shots and West Nile each year. Horses should be shod or appropriately trimmed at all times while on duty.
- Horse must be maintained in a healthy manner and under no condition abused or mistreated.
- Boots must be worn at all times when mounted and helmets are required for volunteers under the age of 21.
- The Sheriff's CERT volunteer Mounted Search and Rescue team is a unit of the Sheriff's office, as such, members must present themselves well attired and possess the qualities of honesty, maturity, self-discipline and use good judgment at all times.