

## ASAR BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Angel Search and Rescue Inc (ASAR) was formed in 1994 to fill a void for professional search and rescue (SAR) services in the Southside Virginia.

ASAR is activated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) in Richmond VA. at the request of local law enforcement agencies. ASAR will respond anywhere in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and if requested, will respond out of state as well.

ASAR is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization as defined by the requirements of our 501 (c) 3 status issued by the Internal Revenue Service. As such we receive no state or federal funding for our efforts, and we do not charge a fee for our services. ASAR is funded through private donations, gifts, and grants.

Unlike a rescue squad ASAR does not own a building, ambulances, or other rescue vehicles, this allows us to keep our operating costs extremely low. ASAR members respond from home or work at the beep of a pager and travel to the search location in their personal vehicles at their own expense.

Our members come from all walks of life. From the private sector to public safety agencies. Some are hard working blue-collar types, others, white-collar professionals. Our members include college students, fire fighters, EMTs, registered nurses, Law Enforcement officers, and retired military personnel as members. Despite our diverse backgrounds we all have one thing in common, and that is the desire to help those in need.



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# ANGEL SEARCH AND RESCUE INC.

## PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEER WILDERNESS SEARCH TEAM



Squad 16  
Pittsylvania County  
Virginia

# MISSION STATEMENT

Angel Search and Rescue's (ASAR) primary mission is to provide trained ground searchers and a command organization for search and rescue operations. ASAR will also provide assistance with communications and provide supplemental emergency medical support when requested.

## WHAT ASAR DOES

- 1 . ASAR is called out for Lost Children, the Elderly, Mentally Challenged, Despondent Individuals, Hikers and Hunters.
- 2 . Angel Search and Rescue also provides educational programs to the general public to decrease the number of searches.
- 3 . ASAR is called on to assist with locating downed aircraft and to assist local authorities and agencies in times of natural or man-made disasters.
- 4 . ASAR is on call 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days a year.

## ANGEL SEARCH & RESCUE FUNDING

ASAR is helped by private donations.

ASAR also holds fundraising projects.

ASAR is a 501(c)(3) "not for profit" organization



IF YOU OR YOUR ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US AT:

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## STATE CERTIFICATION FOR ASAR MEMBERS

**Call-out-Qualified (COQ):** The COQ class is designed to integrate new members quickly into an active role with search and rescue. This is a 6-hour class that introduces the new member to SAR operations, group expectations, call-out procedures, and a 2 hour field exercise.

**Field Team Member (FTM):** The FTM class is considered 'basic' training for all ground search personnel. This is a 50 hour course sponsored by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) and is the standard for every SAR group in the Commonwealth of Virginia who operates under a Memorandum of Understanding.

**Field Team Leader (FTL):** Experienced FTM's who want to continue their training may elect to take the FTL course, also sponsored by VDEM. The focus of the FTL class is on leadership and field management skills. This 50 hour course also provides the student with insight into search management.

**Field Team Signcutter (FTS)** The FTS class is an introductory course to the larger world of tracking for search and rescue. Designed as an introductory course focused on the fundamental principles of clue awareness. The FTS course delves into the ancient art of Mantracking. Course content includes the identification and interpretation of sign, track team tactics, and the appropriate deployment of signcutting skills within the SAR environment.