



STAR 1 New Member Requirements

We encourage anyone with the time and interest to attend team training and learn more about our team. To become a deployable member you must first meet these requirements:

- **Certification as a NASAR Search Technician**

NASAR (National Association for Search and Rescue) offers three levels of certification for the Search Technician. Our SAR Boot Camp prepares participants for certification as a SARTECH II. SARTECH I is an advanced level, and SARTECH III is the beginning level for SAR personnel. We've found our Boot Camp to be effective in preparing students for the SARTECH II exam and for membership with our team, but some may choose another path. If you've missed our Boot Camp you can purchase and study the book **Introduction to Search and Rescue** (available from the online NASAR Book Store) while training with our team, and take the SARTECH III Exam online at .

- **Completion of the following online FEMA Courses:**

- IS-100 Introduction to Incident Command Systems
- IS-200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action
- IS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- IS-5A An Introduction to Hazardous Materials

(See www.training.fema.gov/is/nims.aspx and www.training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx)

- **Federal Background Check**

We're currently using <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks>, but please ask before submitting your request.

- **Completed Application (www.star1.org/pdf/MemberApplication.pdf) including:**

- Signed Agreement and Consent Form
- Signed Code of Conduct
- Signed Confidentiality Agreement
- Signed Liability Waiver
- Completed Medical Information form including Emergency Contact Information
- NASAR Certification(s), FEMA Course Certificates, Background Check

- **Participate in team training**, including Crime Scene Preservation (*typically offered only once per year*), until such time that you are recommended for membership.

- **Complete the New Member Interview**

Training doesn't stop once you become a member! Certifications expire, and skills are perishable.

But we're all volunteers and we know that life gets in the way.

Just keep us informed of your progress and status.