APPLICATION TO THE BEDFORD COUNTY WILDERNESS SEARCH TEAM
Release of Liability

I hereby apply for acceptance as a volunteer with the Bedford County Wilderness Search Team.

I understand that in doing so I may be asked to participate in training and/or search and/or rescue and/or task (hereinafter events) anywhere in Pennsylvania, Maryland or West Virginia to serve in a potentially dangerous, chaotic, life-threatening situation wherein my personal safety cannot be guaranteed. I understand that I am subjecting myself to situations that may encompass a variety of natural and manmade hazards and/or events in which I may be subject to illness, injury or death. I understand that these situations may lack proper water, food, shelter, sanitation and medical care. I further understand events may expose me to death or disability caused by diseases, direct or indirect assault by humans and wild beasts, attacks by venomous creatures, exposure to environmental hazards (including but not limited to fires, high temperatures, flash floods, swift water, mud slides, landslides, rock slides, blizzards, ice storms, snowstorms, bitterly cold temperatures, tornadoes, high winds, lightening strikes, hazardous plant life, etc.), electrical shock, serious or deadly falls, hazardous terrain, and injury or death from a technical rescue system failure. I understand that all the modes of transportation available to me may pose a risk both at the event and transportation to and from the event. I understand that I may be subject to unusual emotional and psychological stress that may occur at the incident or long after the incident. I further understand that any appointment of a safety officer responsible for safety or the creation of a safety rule or regulation shall not be construed to be an indication that the Team is liable for my personal safety. Accordingly, I also realize that I may refuse any event for any reason and I may refuse, alter, or abort any task when I feel I have received an inadequate briefing, inadequate training, inadequate sleep, possess inadequate physical strength, or do not feel that the event is safe. Finally, I realize that the information available to those briefing me may be incorrect or inadequate.

I understand that until the Team provides workman's compensation and patient liability insurance for me, I will be responsible for compensation in the form of medical bills and loss of work due to any injuries that occur to me while performing duties of the Team. I understand that I will receive no pay for my services and may not receive reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses unless cleared in advance by the Team.

Nevertheless, I willingly volunteer to engage in such hazardous activities under often-difficult conditions knowing that I may be exposed to life-threatening situations.

As a consequence and in consideration of the privilege of training and participation with the group, I hereby assume all of the above mentioned risks, and will hold the Team harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of actions, deaths, claims, demands of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether in tort in contract or in any other legal theory, which may arise from or in connection with my participation as a volunteer with the Team. In doing so I similarly release the officers, directors, agents and membership of the Team. The terms of this release shall serve as a release and assumption of risks for my heirs, executor and administrators and for all those dependent on me. I state that I am of legal age and competence accordingly to the laws of the jurisdiction in which I reside and certify that I have read and understand the above. If I am married, my spouse joins in the release as evidenced by my spouse's signature below. If I am a minor my parent or legal guardian joins in this release as evidence by the signature below.

DATED this_____day of_____19_____

In_____, state or Commonwealth of_____

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Applicant's printed name Spouse or parent or legal guardian's signature Seal

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