

# VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

McHENRY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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1. Name (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
2. DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_
3. Home \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Amateur Radio Call Sign (If Licensed) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Cell \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Provider \_\_\_\_\_
5. Address \_\_\_\_\_
6. Your Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Work Hours \_\_\_\_\_
7. Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Day \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Night \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you hold a valid Driver's License (Y/N)? \_\_\_\_\_ CDL(Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Endorsements \_\_\_\_\_  
DL# \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_
9. Have you ever been convicted of a felony (Y/N)? \_\_\_\_\_ If YES, explain on a separate sheet.
10. Do you speak a foreign language? If so, which? \_\_\_\_\_ Fluent (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Divisions I would be most interested in (see reverse for list and descriptions):
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Division
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Division
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ Tertiary Division
12. Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

**Any person completing this Application is subject to a criminal history/reference check.**

I understand and agree any misstatement or omission of fact contained in this application will result in the immediate withdrawal of this application for consideration for volunteer membership, or shall be considered sufficient cause for immediate discharge. I acknowledge that I have read and understand all statements contained in this application as evidenced by my signature below.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteer Divisions

**Ground Search & Rescue (SAR)** - SAR team is entirely composed of volunteer professionals with a wide range of abilities and expertise and is available upon request to help anywhere in the McHenry County, state-wide or beyond. SAR team members are trained in crime scene preservation, evidence searches, ground search techniques, first aid and CPR. The Team also has the ability to provide search incident management. The team is available to assist law enforcement and other public service agencies. To further enhance resource availability for large-scale incidents, the team is a part of the state-wide search and rescue mutual aid system. Primary Missions: missing/Lost persons, walk-away elderly persons, evidence searches and any incident where a coordinated ground search is required. SAR Team searches are a physically demanding activity and Searchers must have the ability to perform search functions in all weather and all-terrain environment. Volunteer positions are available during a search for SAR Operations, Logistics, and Planning that do not have these same demands.

**Mass Care** - This division's primary focus is protection of evacuees and other disaster victims from the effects of the disaster. Activities include coordination of temporary shelters, food, medical care, clothing, and other essential life support needs to the people who have been displaced because of an ongoing or an impending disaster. Mass care division supports: sheltering operations (including household pets), mass feeding operations, distribution of emergency supplies, family reunification support, immediate health, emotional and spiritual care and support services, facilitate access to disaster information to affected individuals

**Communications & Weather** - The Communications division's primary mission is to support communications needs of the McHenry County EMA and the communities within the county. This division is called upon in the event of a local or countywide communication failure or when additional trained communicators are needed. Weather division provides support during times of inclement weather by gathering weather spotting and post-storm, initial damage assessment reports. Communication is facilitated via Starcom21, public service VHF frequencies as well as ham radio. The Communications & Weather divisions have the ability to: provide real time information about inclement weather to the public safety agencies and NWS, via its vast network of EMA and Amateur Radio weather spotters, set-up and staff a temporary communications network (voice and data) in the event of localized outages, support community events such as parades, fairs, etc. by providing trained operators to facilitate communication.

**Fire Rehab Support** - Provides support for on-scene rehabilitation of first responders, ensuring that their physical and mental well-being does not deteriorate, negatively affecting safety and performance. Rehab provides an area for rest, rehydration and medical evaluation of responders during an incident. In case of inclement weather, Rehab will make provisions to protect response personnel from the elements. Volunteers from the EMA and the Medical Reserve Corps work together to assist emergency response agencies throughout the county.

**Support** - This division is responsible for behind-the-scenes support for all other EMA divisions. It consists of three units: Facilities, Ground Support and Supply (Quartermaster). The Facilities unit is responsible for EOC (Emergency Operations Center), vehicles, trailers and generators under EMA control. This unit ensures that all equipment is always available and in fully operational state. Monthly inspection and equipment testing is performed for 15+ vehicles and the EOC. The Ground Support Unit is responsible for materials used by EMA divisions as part of their deployments. This includes maintenance of portable radios and batteries, and providing and maintaining safety clothing and equipment for the Search and Rescue and Rehab divisions. The Supply Unit (Quartermaster) works with EMA staff to procure required supplies needed to support volunteers, along with maintaining a detailed inventory and storage of supplies.

**Emergency Operations Center (EOC) OPS Support** - Volunteers will assist during incidents where operational (OPS) support is needed within the activated Emergency Operations Center (EOC); Intelligence Gathering is required; Damage Assessment teams are deployed; Volunteer Reception Centers are staffed; resident assistance centers such as a MARC or Volunteer/Community Reception Centers are staffed; etc. During periods where no incident is active, the division takes steps to prepare for future incidents thru documentation; training; exercises; physical resource preparation.