

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. 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 Areas of Expertise

Ground (Wildland) Search & Rescue (SAR) - SAR 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 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.

Communications - The Communications Group'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. Communication is facilitated via Starcom21, public service VHF frequencies as well as Amateur (Ham) Radio. The Communications group has the ability to 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.

Weather - The Weather Group's primary mission is to provide 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 Amateur (Ham) Radio. The Weather group has 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.

Support - This group is responsible for behind-the-scenes support for all other EMA groups. 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 groups 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 groups. 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 group takes steps to prepare for future incidents thru documentation; training; exercises; physical resource preparation.

Employee/Volunteer Criminal History Check
McHenry County
Acknowledgement & Authorization Form

Date: _____

Applicant's Name (please print clearly and distinctly):

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Address:

Street

City

State

Zip

Driver's License # _____ **DOB:** _____

State of Residence: _____ **Sex: Male** **Female:**

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby authorize the McHenry County Sheriff's Office, through its designated agents and representatives, to conduct a comprehensive review of my criminal history.

I, (please print the applicants name) _____, acknowledge and understand I am providing the personal information above to the McHenry County Sheriff & appropriate County Offices. No other use will be made of this information by the Authorities. This information will remain in the Sheriff files for whatever designated amount of time is deemed necessary by the McHenry County Sheriff's office.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only:

APPROVED/DENIED by the McHenry County Sheriff

Additional Info. Needed **Yes/No**

(Please Circle)