

## The Road to Membership:

**Step 1:** Complete the application forms and provide them to a member of the Executive Staff or Training Team. Once your application is received, you will be added to the SAR-OH contact list as a probationary member. You will begin receiving email correspondence about SAR-OH activities.

**Step 2:** SAR-OH has adopted the Ohio Community Service Council's "best practices" recommendations and complies fully with Ohio Senate Bill 187. SAR-OH requires all new candidates to complete a criminal background investigation during the initial application process and every three years thereafter, while a Team member. You may utilize the following web site to locate a convenient BCI&I location to initiate the investigation:

<http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Services/Business/WebCheck/Webcheck-Community-Listing>

The cost for the BCI investigation varies by location, but averages \$35.00. Please have your investigation results forwarded to:

Search and Rescue Ohio  
P.O. Box 334 Delaware, OH 43015.

**Step 3:** SAR-OH covers all members with Liability, Accident and Injury Insurance through VFIS. To assist specifically in defraying the annual insurance premium expenses, annual SAR-OH membership dues are \$35.00. Payment of dues is required by the end of January. Initial membership dues will be reduced to \$17.50, if the membership application is received after October 1st.

**Next step:** Once steps 1, 2, and 3 are complete, you will be considered a probationary member of the team. You will be added to the team's yahoo group's site and start moving towards Call-Out Qualified.

### Call-Out Qualified

The tasks required to become CQ can be completed in any order. The members of the training team will assist you an achieving these tasks.

**Task 1:** Complete the FEMA Independent Study IS-100 and IS-700. These can be found at the below links. Provide a copy of your certificate to the training team.

IS-700 - [www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS700.asp](http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS700.asp)

IS-100 - [www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100.asp](http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100.asp)

**Task 2:** Complete an orientation and CQ workshop session with an Executive Staff member. This can be completed before or after training.

**Task 3:** Complete a pack-check. See the member handbook for a list of required pack items.

**Task 4:** Participate in at least two SAR-OH field training exercises.

### 3 steps to Membership

1. Application
2. Background Check
3. Annual Dues

**Task 5:** Participate in at least one SAR-OH field training exercise as a member of a team in an uncomplicated task.

**Task 6:** Complete the FEMA Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. The online course can be completed as a substitute until you can attend a CERT Class. You will have 2 years to complete the CERT Class.

Online Course: <http://www.citizencorps.fema.gov/cert/IS317/>

Upon successful completion of the 6 listed tasks, your completion status will be discussed at a regularly held Executive Staff meeting. You will then be considered for Active membership in SAR-OH. Active membership will enable you to respond to missions/activations.

## **Training**

The SAR-OH training team provides training on the first Thursday of the month, second Saturday and fourth Saturday of the month. Trainings are held in various areas of central Ohio depending on the discussed topic.

## **Media:**

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[www.Facebook.com/SearchRescue](https://www.facebook.com/SearchRescue)

[www.Twitter.com/SAR\\_RACE](https://www.twitter.com/SAR_RACE)