

CONSTITUTION
OF
LAWRENCE COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE
LEAD/DEADWOOD DISTRICT

AMENDED DECEMBER 9, 2002

A volunteer non-profit public service organization dedicated to the protection of lives and property.

ARTICLE 1 NAME:

1.01 The name of this organization shall be Lawrence County Search and Rescue (LCSAR).

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE:

2.01 The Purpose of LCSAR is to protect lives and property by providing services including, but not limited to, Search and Rescue. LCSAR is available to assist fire departments, law enforcement agencies and ambulance services within the jurisdiction of Lawrence County Office of Emergency Management and elsewhere when requested through the Director of Emergency Management.

2.02 LCSAR is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE 3 POWERS AND AUTHORITY:

3.01 LCSAR was formed in 1965 under the auspices and sponsorship of the Lawrence County Sheriffs Department. Sponsorship was later transferred to the Office of Emergency Management. Under this sponsorship LCSAR is provided a meeting place, rescue equipment, vehicles and the authority to operate within the Jurisdiction of the Lawrence County Office of Emergency Management.

3.02 LCSAR operates under the direction of the Director of Emergency Management and may be called into service by any member of the Executive Board of LCSAR, or by any city or county agency.

3.03 LCSAR shall have the power to acquire and accept, by the way of gifts, purchase, lease, or otherwise, money and property of every kind, nature and description without limitation as to the amount or value; to see or dispose of such property; to use any of its property for the above mentioned purposes, without limitation except such limitations as are imposed by this constitution or its bylaws.

3.04 LCSAR may enter into, perform or carry out contracts with any persons, firms, association, or corporation, including but not limited to federal, state, and/or local government agencies; and to do any services necessary or proper to meet the purpose of LCSAR with such limitation as prescribed by law.

3.05 LCSAR shall not operate for a profit. No part of the net earnings of LCSAR shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to a team member or other private persons except that LCSAR shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

3.06 No loan shall be contracted on behalf of LCSAR and no evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the membership of LCSAR.

3.07 No substantial part of the activities of LCSAR shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and LCSAR shall not participate in or intervene including the publishing or distribution of statements in a political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE 4 MEMBERSHIP:

4.01 LCSAR members shall be volunteers and serve without pay.

4.02 Eligibility of members shall be defined in the bylaws of LCSAR.

4.03 LCSAR may limit its membership by bylaw.

ARTICLE 5 OFFICERS AND BOARDS:

5.01 The officers of LCSAR shall consist of one (1) President, one (1) vice-president, one (1) Training Officer, and one (1) Secretary /Treasurer.

5.02 LCSAR shall have an Executive Board. The members of this board shall be the officers and they shall have the authority to govern the members of LCSAR.

5.03 The election of officers shall be held biannually at the first regular business meeting in December of even numbered years. The term of office shall be from the beginning of the first meeting in January, in the odd numbered year, to the beginning of the first meeting in January of the following odd numbered year.

5.04 The President shall have the power to appoint a committee to oversee any special project. Any committee may be given the authority to spend funds within the guidelines stated in the formation of the committee.

5.05 A vacancy in any elected office shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Board to finish the term.

ARTICLE 6 MEETINGS:

6.01 Regular business meeting dates of LCSAR shall be set according to the By-laws.

- 6.02** A quorum shall consist of 1/4 of the members of record.
- 6.03** Only active members may vote on team business.
- 6.04** Meetings of the team shall be conducted by "Robert's Rules of Order".
- 6.05** The fiscal year shall run from January 1 to December 31.

ARTICLE 7 AMENDMENTS:

- 7.01** This constitution may be amended at any legally called and conducted meeting of LCSAR by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment has been presented in writing at the previous meeting.
- 7.02** A sealed vote will be accepted for any constitution change. The ballot must be placed in an envelope and signed across the seal and be counted by the ballot committee.

ARTICLE 8 BYLAWS:

- 8.01** The bylaws of LCSAR shall provide for the management of LCSAR.
- 8.02** LCSAR may adopt such bylaws as may from time to time be necessary. No bylaw may conflict with this constitution or state or local law. If such conflict occurs the bylaw shall be rendered null and void.
- 8.03** Bylaws may be adopted, repealed or amended at any legally called and conducted meeting of LCSAR by a majority vote of the members present and voting, provided the proposed amendment has been presented in writing at the previous regular business meeting.

ARTICLE 9 STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES:

- 9.01** Standard Operating Guidelines not inconsistent with this constitution, embodying additional provisions for the governing of this organization, may be adopted, amended or repealed at any legally called and conducted meeting of LCSAR by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

ARTICLE 10 DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION:

- 10.01** In the Event that the Lawrence County Civil Defense Search & rescue shall cease to exist and dissolve, all assets of the unit will revert to Lawrence County.

CERTIFICATION:

