

Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group

AMRG is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit search and rescue (SAR) organization dedicated to saving lives in the outdoors. We help locate, access, stabilize, and transport lost or injured patients in wilderness and suburban settings.

AMRG has provided this specialized support to local fire and police departments at no charge for more than 15 years. Our primary response area is southwestern Pennsylvania and contiguous areas in West Virginia, Ohio, and Maryland.

AMRG is a member of the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference, a tightly knit organization spanning several states, and is affiliated with several other SAR organizations.

The services provided by AMRG include:

- Searches for lost and missing persons.
- Rescue operations for injured hikers, mountain bikers, hunters, etc.
- Cave and cliff rescue operations.
- Searches for suspected crime victims and crime scene evidence.



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What you'll learn as a member of AMRG

There are numerous opportunities for volunteers to get involved in AMRG. Many of our members are experienced in outdoor sports, but the only prerequisite is an interest and a willingness to help. AMRG provides all the necessary training.

Search and survival skills, rope rescue techniques, and patient care

AMRG offers free training in search techniques, land navigation, wilderness survival, vertical rope rescue, and wilderness medicine.

There is also training in communications, search management and administrative skills that support our field operations.

Group trainings are offered twice a month: one evening classroom session, and one day-long field training. AMRG also participates in joint trainings with other search and rescue groups and additional specialized training sessions several times a year.

Some AMRG members train and handle search dogs. These teams train weekly, and all AMRG members are welcome to participate.

Certification that travels with you

AMRG's training and certification program, using the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference testing standards, is recognized throughout Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland.

AMRG also is a certified member of the Mountain Rescue Association (MRA), an international technical rescue group.

The skills that you learn as an AMRG volunteer will prepare you for additional certification by the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR), which is recognized throughout the country.



Trainings

AMRG business meetings and classroom trainings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at UPMC Mercy, conference room 2126. New and prospective members are always welcome.

At least one group field training is scheduled each month and canine trainings are held weekly. The current AMRG field training schedule is always available at:

www.amrg.info

To receive regular updates on our training schedule by e-mail visit **amrg.info/contact-us** and request to be added to our training list.

Prospective AMRG members must be at least 18 years old to participate in trainings.