



Travis County Search & Rescue Team

Acknowledgement of Volunteer's Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk, and Release of Liability revised 12-10-07

I understand that during my participation in any Travis County Search and Rescue ("TCSAR") training, practice, drill, demonstration, deployment, or other event ("Event"), I may be exposed to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent in each Event and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character and purpose of the Event. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage, and death ("Injuries and Damages") from exposure to the hazards of travel and the outdoors and TCSAR has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. I know that Injuries and Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, members, leaders and assistants or third parties, either as a result of negligence or because of other reasons. I understand that risks of such Injuries and Damages are involved in Search and Rescue activities such as TCSAR Events including practices and real events and I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person and for others around me in the face of such hazards. I further understand that on any TCSAR Event there may not be rescue or medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with the Injuries and Damages to which I may be exposed. In consideration for my acceptance as a participant in any TCSAR Event, I confirm my understanding that:

- It is my responsibility to read any rules and conditions applicable to the Event made available to me and I acknowledge my participation is at the discretion of the leader.
- The TCSAR Event officially begins and ends at the location(s) designated by TCSAR. The Event does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to and from the Event, and I am personally responsible for all the risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by TCSAR during the Event.
- If I decide to leave early and not to complete the Event as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave and waive all liability against TCSAR arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Event, and I decide to go forward without the leader, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward and waive all liability against TCSAR arising from that decision.
- This Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and fully enforceable.
- To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to **WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY** TCSAR, its officers, directors, employees, agents, leaders, members, and volunteers from **any and all liability** on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries and Damages, even if caused by negligence of TCSAR, its officers, directors, employees, agents, leaders, members, and volunteers in any way connected with the Event. I further agree to **HOLD HARMLESS** TCSAR, its officers, directors, employees, agents, leaders, members, and volunteers from any claims, damages, injuries or losses caused by my own negligence while a participant in the Event. I understand and intend that this assumption of risk and release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and includes any minors accompanying me on the Event.

I have read this document in its entirety and I freely and voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries and Damages and notwithstanding such risks, I agree to participate in TCSAR Events.

Name _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ Email _____

If you are a minor (under age 18), your parent or legal guardian must sign this Agreement on your behalf. I hereby agree and consent to the foregoing Agreement on behalf of the minor below:

Name of Minor _____ Age of Minor _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____