



## **COMSU CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **Member-In-Training:**

1. Must be at least 18 years of age
2. Meet all requirements of the Licking County EMA
3. Member Data Sheet on file
4. Member in good standing of COMSU
5. After six months and after completion of all certification requirements, members-in-training may be promoted to certified member status upon acceptance by the Board of Trustees

*Members-In-Training are asked to complete the certification requirements during their six-month status. Members-In-Training may participate as support, search, or mounted search personnel in search simulations or actual searches when accompanied by a certified member. However, mounted search personnel must have completed all horse certification requirements prior to participating in: a) an official search; b) a simulation involving public agencies (i.e. EMA, law enforcement, etc.); c) simulations with other mounted search units; d) parades of other public events.*

### **Search Personnel Initial Certification Requirements:**

1. Must be a member in good standing of COMSU
2. Must be at least 18 years of age
3. Meet all requirements of the Licking County EMA
4. Must have a Member Data Sheet on file
5. Mounted members must qualify their horse(s) in the Obstacle and Trail Ride certifications as well as complete formation training
6. Complete search procedure training
7. Complete navigation and communication training
8. Complete one search simulation
9. Red Cross or American Heart Association First Aid certification and CPR certification;  
OR current Emergency Medical Technician certification  
OR Medical Doctor  
OR Registered Nurse



Mounted Search Personnel:

In addition to the certification requirements set forth above for Search Personnel, Mounted Searchers (riders) must also:

1. Exhibit proficient horsemanship and trail manners
2. Exhibit the ability to tack his/her own mount without assistance
3. Must be an experienced trail rider in all types of trail terrain and/or weather conditions as well as be physically fit to rider for long periods of time
4. Own or lease their mount and transportation for themselves and their mount
5. Exhibit the ability to handle vehicles used to transport horses, i.e. truck and trailer or stock truck as well as:
  - a. Maintain all vehicles used for transporting horses in good working condition
  - b. Tow vehicle and trailer must have current registration and adequate insurance
  - c. Trailer must have specific equipment and supplies outlined in equipment requirements section
6. Mounted Search Personnel may certify more than one horse. Each horse must complete all the qualifying standards as stated herein to become a certified mount.