



Tonto Rim Search and Rescue (TRSAR) Uniform - Dress Code - Equipment Policy

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SECTION I. PURPOSE:

This policy provides the guidelines for the acceptable uniform dress code and/or equipment for members involved in missions, trainings, meetings, public relation events, and other official squad functions.

SECTION II. UNIFORM:

- A. The Tonto Rim Search and Rescue official uniform is a hunter orange long sleeve dress shirt, with all the appropriately placed cloth patches, with long pants (preferably khaki), and the TRSAR orange squad hat.
 - 1. The dress shirt should be worn at any for public relation events or other related official squad functions.
 - 2. The Commander may direct the official uniform shirt be worn for any function the TRSAR squad is involved in.
 - 3. The official uniform shirt, or any of the additional acceptable clothing (in Section II, Item C) must be worn for all missions, and should be worn for meetings, trainings, or other squad functions.

- B. The appropriate cloth patches and their placement will be;
 - 1. US Flag above right pocket
 - 2. Gila County Deputy Sheriff Search and Rescue patch above left pocket.
 - 3. TRSAR Squad patch on upper left sleeve.
 - 4. Special Certification patches on upper right sleeve.
 - 5. TRSAR service, mission pins should be worn on the left and right collar.

- C. Additional acceptable clothing that can be worn by members is as follows:
 - 1. White short or long sleeve shirt with all appropriate placed patches.
 - 2. Short sleeve version of the official uniform shirt.
 - 3. Orange pull over shirts, long and short sleeves.
 - 4. Orange sweat shirts, orange safety vest and/or jackets.
 - 5. Specialty clothing.

D. Additional acceptable type patches:

1. Patches in Section II, Item B embroidered and/or screen printed.
 - a. The embroidered and/or screen prints should be placed in the same position outlined in Section II, Item b.
 - b. A large version of the Gila County Deputy Sheriff Search and Rescue patch can be placed on the back of the shirts, jackets and/or vests.
 - c. TRSAR and GCSO insignias can be placed on vehicles, and/or equipment used on missions, trainings or other squad functions.

E. Head Gear:

1. A helmet is a mandatory head gear wear for all missions and/or trainings.
 - a. Helmets are not required for indoor training.
 - b. Helmets must meet the safety standards for the type of mission and/or training being conducted.
2. Orange Squad Hat.

F. Footwear:

1. Shoes must be appropriate for the mission and/or training.

G. License Plate:

1. The official squad license plate is a uniform for your vehicle.
 - a. The license plate will only be placed on the front of your vehicle.
 - b. A license plate will be issued to new members when they are voted in.
 - (1) A reserve license plate is issued to reserve and associate members.
 - (2) An active license plate will be issued to a member when they become an active member.

SECTION III. DRESS CODE:

- A. While in the approved TRSAR uniform, members must conduct themselves in a professional manner.
- B. While in the approved TRSAR uniform, members must not behave or act in any way that can bring disrespect, and/or embarrassment to TRSAR or the GCSO.
 1. The uniform cannot be worn at or while participating in political activity.
 2. The uniform cannot be worn while in bars, nightclubs or while consuming alcohol, and/or while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.
- C. Members may go into stores, restaurants, gas stations, and/or related establishments while in uniform before and after any mission, training, and/or a squad function.
- D. Members can not wear the TRSAR uniform or clothing for everyday general wear.
- E. Only authorized patches or pins are to be worn or attached to the uniform.

F. Uniforms must be clean and in good repairer.

G. Safety equipment must be worn as required during missions and trainings.

SECTION IV. EQUIPMENT:

A. Squad equipment may be issued to members for use in missions, trainings, or for squad functions on a temporary basis and/or for duration of membership.

1. Members can be directed to return any and/or all issued squad equipment at any time.
2. Squad equipment must be presented and/or made available when requested or directed, for inventory, inspection, upgrade or reprogramming.

B. Squad equipment may include any and/or all of the following:

1. GCSO/TRSAR license plate.
2. Helmet
3. Radio
4. GPS
5. Swift water equipment.
6. Rope rescue equipment
7. Quads, Side by sides and/or trailers

C. The members are responsible for any squad equipment issued to them.

1. Members must maintain and secure all issued equipment.
2. Members must report any lost, damaged or unserviceable issued equipment.
3. Members can be held financially responsible for any lost, and/or damaged issued equipment.
4. Members must return any and all issued TRSAR equipment when leaving and or upon terminating membership in the squad.
 - a. Members can be held financially responsible for any equipment not returned.
 - b. Life members may keep their squad license plate.

D. Squad equipment should only be used for TRSAR missions, trainings and/or squad functions, issued equipment may be used for personal proficiency training.

1. The Commander or Board may authorize a squad member to utilize squad equipment for personal use.

E. Members should only use squad equipment if authorized, qualified and/or certified (if required) on the equipment and only for its intended use.

- F. Squad equipment and/or vehicles may not be loaned out to other organizations.
 - 1. During joint missions and/or trainings with other official search and rescue organization's:
 - a. A TRSAR squad member may utilize Squad equipment.
 - b. The Commander, Vice Commander, Board, TRSAR team leader and/or authorized representative may authorize the temporary use of squad equipment by other organizations during the mission or training.
- G. Selected squad equipment (i.e. tables, chairs, etc.) may be temporary loaned to other organization when approved by the Board.
- H. Training books may be checked out by any member for a period of thirty (30) days.),
 - 1. Extension may be authorized by the board.
- I. Squad facilities should be used for official squad functions only.
 - 1. The board may authorized the use of the squad facilities for non squad functions by squad members and/or other organization.
 - a. The use may be free of charge and/or the board may charge for the use.
 - b. The member or organization utilizing the facilities are responsible to ensue the facilities are cleaned, lights off , gate closed and the facilities are secured after use.
 - c. The member or the organization utilizing the facilities can be held financial responsible for and damage to the equipment and/or facilities.
- J. All Squad equipment and vehicles should be inventoried annually
- K. All Squad equipment and vehicles should be inspected and inventoried after use.
- L. The board should appoint a Equipment Officer to oversee the purchases, inspections, maintenance and disposition of squad equipment and vehicles.
 - 1. The Equipment Officer can have specialty team leaders maintain their equipment, or recommend equipment purchases and/or disposal.
- M. All equipment purchases or dispositions must have board approval.
 - 1. The Equipment Officer and/or specialty team leaders should submit a purchase requests, with the reason, use and cost to the board for consideration to the annual budget.
 - 2. The Equipment Officer and/or specialty team leaders should on an as needed basis submit a purchase requests, with the reason, use and cost to the board for consideration of purchase during the year.