



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

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SECTION I. PURPOSE

This policy provides guidelines for uniform, appearance, and equipment for TRSAR members during missions, trainings, meetings, public relations events, and other official functions.

SECTION II. UNIFORM STANDARDS

A. Official Dress Uniform

- The official TRSAR uniform consists of a hunter orange long-sleeve dress shirt with required patches, long pants, and an approved TRSAR orange hat (optional).
- The dress uniform is required for TRSAR official events, meetings, public relations events and other official functions as directed by the Commander.
- During summer months optional orange polo shirt with black insignia on letter upper chest and back in black ink.

B. Mission / Training Uniform

- Members must wear the official orange shirt or other approved TRSAR clothing during missions and trainings.
- Approved items include:
 - Orange long sleeve with GSCO Search & Rescue black insignia on left upper chest and back in black ink.
 - Orange short sleeve with GSCO Search & Rescue black insignia on left upper chest and back in black ink.
 - Orange TRSAR logo hat or TRSAR light weight orange hat or black SAR Tonto Rim hat.
 - Orange pullovers, sweatshirts, jackets, or safety vests.
 - Specialty team shirts (such as Rope Team, Dive Team, K9 Team) as approved by TRSAR board.
- Any new clothing, hats, patches, insignia, or other uniform items using the TRSAR logo, TRSAR name, or GSCO Search & Rescue logo/insignia must receive prior approval from the TRSAR Board before design, production, purchase, or distribution.
- Specialty teams (including Rope Team, Dive Team, K9 Team, or other designated teams) wishing to create team-specific apparel or uniform items must obtain prior approval from the TRSAR Board.

C. Patches and Insignia

- Required patch placement for official dress uniform:
 - U.S. Flag: above right pocket
 - GCSO Search & Rescue: above left pocket
 - TRSAR patch: upper left sleeve
 - Certification patches: upper right sleeve
 - Service/mission pins: collars
- Required silk screen mission and training insignia placement for mission and training uniform:
 - GCSO Search & Rescue in black: upper left chest
 - GCSO Search & Rescue in black: back
- Only authorized patches and insignia may be worn.
- Approved TRSAR logo sticker may be displayed on equipment, and vehicles.

- Unauthorized reproduction or use of the TRSAR logo, TRSAR name, or GCSO Search & Rescue insignia is prohibited. Members may not create, purchase, distribute, or wear unapproved clothing, hats, patches, decals, or other items bearing these logos or insignia.

D. Headgear and Footwear

- Helmets are required for missions and applicable trainings.
 - Helmets must meet ANSI safety standards (ANSI Z89.1 Type I 2020).
- Approved TRSAR hats may be worn when helmets are not required.
 - Orange TRSAR logo uniform hat (mission approved)
 - Orange TRSAR light weight uniform hat (mission approved)
 - Orange a TRSAR logo trucker hat (mission approved)
 - Black TRSAR logo trucker hat (mission approved)
 - Black and yellow SAR Tonto Rim hat (mission approved)
- Footwear must be appropriate for missions and trainings.

SECTION III. APPEARANCE & CONDUCT (DRESS CODE)

- Members must maintain a professional appearance and conduct themselves appropriately while representing TRSAR.
- Uniforms must be clean, serviceable, and worn correctly.
- The uniform may not be worn:
 - During political activities
 - In bars, nightclubs, or while consuming alcohol or under the influence of inhibiting substances
 - For everyday personal use
- Required safety gear must be worn during missions and trainings.

SECTION IV. EQUIPMENT

A. Issuance and Accountability

- Equipment issued to TRSAR members remains the property of Tonto Rim Search & Rescue and must be returned upon request or upon separation from the squad.
- Equipment may be issued for missions, training, or duration of membership.
- Members are responsible for proper care, security, and return of all issued equipment.
- Lost or damaged equipment must be reported; members may be held financially responsible.

B. Authorized Use

- Equipment is for TRSAR use only unless otherwise authorized.
- Members must be trained and qualified to use assigned equipment.
- Equipment may not be loaned outside the organization without TRSAR board approval.

C. Vehicles and License Plates

- The official squad license on your vehicle identifies a vehicle as belonging to an authorized squad member. This helps command staff, law enforcement, and other agencies quickly recognize approved resources at scenes.
- A license plate will be issued to new members when they are voted in.
 - A reserve license plate is issued to reserve members.
 - An active license plate will be issued to a member when they become an active member.
 - The TRSAR license plate remains the property of Tonto Rim Search & Rescue and must be returned upon request if a member's status changes (such as going Life) or if they are removed from the squad.
- Use of TRSAR license plates is restricted to authorized members and official purposes. Plates may only be displayed on vehicles operated by approved squad members.

D. Inventory and Oversight

- Equipment will be inspected and inventoried regularly.
- A Logistic / Equipment Officer, appointed by the Board, oversees procurement, maintenance, and tracking.
- All equipment purchases or dispositions must have board approval.
 1. The Logistics/Equipment Officer and/or specialty team leaders should submit purchase requests, with the reason, use and cost to the board for consideration at the annual budget meeting.
 2. The Logistics/Equipment Officer and/or specialty team leaders should on a as needed basis submit purchase requests, with the reason, use and cost to the board for consideration of purchase during the year.

E. Squad Equipment

Squad equipment may include but not limited to:

- GCSO/TRSAR license plate.
- Radio
- GPS / InReach
- Dive equipment Swift water equipment
- Rope rescue equipment
- Quads, Side by sides and/or trailers