UVWRT TEAM MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

In spite of our volunteer status, the expectations and demands of our team during search and rescue operations are significant. Of the many teams across New Hampshire and Vermont, our services along with NEK-9 are requested most frequently.

Over the years, New Hampshire Fish & Game and Vermont State Police officials have grown to expect a high level of professionalism, skill, safety awareness, and commitment from our team and its members.

All members responding to a call-out must adhere to the following minimum guidelines and requirements.

Our safety and reputation is at stake!

1. Respond to the “One-Call Now” message when alerted. (1="I can respond right away", 2="I cannot respond", 3="I will have a delayed response" [call the dispatcher to explain])
2. Drive responsibly to the call-out staging area, sign-in with the senior officer on scene, and gear up.
3. Wear sturdy hiking boots and gaiters appropriate for the weather and season.
4. Dress properly and be equipped for variable weather conditions, NO COTTON.
5. Be prepared with a 24 hour pack, to include all necessary items; see the Required Gear list on the team website.
6. Have your own personal medical/survival kit, compass, whistle, rain gear, food and water.
7. Include a headlamp and an additional separate hand-held light source with spare batteries.
8. Bring a PMA - everyone must display a positive mental attitude and be a team player.
9. Commit to the entire search assignment. If you must leave early or have other issues that will prevent you from participating for the duration of the search, you MUST let an officer know before being assigned.
10. Act as a professional search and rescue technician.