

WCSAR Equipment Use Policy 1-22-18

General Concept:

WCSAR Equipment can be used by qualified members, for non-SAR use, when there is a benefit to WCSAR. Community organizations can also be eligible for equipment use on a case by case basis. Borrowing entities are typically organizations or businesses and not private individuals. An organization representative will need to provide a signature authorization, which acknowledges use responsibility, and waives any liability claims against WCSAR. Third Party use is discouraged except for in unique circumstances and authorized by the Full Board of WCSAR.

Benefits to WCSAR:

Members get hands-on experiences to gain or retain proficiencies. Community assistance can yield positive public relations for SAR.

Conditions and Considerations (Rules):

- Must check-out and check-in the equipment item.
- Any incident or search has priority over individual use.
- When equipment sits in storage there are benefits to occasional use – particularly with motorized equipment.
- If damage to WCSAR equipment occurs, borrowing party is responsible for getting it repaired (this may or may not be the financial burden of the borrower – Board determined).
- Motorized equipment needs to be cleaned and refueled before returned to the WCSAR storage facility.
- All other WCSAR gear borrowed needs to be returned in the same working order as when it was checked out by the borrower.

Equipment Eligible:

The following items (examples) could be considered for gaining skill or case by case use:

- Boats, ATVs, chainsaws, snow machines, Delorme units, trailers, GPSs (Note: some of these require specific certification)

Process:

Contact the Board member-at-large and/or the specific team leader of the equipment to be used for initial permission. If the request is for more than one-time use, the full-Board must approve the use.

Acknowledgement and Acceptance:

I _____, on behalf of _____,

Signature

Date

acknowledge and accept the following terms:

1. I am utilizing equipment from WCSAR for my own or my organization's noncommercial use, without payment or benefit to WCSAR;
2. I am fully trained and capable of using the equipment being borrowed, and accept it in "as is" condition with no warranties of fitness or suitability for my purposes;

3. I or my organization will indemnify and hold harmless WCSAR for any claims of injury, property damage or death resulting from my use of WCSAR equipment, whether such claims are made by the user of the equipment or a third party;

4. I may be held responsible for any damage to the equipment being borrowed, agree to pay the reasonable costs of repair or replacement, and will otherwise return it in as good condition as I received it; and

5. I have reviewed and agree to follow all rules set forth above in the WCSAR equipment use policy

WCSAR Authority:

Board member, or team leader, who has given permission for WCSAR equipment use:

Signature

Date