



## QCMP SAR TEAM STANDARDS

### Criteria for Equines

Equines are trained to remain calm and alert in all conditions. They are schooled in all types of emergency situations, such as helicopter traffic, flares, sirens, crowd control, night riding and traveling over difficult terrain.

- Each QCMP SAR team member must pass a Rider and Equine Evaluation (REE).
- Equine must be sound, age 4 or over and in good condition.
- Equine must be relatively quiet. They must not kick, bite or have other behavioral problems that would endanger the safety of others. An equine with a calm, alert disposition is preferable.
- Equine must load and unload quietly.
- Equine must be willing to cross through water and over obstacles.
- Equine must have the ability to traverse steep terrain.
- Equine must not be herd bound and able to travel alone.
- Equine are recommended be shod or have trail boots available.
- Equine must be equipped with proper tack (i.e, halter/bridle/lead rope) to safely tie the equine.

### Criteria for Riders

Riders are taught procedures associated with disaster response and search and rescue operations. QCMP SAR teams are trained in compass and orienteering and other relevant skills. Riders learn and participate in mounted activities such as formation riding, basic crowd control, sensory training, proper riding techniques, search skills for evidence and lost persons and grid searches from horseback.

- Each QCMP SAR team member must pass a Rider and Equine Evaluation (REE).
- Riders must be able to mount their equine unassisted.
- Riders must exhibit proficiency with their testing mount at walk, trot and lope.
- Riders must assume responsibility for any veterinary and farrier services of their equine.
- Riders must supply all feed, water and other related equipment for their equine.

### Criteria for Rider / Equine Team

Equine and riders are trained to work as a team with others in all aspects of mounted search and rescue. Emphasis is placed on exposing both the equine and rider to sensory extremes with **SAFETY** being essential.