

# BOULDER EMERGENCY SQUAD

## Volunteer Membership Application

Thank you for expressing interest in becoming part of our organization!

We are a TEAM and we welcome everyone, but particularly those who thrive in a disciplined, team environment.

Our squad is always looking for new members who share our commitment to saving lives and property. Our website: [www.boulderrescue.org](http://www.boulderrescue.org) covers a lot of information on what services we perform, and answers some of the most frequently asked questions from our applicants. Please take the time to review our website and let us know if you have any questions.

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**Do you want to volunteer to perform search and rescue? Read part A.**

or

**Do you want to volunteer behind the scenes in an administrative role? Read part B.**

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### Part A: SEARCH AND RESCUE

*Choose one*

#### Rescuer

**Rescuer** members are the main body of individuals who are operational members. Rescuers train for and respond to emergency and non-emergency rescue incidents. Rescuer members have voting privileges.

Rescuers are trained in all areas of rescue. Activities include responding to emergency and non-emergency incidents, driving trucks, performing search and rescue duties, interacting with emergency agencies, and assisting with non-rescue tasks to help keep the organization functioning smoothly.

BES rescuers are required to attend a percentage of regular trainings on both Mondays and Saturdays each month. Work as a BES rescuer can be time consuming and strenuous, but also can be extremely rewarding.

#### Adjunct

**Adjunct** members are individuals with specialized skills who intend to supplement rescue operations in specific roles and capacities. Adjunct members are not eligible to be elected as Chief or appointed to a Field Officer position. Adjunct members are non-voting members.

Once accepted as an applicant, both the **Rescuer** and **Adjunct** member will be required to take orientation and candidate training. The training usually is in the form of an academy and optionally may be a self-paced informal process. The Candidate Academy is conducted on an as needed basis usually once per year. Applicants are welcome to apply and then attend meetings and trainings in advance of the academy.

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### Part B: ADMINISTRATIVE

*We'd be delighted to have your help, lend a hand, share your expertise with our team!*

#### Associate

**Associate** members assist with non-rescue related activities like administrative tasks. Associate members are non-operational and do not have voting privilege. This level of involvement allows for participation as a

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volunteer without the large time commitment as a rescuers. If applying for Associate member, then the Candidate training is waived.

### **NEXT STEPS**

If you decide you would like to pursue becoming a part of BES, here's what you need to do:

#### **Meet the Minimum Requirements for BES Membership:**

- Be at least 18 years of age (17 y/o for the Cadet program with special permission of President)
  - Have a clean criminal history and driving record
  - Live and/or work in Boulder County
  - Be willing to participate in all BES activities, emergency and non-emergency incidents, training, drills and exercises, and assist with activities such as vehicle and equipment maintenance, inventory, community outreach, cleaning, committee work, and other such duties.
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#### **Complete the Application Process:**

1. Attend a minimum of 15 scheduled public events.
    - We usually meet 3-4 Monday evenings and the 2-3 Saturday mornings per month. A calendar is found on the website.
  2. Complete this application including initialing and signing all pages as indicated including full signature on last page and return it to the **Recruiter** along with:
    - 1 copy of your driver's license, and
    - 1 copy of your Colorado Driver's Record.
  3. A background investigation will be conducted of your criminal history.
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#### **What will happen next:**

- The membership will review your application and vote 'yes' or 'no' for you to be brought into the squad to the position requested. If 'yes', then you will be informed and guided on what to do next.
- You can expect to begin attending all BES training and meeting activities. However, you should not expect to go on rescue missions until directed to do so.
- If voted in as Candidate member toward becoming a Rescuer or Adjunct member, you will proceed through the Candidate training process.
- If as an Associate, then there are no other steps and you can begin volunteering with the team in an administrative support position right away.

Once again, thank you for your interest in joining. If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail me at [recruiting@boulderrescue.org](mailto:recruiting@boulderrescue.org).

Sincerely,

Recruiter  
Boulder Emergency Squad  
(303) 443-4081

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GENERAL INFORMATION					
Last (sir) Name:		Middle Name:		First Name:	
Date of Birth:	Social Security #:			Home Phone:	
E-mail Address:				Cell Phone:	
Current Home Address: (Address, City, State, Zip)				How long at this address?	
[If less than 5 years at current address, please list previous address(es) below]					
Previous Address: (Address, City, State, Zip)				How long at this address?	
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AVAILABILITY					
Are you able to leave work for calls?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		Explain as needed:
Are you available for Monday evenings and Saturday mornings?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Do you live and/or work in Boulder County?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Do you expect any of this availability to change in the next 12 months?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION					
In case of emergency, BES should notify:					
Name:			Relationship:		
Address:			Daytime Phone:		
			Evening Phone:		
LIMITATIONS					
Prefer not to answer <input type="radio"/>	Do you have any disabilities that could affect or prevent you from performing your duties? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If YES, please explain:				
Prefer not to answer <input type="radio"/>	Do you have any allergies or have to take any medications that could affect or prevent you from performing your duties? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If YES, please explain:				
EMPLOYMENT					
	Occupation:			How long?	
	Current employer:			Business Phone:	
Address: (Address, City, State, Zip)				Working Hours and Days:	
	Previous employer and address: (for the past 5 years)			Dates:	
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REFERENCES					
Name	Relationship	If work, list accomplishments or activities which they've observed	Phone	Email	Years Known
EDUCATION – TRAINING – ACTIVITIES - ASSOCIATIONS					
Highest Grade Completed:	School	School	List Degrees:		
Currently Attending School? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If YES, where?		Expected Graduation date?		
	List any special training or certifications which may be significant to BES: (be sure to include first aid, emergency medical care, vehicle rescue, radio communications, water safety, SCUBA, firefighting, law enforcement, etc., and give approximate dates for each)				
	List any emergency service agencies to which you currently belong or have in the past belonged and dates:				
	Optionally list interests, hobbies, sports, and/or organizations in which you participate:				
DRIVING INFORMATION – POLICE RECORD – MILITARY INFORMATION					
Colorado Driver's License #:			Expiration:		
	Vehicles:				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>License #</b>		
		Have you had your driver's license <i>revoked</i> or <i>suspended</i> in the last five (5) years? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If YES, please explain:			
		List and explain any traffic related charges within the past five (5) years:			
		Have you ever been arrested, charged with, or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If YES, please list and explain:			
		Have you served or are you serving in the U.S. Military? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
If YES, Branch:	Dates of Service:	Highest Rank:	Type of Discharge:		
		Do you have any reserve obligations:			
	Affirmation: I, THE UNDERSIGNER, DO HEREBY AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE GIVEN IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE; THAT ANY INTENTIONAL FALSIFICATION OR OMISSION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF PROCESSING OF THIS APPLICATION, AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION OR TERMINATION FROM THE BOULDER EMERGENCY SQUAD, IF PROCESSING HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED. I FURTHER CONSENT TO AN INVESTIGATION OF MY DRIVING RECORD AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND. ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE BOULDER EMERGENCY SQUAD.				
<b>Signature:</b>			<b>Date:</b>		

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**FOR RESCUERS AND ADJUNT MEMBER APPLICANTS ONLY**

**STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING OF POTENTIAL FUTURE REQUEST FOR MEDICAL INFORMATION**

For certain roles and activities as a member of BES, I understand and acknowledge that I may be asked for a written approval from a physician prior to participating in such activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ [Initials] \_\_\_\_\_ [date]

**STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING OF PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

I understand and acknowledge that the work I will do at BES is of a physical nature including, but not limited to strenuous lifting, pushing, pulling, climbing, hiking, carrying, and standing in one position for long periods of time. At some levels of participation, in certain roles, and at certain times, I may be requested and expected to perform strenuous physical exertion over varying terrain, enter the water and swim, and be exposed for long periods of time in extreme environmental elements, hot and cold, and inclement weather. For my own safety and the safety of BES rescuers and other agencies, it is important for me to be open and honest about my physical limitations and physical requirements. *[Safety is paramount and at **no time** will a member be forced to perform or be involved in any activity for which they are not ready, willing, and able].*

\_\_\_\_\_ [Initials] \_\_\_\_\_ [date]

**STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING OF NO COMPENSATION AS VOLUNTEER**

I understand and acknowledge that I am applying to be a volunteer for no compensation.

\_\_\_\_\_ [Initials] \_\_\_\_\_ [date]

**Please deliver this information to:**

Recruiter  
c/o Boulder Emergency Squad  
PO Box 18887, Boulder, CO 80308  
or to any BES officer who presents a BES photo ID.

*The disclosure and use of this information is restricted to members of the Boulder Emergency Squad.*

**ALL APPLICANTS MUST PLEASE SIGN BELOW**

Print full name

Signature

Date:

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Application received by: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

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