



Los Alamos Auxiliary Fire Brigade

4017 Arkansas Ave.
Los Alamos, NM 87544
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Membership Application

The Los Alamos Auxiliary Fire Brigade (LAAFB) has a long history of service to the local community and the State of New Mexico. We participate in sanctioned Search and Rescue operations, provide medical standby services to Los Alamos County athletic events and perform other community services.

To become a member the applicant must: 1.) express an interest in joining via this application, 2.) be 21 years of age or older or 16 to 21 years of age for our Junior Division, 3.) attend two consecutive meetings and two training sessions or have, in the opinion of two thirds majority of members in good standing, demonstrated a commitment to the LAAFB through participation in Brigade activities and 4.) read and understood the bylaws.

NAME: _____ **AGE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE:

Home _____ **Work** _____ **Mobile** _____

SKILLS and EQUIPMENT: (Medical licenses or certificates, previous Search and Rescue experience, amateur radio license, off road vehicle, or any other skills or equipment that would be useful to functions performed by the LAAFB.)

WHAT AREAS INTEREST YOU? (Check all that apply)

___ Medical Standby. See next page for expectations and requirements.

___ Search and Rescue. See next page for expectations and requirements.

___ Community Support. See next page for expectations and requirements.

Signature

Date

Signature of parent or guardian if applying for junior division

Date

Brigade requirements:

Medical Standby - Involves providing basic life support and treatment of minor injuries to event participants and spectators. Events include, for example, Los Alamos school events such as football, wrestling, etc. We also provide support for county sporting events such as the Rodeo, Tour-de-Los Alamos bicycle race, fun runs and the more arduous trail runs, roller derby, etc. The LAAFB requires persons that will provide hands on treatment to be licensed by the State of New Mexico or National Registry at the First Responder level or greater. If you don't have a license you can still participate, however, your role would be limited to supporting licensed team members. The LAAFB does not provide training necessary to acquire a license, however, we can direct you to organizations that can provide such training. The LAAFB will provide training on LAAFB specific protocols and equipment as needed.

Search and Rescue – Involves participating in state sanctioned activities to locate, treat and evacuate lost or injured persons in wilderness situations either on foot or in an off road vehicle. Must be able to support yourself in a wilderness situation for 24 hours in all weather for the seasons you are willing to participate in and be physically fit. The New Mexico “Department of Public Safety New Mexico Search and Rescue Standard Operating Procedures” require field personnel:

- a. Maintain an average of two (2) miles per hour on easy terrain with pack for two (2) miles.
- b. Maintain an average of one and a half (1.5) miles per hour on moderate terrain with pack for two (2) miles.
- c. Maintain an average of one (1) miles per hour on difficult terrain with pack for two (2) miles.

The above is a minimum and many missions require hiking, with pack, for four or more hours in difficult terrain day and night. Therefore, it is important to assess your fitness level and understand your limitations when deciding to accept a particular mission or not. You will not be penalized for not participating. The LAAFB will provide all needed training and there are also many training opportunities outside the LAAFB as well. New Mexico does not yet require certification to participate in Search and Rescue, however that will eventually change. Therefore, all persons interested in Search and Rescue should consult the resources tab of the New Mexico Search and Rescue Council web page (<http://www.nmsarc.org/resources.html>) and work to become field certified. The study guide on the Council web page also provides a list of minimum required gear.

Community Support – The LAAFB also provides other services to Los Alamos County and New Mexico when asked and we are able. For example, we display our antique fire engines for parades and other events. We will provide the training necessary to drive the old engines.