

Search and Rescue Assistance in Disasters (SARAID) USAR Technician Recruitment

SARAID are looking to recruit suitable personnel to fill the role of **USAR Technician** for our **International Response Team**.

Volunteers are needed to support our deployments, so if you're interested, this could be for you!

Gain skills and develop your experience whilst operating in large scale and developing disasters, in a completely new and evolving environment.

About SARAID

SARAID is a UK based registered charity and NGO, established in 2003, all of its members are 100% unpaid volunteers that are dedicated to trying to save the lives of innocent victims of disasters, as well as relieving human suffering around the world, regardless of colour, creed, religion or political persuasion.

SARAID's International Response Team (IRT) specialise in *Urban Search and Rescue (USAR)*, one of the most hazardous disciplines within search and rescue, and train and prepare for international deployments. We provide emergency disaster response and humanitarian assistance in the immediate aftermath of both natural and man-made disasters. Our team of dedicated, highly-trained volunteers are on standby 24/7 365 days of the year and the services we provide are absolutely free of charge to any country requesting assistance.

SARAID is a full member of the United Nations International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (UN INSARAG) and a member of the European Association of Civil Protection Volunteer Teams (EVOLSAR) and works within the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

We are currently looking to recruit suitable volunteer candidates who are dedicated and enthusiastic and willing to be trained up to join our IRT. These volunteers could when fully operational; then be called upon on short notice if required and able, to deploy internationally as part of the team.

SARAID USAR Technicians Role and Responsibilities

SARAID IRT deploys with USAR Technicians covering three basic team functions, Search and Rescue, Base of Operations (Communications & Logistics) and Coordination, dependent on current skill set. The SARAID USAR Technicians primary role includes the:

- Location and extraction of victims trapped in collapsed buildings
- Provision of humanitarian assistance as required

USAR Technicians responsibilities include:

1. Technical search,
2. Breaching and Breaking through concrete
3. Shoring using timber

4. Building and Damage assessments
5. Reconnaissance and mapping
6. Coordination
7. Being flexible to work from our field base or working as part of USAR Section to attend a worksite
8. Initial medical assessment/stabilisation of any casualties found, may require working in confined space or at height.
9. Assisting with general team Base of Operations duties including communications and logistics

Application Process

Due to the current COVID pandemic we have had to adapt our recruitment process, and this may be subject to change dependant on Government guidelines, but hopefully will be as follows:

Register interest on SARAID website	By 21 st February 2021
Online recruitment briefings	8 th – 19 th March 2021 (TBC)
Complete and return application, medical form, CV and references	By 29 th March 2021
Online interview	April 2021 (dates TBC)
Assessment Day including Functional Fitness Test and Practical Assessment	May 2021 (dates TBC) Fire Service College Moreton-in-Marsh
Selection Weekend	July 2021 (dates TBC) Brecon Beacons & Forest of Dean
Disclosure Barring Service check	Enhanced Check carried out online
Membership Fee	Direct Debit set up £10 per month

Your Commitment

If you successfully pass the Assessment Day and Selection Weekend you will be required to complete some online introduction & admin packages in your own time before you start training. After this you will be expected to attend training sessions; which are a mixture of online, theory, practical and exercises and are held on the 4th weekend of each month, it takes approx. 22 months to complete the modular training program to become Operational. You will also be expected to attend the teams annual Operational Readiness & Assessment Exercise, which runs for 5 days and is used to assess trainee USAR Technicians, Engineers and Medics to see if they have reached the required standard to become operational and also as an operational readiness test for the team. As we are a charity all members are expected to organise and attend fundraising events as well.

Full details will be explained more during the online information briefing sessions

Person Specification

All applicants must meet the minimum person specifications detailed in the essential column below. Applicants who have additional qualifications or experience listed in the desirable or beneficial column will stand a greater chance of being invited to assessment.

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE/BENEFICIAL
Age	18+	
SAR experience	No previous SAR experience is required as full training is provided	Previous experience with either Fire Service USAR Team or NGO/Voluntary organisations taken into consideration
Qualifications and Membership	None required	Individuals' qualifications or experience in related field taken into consideration.
Commitment to the team	Able to commit to the minimum number training sessions per year: Attendance at annual Operational Readiness & Assessment exercise. Able to deploy with team at short notice (within 48hrs of notification). Carry out Fundraising	
Communication	Fluent ability to effectively communicate both orally and written in English	Ability to communicate in additional languages
Health	Appropriate level of fitness & required vaccinations	
Indemnity	Must be prepared to sign volunteers agreement	
Others	Full passport DBS Check	Higher qualifications or experience in a related field



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