



San Mateo County Sheriff's Office

Mounted SAR Team

2016 MSAR Point Scheme

Summary of the MSAR Point System for Participation

MSAR Members accumulate hours and points for Training and Volunteering for official MSAR activities. Members must maintain an annual minimum accumulation of 35 Points per Year.

Starting in January, 2016, the MSAR Point System has been revised to better encourage and reflect our focus of service to our community by requesting that 10 of the total 35 points required annually are obtained through volunteer activities such as community events, patrols and callouts/searches.

1. Members must maintain a minimum of 35 points per year.
 - 12 of these points must be obtained by training with your horse.
 - 13 of these points must be obtained by attending personal meetings/trainings.
 - 10 of these points must be obtained by participation in volunteer activities such as callouts/searches, patrols or community events, either mounted or unmounted.

Senior Staff Positions will accumulate Administration Hours according to their time devoted to MSAR specific administration and maintenance. Members planning MSAR Training also accrue credit for their time. These positions may include any of the following:

- Unit Leader
- Assistant Unit Leader / Co-Unit Leader
- Records Keeper
- Web Master
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Training Coordinator, Event Coordinator, TLAER Training
- Duty Officer (aka Communications Coordinator/Liaison) & BackUps
- Facebook Administrator, Historian
- Uniforms Coordinator, MET Coordinator
- Mentor

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2. Members will receive 1 point per hour (or fraction thereof) served for any event, patrol, callout/search, meeting, training or administrative work performed specifically for our MSAR Unit. Travel and prep time necessary for serving these activities may be included and will accrue points. Hours for optional personal or horse conditioning/training may be reported, though no points will be given for those hours.

3. Any overnight stay for an activity will accrue hours based on the actual time served for the event including necessary travel and prep, but the overnight and off-duty hours will not count. *For example: Member takes 30 minutes prep time to load the trailer and get horse ready and then drives 1 hour to go to the Driscoll Ranch rodeo Friday night. Member spends the night Friday night and then does 9 hours of patrol on Saturday, drives home (1 hour) and cleans up (15 minutes). Member will report 11.75 hours total and get 12 points for that rodeo patrol. (Hours accrue only for actual time in service or specifically in prep for service.)*

4. Member hours for activities directly related to MSAR will be reported for each month to the SO, broken down into categories by activity. The total annual service hours will be reported to the SO at the end of each year. Optional personal and horse training/conditioning hours accumulate as service hours, though no points will be given for those hours. Optional activities are encouraged and appreciated and add to our total annual service hours credited to our unit and benefit unit morale and fitness.