

**AGREEMENT FOR RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY  
CENTRAL OHIO MOUNTED SEARCH UNIT**

As a Member or Friend of **CENTRAL OHIO MOUNTED SEARCH UNIT**, hereinafter known as **COMSU**, I fully understand that all activities associated with this organization, whether mounted or on foot, involve inherent risks. The skill sets required to be a capable Search and Rescue (SAR) volunteer may place a person or horse in terrain that is dangerous, i.e. crossing over fences and large obstacles or traversing steep and rough terrain. Therefore by participating I may be placing myself and/or my mount at risk for injury to life and limb. The dangers are an integral part of a SAR activity, and may include but are not limited to the following:

1. The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine.
2. The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals.
3. Hazards including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions.
4. Collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object.
5. The potential of an equestrian or non-equestrian participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to the injury, death or loss to the person, to another member, or to other persons. These acts include but are not limited to, failing to act within the ability level of the participant.
6. Tack or any other equipment failure or lack of appropriate provisions.

I accept and assume all risks of injury (including death) to myself and my property knowing the dangers of SAR.

In exchange for membership in any and all **COMSU** related organizations, I, for myself, my children, their heirs, guardians and legal representatives, release and agree not to make or bring any claim of any kind against **COMSU** as a non-profit organization, its Board of Trustees, nor any member at large for any injury (including death) to me; and I agree if anyone makes any claims because of injury (including death) by me, I will keep those released by this agreement free of any damages or costs because of those claims. A signed original of this agreement will be kept on file within the records of **COMSU** and remain active as long as the Member or Friend is in good standing.

By signing this document I state that I have read and understand this release. Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Signature

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Printed Name