



United States Homeland Emergency Response Organization

P.O. Box 90453
Austin, Texas 78709-0453

**US-HERO
Response Unit Charter Application**

Congratulations on your interest in forming a new response unit of US-HERO. During the process of forming a new response unit you should contact US-HERO for any information you might need. The completed Response Unit Charter Application (including Charter fee, and membership applications/dues), and all member applications and waivers of liability must be sent to US-HERO Headquarters for their approval and signature.

When the Response Unit Charter has been approved, US-HERO will issue and email the charter document to your Interim Leader. As well, all of the initial new members will be entered into the membership database. Your Interim Leader will be given access to the membership database system for your response unit and the ability to manage member qualifications etc.

Please mail all completed forms and fees to:

**US-HERO
P.O. Box 90453
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Office Use Only

Approval Date: _____

US-HERO Officer Signature: _____

Response Unit Name Issued: _____

Response Unit Number Issued: _____ Date: _____



OFFICIAL RESPONSE UNIT NAME and ADDRESS

Street Address/P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ County: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Interim Team Leader's Name: _____

Interim Team Leader's Telephone Information

Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

E-mail: _____

Response Unit Type

SAR Only

Disaster Only

Combined

Youth Program

Response Unit Capabilities/Focus: (Check all that apply)

Ground Team

Aviation

Equestrian

Canine

Swift water

Bicycle

Cave

Rope

Disaster

Dive Recovery

Wildland Fire

Other: Specify: _____



CHARTER

We understand that our Response Unit Charter remains the property of US-HERO, Inc., and we agree to surrender it upon demand. This Charter Agreement is between US-HERO, Inc. and applicant Response Unit. The terms and conditions stated herein are binding upon the successors, heirs, officers and members of the applicant Response Unit. Only US-HERO, Inc. may modify this agreement by advanced written notice to the Response Unit at its official address.

Response Unit Recognition Terms and Conditions Agreement

The Applicants agree to the following operational terms and conditions of this charter agreement.

We (applicant) agree:

- ◆ To submit the required US-HERO dues for each and every Response Unit member upon their joining the response unit and during the annual renewal period. All annual renewals are due by January 31st;
- ◆ To submit any and all Response Unit fees upon request by US-HERO, and to pay all debts for goods or services to US-HERO on a timely basis;
- ◆ To submit Response Unit members' complete name, address and personal data as requested by US-HERO with annual renewals or upon change;
- ◆ To annual submit a list of all Response Unit officers, their complete name, position and term of office;
- ◆ To submit copies of Response Unit incorporation papers and bylaws if applicable;
- ◆ To notify US-HERO immediately of change of Response Unit address;
- ◆ To provide US-HERO, upon request, copies of Response Unit meeting minutes, newsletter, financial records.
- ◆ To provide US-HERO with an accounting at the end of each calendar year;
- ◆ To maintain the minimum eligibility standards for US-HERO;
- ◆ To support the purposes of US-HERO; abide by all laws, rules, and regulations; and
- ◆ To further the growth of US-HERO by fostering interaction and cooperation between US-HERO Response Units and promoting the goals of US-HERO in our local area.



INDEMNIFICATION and HOLD HARMLESS

The applicants understand and hereby agree that recognition of our Response Unit, if granted, shall in no way authorize us to bind, obligate, or act for US-HERO, Inc. or any other US-HERO Response Unit, or the Board of Directors, or other personnel assigned by US-HERO, Inc. We acknowledge that the members of our Response Unit accept sole responsibility for all acts or omissions of our Response Unit or its members. Therefore, we agree to indemnify and hold harmless US-HERO, Inc. and its officers for any acts by our Response Unit.

SUSPENSION, TERMINATION and RESPONSE UNIT DISSOLUTION

The applicants understand and agree that recognition as a US-HERO may be suspended or terminated by US-HERO, Inc. The grounds for suspension or termination shall include but not be limited to any of the following:

- ◆ Failure to maintain the requisite membership, scale of activity, or necessary equipment;
- ◆ Failure to adhere to our undertakings contained in this Application, including non-payment of the fees, or annual dues for Response Unit members;
- ◆ Violation of laws and regulations or their equivalent in other countries, or conduct or behavior tending to place personal volunteer emergency services in disrepute, or to be inconsistent with the highest standards of public service to which the US-HERO program is dedicated.
- ◆ Upon the dissolution or termination of the Response Unit Charter the Response Unit shall: pay or make provision for the payment of all the Response Unit’s liabilities, and disburse all of the assets of the Response Unit by donation to US-HERO, Inc. or donation to a like organization as required by current IRS 501(c)(3) regulations.
- ◆ A full, complete audited accounting statement of disbursements shall be submitted to US-HERO, Inc. within 45 days of dissolution.

AMENDMENTS

US-HERO, Inc. reserves the right to amend, alter, change, or repel any provision obtained herein in the manner now or here after prescribed by law, and all rights conferred on to US-HERO Response Units and members herein are granted subject to this reservation.

I certify that we (applicant) have read and will abide by this charter.

Name (printed): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

