

*Statute of the  
Special Rescue Group  
St. Laxarus Corps*



*Malta Branch*



The Special Rescue Group was founded on the 16 of June 1991. It was founded to give help to all people without any discrimination to Sex, Religion, Nationality and Political opinions. Its purpose is to protect human life and health and to ensure respect for the human being thus developing the Body, the Mind and the Spirit.

It is a voluntary relief movement and not prompted in any way by any desire for any material or any other form of personal gain.

## **Mission Statement**

1. A Commitment to the belief that members of the Special Rescue Group must function as a team. That the overall success of each Division is a direct result of individual members acting in concert with one another.
  2. A deep and abiding reverence for the human life, resulting in a firm resolve that all-possible alternative and physical strength is exhausted before giving up.
  3. Recognition that we are part of a larger organisation, and that our level of success is dependent, in large measure, on the support of all the individual entities within.
  4. A conviction that consistent and intensive training is necessary for the continued success in all operational aspects of the Group.
  5. A continuing process of honest introspection into the day-to-day workings of this Special Group in order to guard against indifference and mediocrity.
  6. An enduring effort by each member to maintain the high standards required by the motto of the Group “To Assist and Care in the Service of Mankind.”
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1. There can only be one SPECIAL RESCUE GROUP in Malta but it can be divided in different sections or divisions. (See appendix A). All officers and ranks will fall under one Headquarters and the same rules apply to all (see appendix **B**).

2. The SPECIAL RESCUE GROUP shall seek official recognition by the Government as a Rescue Group, as an auxiliary to public authorities particularly to the Medical, Civil Protection, Police and Armed Forces of Malta.
3. The SPECIAL RESCUE GROUP will maintain an autonomy, which allows it to act at all, times in accordance with the rules and regulations set-up by the Staff Officers of the Group (Appendix A).
4. The SPECIAL RESCUE GROUP's term of existence is unlimited. Its headquarters will be located in any part of the Maltese Islands as decided by the National Commander on the advice of his Staff Officers and approved by the Commander in Chief International. (See appendix D).
5. The SPECIAL RESCUE GROUP comprises a central organisation consisting of Staff Officers.
6. The SPECIAL RESCUE GROUP has an emblem (Appendix C). The colours of the emblem are:

Leaves	green
Cross	blue
Triangle	bright red
Eight Pointed Cross	green
Words	bright red
Front Flying Ribbon	light blue
Back Flying Ribbon	bright red
7. Members are those persons who have served a three months' probationary period and are accepted by the National Commander.

Members are recommended to the NC, once the Offices of the Section are satisfied by their ability and qualities in the spirit of the Special Rescue Group. The decision of the NC can only be countermanded by the Commander in Chief International or his 2 IC.

8. Members must satisfy the Rules and Regulations of the Group. They must at all times respect and obey their Officers.
9. Officers have the right to suspend any person below them in rank, but must in 24 hours submit a written report to the National Commander.
  - a) The NCIC will first look at the case himself and then decide if the person should be reinstated or whether to set-up a General Court of Inquiry. The Board must be made up by officers chosen by the Staff officers but must include one senior officer from the section involved. Officers who form part of the enquiry cannot make part of the Board. The Board's decision can only be appealed at International HQ. The Decision of the CIC is final
10. Only Staff officers or persons delegated by them are authorised to give information, interviews or take part in programs whether radio or television, on matters pertaining to the Special Rescue Group.
11. The SPECIAL RESCUE GROUP must each year hold a general meeting. If possible the meeting must take place in January, but Officers can decide to change the date at a Staff meeting.

Officers' meetings must take place at least once every quarter.

Members will be placed on the reserve list if they are inactive for a set period set up by the C in C.

12. Members and NCO's will be chosen by the NCIC after being so advised by his staff. Officers must be approved by the CIC Intentional on the advice of the NCIC.

If the post of NCIC is vacant, it is the duty of the Staff Officers to find a suitable person to fill the post and approved by the CIC International. Vacant Staff positions are chosen by the NCIC on the advice of the remaining Staff officers and approved by the CIC Int.

13. The SPECIAL RESCUE GROUP can acquire and administer any property as may be deemed fit. It can accept unrestricted contributions and assistance in any form from individuals, public authorities and private bodies.

It may accept as agent or trustee, funds or property in trust or earmarked for particular use, provided that such use is within the General scope of its activities, purposes and power.

It may accept any conveyance of real estate to its use or benefit. It may constitute and administer any reserves, insurance or other funds for its staff or any of its activities.

All funds and property for the time being held by the Special Rescue Group shall be subject to control of the Staff officers. Sections should have their own accounts that are administered by officers of the

section. Accounts should be provided to the Staff officers once ever quarter who in turn will forward this to International HQ.

14. The financial year begins on the 1st January and closes on 31st December of each year.
15. The Staff Officers receive and administers all funds. The National Commander on the Advice of the Staff Officers takes decisions as to the handling and investment of the available funds. Five percent of all income is forwarded to International HQ for Administration.
16. The Staff Officers draws up and amends all regulations as are necessary.
17. The Statute can only be amended after examination by the Staff Officers. Any proposed amendments shall be handed to the Commander in Chief International for approval.

# Appendix A

## **Operations Command**

1. The Staff Officers of the group are all part of Operations Command and are responsible for the running of the sections of the group. An Officer is also directly responsible for a particular section, so that the smooth running of each section is guaranteed. Regular meeting of the Staff Officers are held to discuss strategies and plans for the SRG as well as a continuous introspection of the group.
2. Operations Command should consist of at least :  
The Commander in Chief  
Chief Medical Officer  
Director of Training  
Operations Officer
3. It is allowed that members of the Group could be members of an approved Order of Chivalry, but this is in no way mandatory.
4. Staff officers can ask advisors to take part in Operation Command meetings, but this does not give the advisors any right in decisions taking.
5. Although the group can be affiliated or joined to other organisations approved by the Commander in Chief International, the running of the group remains the responsibility of the Staff Officers.

## **Field Operations Division**

1. The Special Rescue Group shall set up a Field Operations division.
2. The Field Operations Division shall offer the following services in accordance with article 1 of the statute of the Special Rescue Group.
  - a) First Aid Posts
  - b) Rescue
  - c) Beach Patrols
  - d) Ambulance Service
  - e) Honour Guard
  - f) A backup service to the Medical, Civil Protection, Police and Armed Forces of Malta.
3. The National Commander shall be directly responsible for the Field Operations Section. He shall appoint officers responsible for the management of the division. The Section officers must give a report to the NCIC every two months. The officers of the section must meet at least every two months.
4. The Field Operations Division must have a group of officers (not less than two and not more than five), responsible for the discipline and administration of the section. These officers report directly to the NCIC. The NCIC's decision is final.
5. Officers of the Section must be responsible for accounts of the section including the management of properties acquired by the division. (at least two Officers). A financial report must be given to the staff officers every quarter.
6. Volunteers offering their services to Field Operations have to be ready to train physically and to be on call in any emergency.
7. Members of the Field Operations Division are expected to abide by the rules and regulations of the Special Rescue Group.
8. Members of this division are expected to wear the Group's uniform while on Duty. The NCIC or the Field C.O will decide the uniform of the day.
9. The Field Operations Division is part of the Special Rescue Group and as such falls under the regulations of the group and the direct administration of the National Commander.

## **Psychological Services Division**

1. The Special Rescue Group shall set up a psychological services division.
2. The Psychological Service Division shall offer services of a psychological nature to all people who need them in accordance with article 1 of the statute of the Special Rescue Group.
3. The 2IC shall be the Director of the Psychological Services Division. He shall be responsible for the organisation of courses of the instruction as well as for the management of services and personnel in his division.
4. Officers of the Section must be responsible for accounts of the section including the management of properties acquired by the division. (at least two Officers). A financial report must be given to the staff officers every quarter.
5. The Director may help financially or otherwise other divisions, provided that the application for such help is recommended by the Commander in Chief.
6. Volunteers offering their services to the psychological division have to be mature, of good moral character and be in possession of academic qualifications.
7. Helpers or associates are to be encouraged to become members of the Special Rescue Group.
8. A helper or associate who wishes to become a member is to be referred to the NCIC and proceeded as in article 7 of the statute.
9. Any helper or associate, whether a member of the Special Rescue Group or not is expected to abide by the rules and regulations of the Special Rescue Group.
10. The Psychological Services Division is part of the Special Rescue Group and as such falls under the regulations of the group and the direct administration of the NCIC.

## **The Training Division**

1. The Special Rescue Group shall set up a Training Section.
2. The division shall provide training courses to members of the Special Rescue Group and to the General Public in the following areas.
  - Basic / Intermediate / Advanced First Aid
  - First Aid at Work / First Aid in The Home
  - Paediatric First Aid
  - Specialised First Aid Courses
  - Rescue
  - Health and Safety
3. The Director of Training shall be directly responsible for the management of the Division.
4. Officers of the Section must be responsible for accounts of the section including the management of properties acquired by the division. (at least two Officers). A financial report must be given to the staff officers every quarter.
5. Volunteers offering their services to the Training division have to be mature, of good moral character and be in possession of academic qualifications.
6. Helpers or associates are to be encouraged to become members of the Special Rescue Group.
7. A helper or associate who wishes to become a member is to be referred to the NCIC and preceded as in article 7 of the statute.
8. Any helper or associate, whether a member of the Special Rescue Group or not is expected to abide by the rules and regulations of the Special Rescue Group.
9. The Training Division is part of the Special Rescue Group and as such falls under the regulations of the group and the direct administration of the NCIC.

# Appendix B

# **Rules and Regulations for Members of the Special Rescue Group**

1. Members must satisfy the Rules and Regulations of the Special Rescue Group. They must at all times respect and obey their officers.
2. Officers and NCO's must be responsible at all times for their teams, divisions or sections
3. Officers have the right to suspend any member, but must within 24 hours submit a written report to the National Commander or Brigadier. The decision of the NC can only be countermanded by the Commander in Chief International or his 2 IC.
4. The Special Rescue Group motto "*To Assist and Care in the service of Mankind*" and Mission Statement must be adhered to at all times.
5. The Special Rescue Group Statute must be followed without any exception.
6. Assistance and care must be given to all people without any discrimination to Sex, Religion, Nationality and Political opinions
7. Human life and Health must be safeguarded at all time
8. Members of the Special Rescue Group are on duty 24 hours a day. In emergency members can be called to report for active duty at any time of the day. (Members whose professional work conflicts / compliments with the Special Rescue Group, are not expected to report in, in an emergency.)
9. Members, associates and helpers of the Special Rescue Group or any of its divisions are expected to behave professionally and in a correct manner at all times, even when not on active duties.
10. Members of the Special Rescue Group are expected to report immediately to the National Commander or Brigadier any unprofessional or socially unacceptable behaviour of any other member, associate or helper.
11. Members, associates and helpers of the Special Rescue Group or any of its divisions, are expected to treat all information regarding persons who need their help in the strictest of confidence.

12. Anything confidential about our patients or regarding members of the Special Rescue Group must be kept in confidence even after the end of service.
13. Identification Cards must be carried by members at all time and worn in a visible place while on active duty if not in uniform.
14. Any Identification Cards, Badges or markings remain the property of the Special Rescue Group.
15. Any items belonging to the Special Rescue Group must be handed to one of the Administrative officers within 48 hours from the end of service.

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL RESCUE GROUP WEARING THE UNIFORM OF THE GROUP.**

## **Officers and Members**

- 1 All uniforms must be worn smartly and correctly.
- 2 Badges and insignia must be correctly placed and neatly attached.
- 3 Hair will be tidy.
- 4 Boots and shoes will be clean and well polished.
- 5 On duties, the senior officer present will indicate whether or not headgear will be worn.
- 6 In Emergency a form of identification must be shown.
- 7 Appropriate ribbons of orders, decorations and medals are normally to be worn on the left breast.
- 8 Necklaces must not be worn on uniforms. Male Members are not to wear earrings. Female members can only wear small earrings.

## **Surgeons, Doctors, Students and Nurses**

9. Surgeons and doctors, whatever their rank must wear a scarlet piping around their shoulder straps.
10. Students wear scarlet discs under their badges of rank on their shoulder straps.
11. State Registered Nurses wear scarlet piping at base of shoulder strap.
12. State Enrolled Nurses wear green piping at base of shoulder strap.

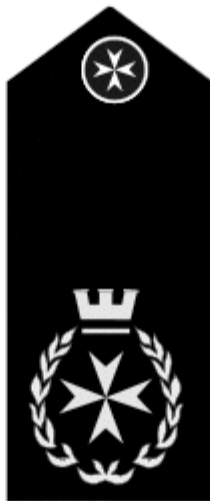
## **Officers and NCO's with Acting Rank**

13. Officers and NCO's with acting rank wear uniform and badges of the acting rank.
14. Officers and NCO's on probation wear uniform and badges of the rank they are to be promoted to.

# **Officers & NCO Ranks**



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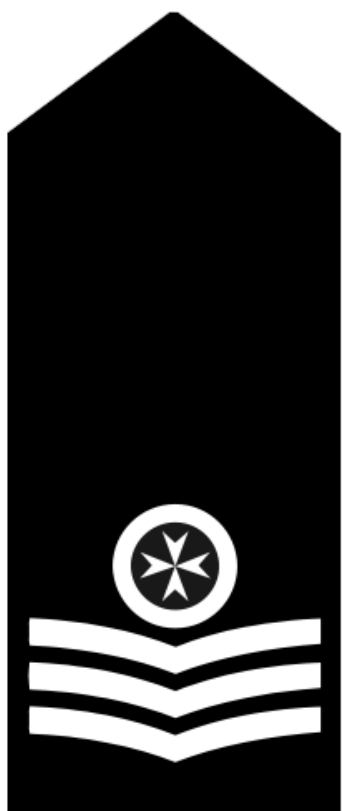
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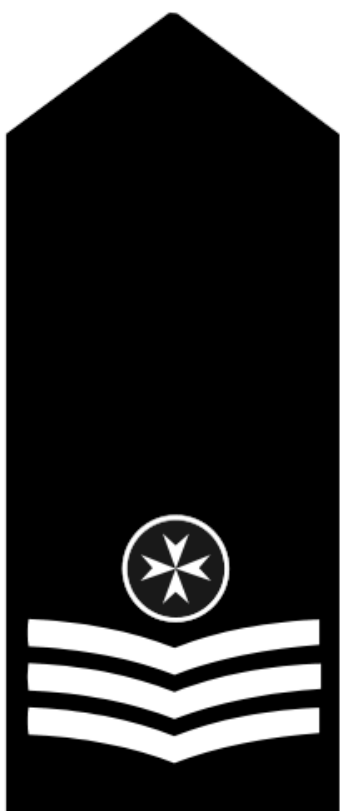
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# Special Rescue Group Officers Insignia

1.	Marshal	Commander - in - Chief International
2.	General	Surgeon General - International Second in Chief - International
3.	Brigadier	National Commanders Chief Medical Officer - International
4.	Colonel	Field Operations IC – International Director of Training - International Chief Medical Officer Ass. National. Commander
5.	Lieutenant Colonel	Director of Training Area Commander
6.	Major	Ass. Area Commander Group Chaplain
7.	Captain	Division Commander Chaplain
8.	Lieutenant	Company Commander
9.	2nd Lieutenant	Platoon Commander



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<h1>Special Rescue Group</h1> <h2>Warrant Officers &amp; NCO's</h2> <h3>Insignia</h3>
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10. Warrant Officer	Group Sergeant Major
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11. Sergeant Major
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12. Staff Sergeant	2 yrs Serv. as Sergeant.
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13. Sergeant	(Squad Leader)
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14. Corporal	(Ass. Squad Leader)
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15. Lance Corporal	2 years service
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# Appendix C



# Appendix D

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