STAR 1 Search and Rescue is an all-volunteer organization that responds to lost and missing person incidents in Iowa and the surrounding area. We provide trained and certified Ground Searchers, K9 Teams, Equine Teams and Search Management Resources. The team deploys only at the request of public safety officials.

Star Team members are trained and certified in accordance with the standards of the National Association of Search and Rescue (NASAR). All members are certified as SAR Tech IIs or SAR Tech IIIs (Ground Search Technicians) and have completed relevant ICS and NIMS Courses.

As a professional volunteer organization, we believe that training and education are crucial to the successful resolution of missing person incidents. Our regular training includes search strategies, clue awareness, crime scene preservation, search management, and night operations. All members are encouraged to continue their SAR education through recognized training programs, evaluations and seminars.

**Emergency Deployment Information**

Star 1 deploys through Story County’s Emergency Management Agency. The team will deploy only at the request of Public Safety Officials.

During Normal Business Hours
Melissa Spencer or David Cooper
Story County EMA
(515) 382-7315

After Hours or if no answer at EMA
Story County Sheriff’s Office
(515) 382-6566

STAR 1 personnel are available 24/7/365. Please call as soon as you realize you may have a search emergency. The first few hours are often the most critical and we would rather be told to stand down while en route than to arrive too late.

Individual search resources such as Search Management assistance and K9 Search Teams may be scheduled upon request. Contact Story EMA if you would like to schedule these specialized resources.

Star 1 can assist with training of other public safety organizations or participate in joint training exercises upon request.

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**Mission Statement**
STAR1 Search and Rescue assists public safety officials with lost and missing person incidents. We provide qualified search management assistance and certified search and rescue technicians throughout the State of Iowa.