

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



The Special Rescue Group was founded on the 16 of June 1991. The Group 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."
1. There can only be one SPECIAL RESCUE GROUP but it can be divided in different National divisions. (See appendix A). All officers and ranks will fall under one International Headquarters and the same rules apply to all (see appendix B).

2. The SPECIAL RESCUE GROUP shall seek official recognition by the local Government as a Rescue Group, as an auxiliary to public authorities particularly to the Medical, Civil Protection, Police and Armed Forces of the country it is operating in.
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 Operations Command (Appendix A).
4. The SPECIAL RESCUE GROUP's term of existence is unlimited. Its International headquarters will be located in any part of the Maltese Islands as decided by the Commander in Chief on the advice of his Staff Officers. If the Commander in Chief International decides to change the location of the International HQ, this has to be approved by 2/3rds of Operation command.(See appendix D).
5. The SPECIAL RESCUE GROUP compromises 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 is final.

8. Officers must always be approved at International HQ by the Commander in Chief. Officers recommendation are always received through the National Commanders
9. Officers and members must satisfy the Rules and Regulations of the Group. They must at all times respect and obey their Officers.
10. Officers have the right to suspend any person below them in rank, but must in 24 hours submit a written report to the NC or his deputy.
 - a) The National Commander 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 is final.
11. 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.
12. 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 on the recommendation of the NC.

13. NCO's will be chosen by the NC after being so advised by his staff.

If the post of Commander in Chief is vacant, it is the duty of the Operations Command to find a suitable person to fill the post. Vacant Staff positions are chosen by the CIC on the advice of the NC and the Operational Officers.

14. 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 Operations Officers. National Branches should have their own accounts that are administered by officers of that Nation. National Branches are

responsible for their own accounts, and accounts should be audited each year. A Financial report should be sent to IHQ for approval and filling.

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

Appendix A

Operations Command (International HQ)

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. International Headquarters Staff should consist of:

2.1.Operations Command

Commander in chief	Marshal, Prof. Sir David J. Zammit (Malta)
Deputy Commander	General, Don Roberto Ortiz (Brazil)
Surgeon General	General, the Chev. Dr. John Mifsud (Malta)
Chief Medical Officer	Brigadier, the Chev. Profs Victor Grech (Malta)
Field Operations Officer	Cornel Dr. Sir Nuno Cosmelli (Portugal)

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. Operation Command can invite advisors to meetings, but this does not give the advisors any right in decisions taking.
5. Although the National Branches can be affiliated to other organisations the running of the group remains the responsibility of the National Staff Officers who in turn must obey the International rules and regulations. Any Order or other affiliates cannot in any way be involved in the International or National Command.

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 his deputy. The decision of the NC can only be appealed at international Level. The Decision of the CIC is final.
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. National Branches must have their own statutes approved from IHQ.
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 his deputy any unprofessional or socially unacceptable behaviour of any other member, associate or helper.
11. Local staff officers must report immediately to the Commander in Chief international any unprofessional or socially unacceptable behaviour of the National Commanders.

12. 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.
13. Anything confidential about our patients or regarding members of the Special Rescue Group must be kept in confidence even after the end of service.
14. Identification Cards must be carried by members at all time and worn in a visible place while on active duty if not in uniform.
15. Any Identification Cards, Badges or markings remain the property of the Special Rescue Group.
16. 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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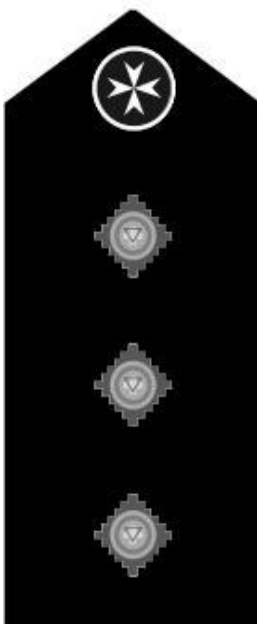
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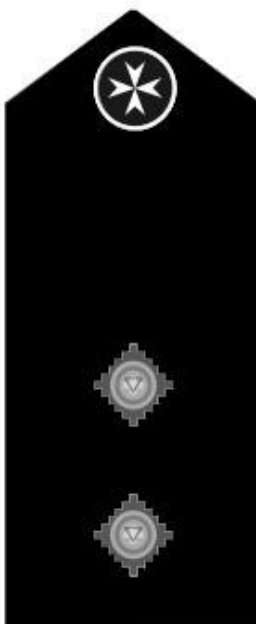
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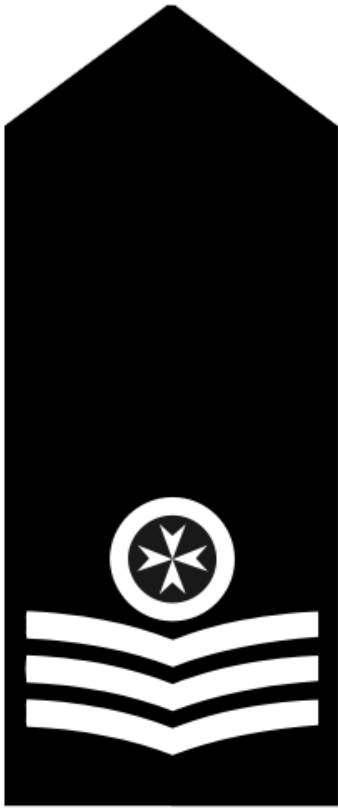
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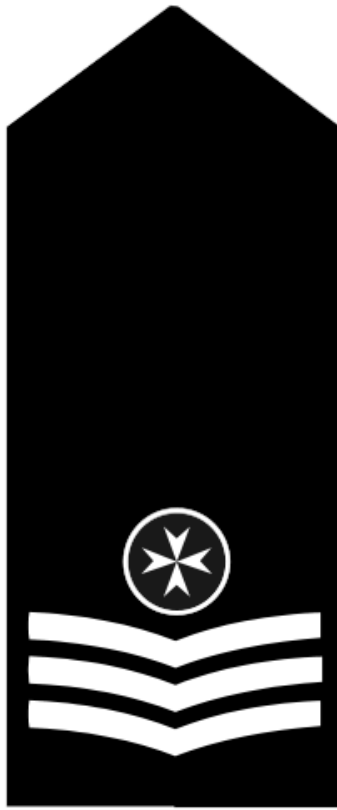
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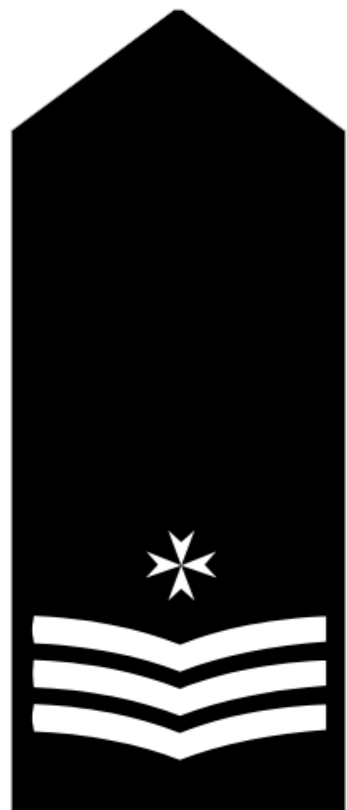
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2. General	Surgeon General - International Second in Chief - International
3. Brigadier	National Commanders Chief Medical Officer - International
4. Colonel	Field Operations IC – International Director of Training - International Chief Medical Officer Ass. National. Commander
5. Lt. 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



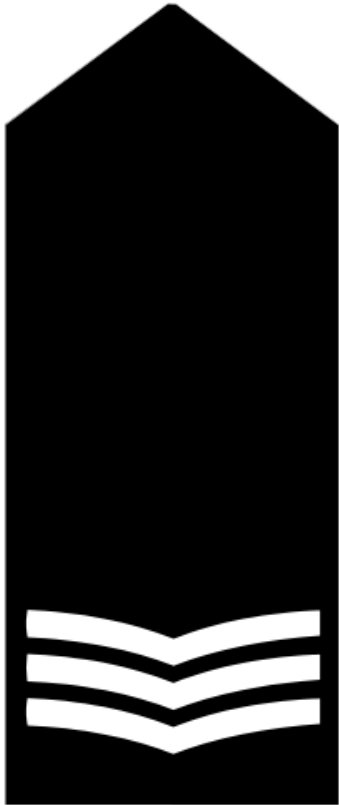
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Special Rescue Group

Warrant Officers & NCO's

Insignia

10.	Warrant Officer	Group 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

Official International Address of the Special Rescue Group is

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Pembroke PBK1224

Malta, Europe

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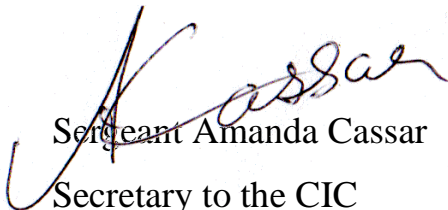
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Secretary to the CIC

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