

WELCOME TO

MONO COUNTY SHERIFF'S

SEARCH AND RESCUE

RECRUITING OPEN HOUSE

For further information or questions regarding Search and Rescue, please contact:

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Turn in application to Greg Enright @ Mammoth Lakes Laundromat.
Just south of Main St. on Laurel Mt. Road

MONO COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

INFORMATIONAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY APRIL 24th, 2002

SCHEDULE

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| 1. Welcome and Introductions | Sheriff Department |
| 2. Slide Show and Videos | Bill Greene |
| 3. Recounting The First Year Recruits of 2000 | John Hronesh |
| 4. Membership, What Are the Costs, Time and Money | Jim Gilbreath |
| 5. Training Requirements | Jeff Holmquist |
| 6. The Application Process | Jutta Schmidt- Gengenbach |
| 7. Questions and Answers | Greg Enright |
| Closing Remarks | |

REFRESHMENTS
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Mono County Sheriff Search and Rescue Team Information for New Candidates

Welcome to mountain rescue! If you are considering joining the Rescue Team, please read this packet of materials before submitting an application. Our team is a close-knit group of men and women dedicated to providing professional search and rescue services at any time, in any weather, for as long as it takes, for free. We are an all-volunteer team that has been serving Mono County and surrounding areas since 1968, and has logged over 900 missions since then. Membership in the team is fascinating, fulfilling, absorbing, and fun, and may be viewed as a life saving commitment to community service in the same way as volunteer fire department membership. It can be a major source of enrichment in your life.

The team is called out for a very wide variety of missions, including searches for the lost and missing in all types of terrain and weather, rock rescue, evacuations of all sorts, avalanche search and rescue, swift water and ice rescue, snorkel and SCUBA diving, and many other missions of unique character as we are needed. The team sometimes participates in operations outside the county when mutual aid is requested by other agencies. We typically average about 75 team events per year, including 30 to 40 operational callouts. The team works under the direction of the Mono County Sheriff's Office, and all search and rescue mission callouts are initiated by the duty Sheriff's Search and Rescue Coordinator, usually **Sgt. Boe Turner** or **Lt. Cole Hampton**.

A 9-person Board of Directors is elected each year by the membership to direct the Team's activities, however the full membership participates in all policy decisions. During field operations, the Team is directed by an Operation Leader selected from a small number of qualified members.

The team owns a lot of rescue equipment, and most of it is maintained in a ready-to-go status inside two rescue vehicles and a trailer, which are stationed at Mammoth Lakes and June Lake. When available, helicopters are often used to aid in search, rescue, and evacuations.

MEMBERSHIP

The team currently has 20 Rescue Members, and 17 Candidate Members progressing toward Rescue or Support Membership. There are 4 Support Members who possess skills and knowledge related to search and rescue but who do not normally go into the field. We also have Reserve Members, who are former members that are unable to participate regularly but wish to be called in emergencies when those skills are urgently required.

Candidate Members are treated just like Rescue Members except that they do not vote. They are expected to attend meetings, training sessions, and callouts. At best, it takes about a year for Candidates to progress through the required training to become Rescue Members. Those who do not participate actively are dropped from the roster. Of course you can't make it to all team events, but we do need your best efforts. We do not want members who respond only when it is daylight, convenient, and good weather..

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for new candidates are a minimum age of 18, a telephone, a currently valid California driver's license, and the health and physical ability to participate in team training. Technical know-how and rescue experience is NOT a requirement. All that is required is dedication and a willingness to learn, since the training program will teach the necessary skills. You must have adequate backpacking equipment and experience in using it. In addition, we look for characteristics which enable a person to become an effective rescuer - motivation, maturity, stability, tenacity, leadership, and the ability to work well with other people under stressful conditions. It also helps to have sense of humor!

Prior to a vote by the entire team, prospective candidates will be interviewed by the Qualifications Committee to make sure the prospect fully understands the mission of the team, and is willing and able to devote the necessary time and dedication to be there for a high percentage of the operations and training.

TRAINING

Training and practice is **very important**, and we have an active program. We need to work with each other frequently so that each is a known quantity to the others when a real operation occurs. Although certain members may specialize in one or more subjects, we expect all Rescue Members to be basically competent in many skills, since we never know which will be needed in any situation. Training may be strenuous, however we **stress safety** at all times. We have several training opportunities each month.

COST and TIME

If you have basic backpacking equipment (pack, sleeping bag, boots, etc.), your expenses will be limited to additional personal technical gear you may want to have. We understand that it takes time to assemble equipment, but you must have the gear listed as MANDATORY before participating in training and operations. Check the list to see what you need and estimate the cost.

Transportation costs involve gasoline and other car expenses (you will be driving to most trainings and operations). You will be reimbursed for mileage driven during callouts, but not for training. You will probably be driving over 1000 miles per year if you attend enough training to be an effective part of the team. Hopefully you will see this as recreation, because we do have a good time working with each other.

Miscellaneous expenses include the Training Manual, proper outdoor clothing, and equipment maintenance. One help is that some of these expenses may be tax-deductible and that local mountaineering stores and some manufacturers give pro-deal discounts to members. Upon attaining Rescue Member status, equipment such as radio, GPS, and some clothing is issued.

Actual operations can come at any time, so it is important to be able to go without delay. Check with your employer about getting an occasional day off, without prior notice, for searches. Counting meetings, training, and missions, you could spend several hundred hours each year as a Team member.

The work requires considerable personal commitment, from learning our procedures to attending trainings and, finally, to responding at any time to rescue calls.

SKILLS CHECKLIST

Candidate Basics

- Overview of team procedures
- Responsibilities
- Equipment
- Expectations
- Radio, Orienteering, Helicopter, Operational procedures

Mountain Navigation

- Attend map and compass class
 - Geography and coordinate systems
 - Identify route traveled on map
 - Compass fundamentals, True north, Magnetic north and declination
 - Orient map by: 1. Terrain 2. Compass
 - Take compass bearings and be able to walk them
 - Plot by UTM and Lat-Lon
 - Find Position by triangulation, other ways
 - Route finding
 - Reading of topographical maps
- Attend GPS class
 - Master functions of GPS unit
 - Find location, course and distance, coordinate conversion

Tracking

- Attend tracking class
 - Identify track
 - Fill out tracking form
 - Track step by step
 - Identify sign
 - Cut for track/sign
 - Tricks of the tracking trade

Search

- Attend search class
 - Perform type 1, 2, and 3 searching
 - Understand search areas
 - Probability of detection

Medical

- First aid card
- CPR card

Ropes and Knots

- Attend rope class
 - Be able to tie the following knots: Figure 8, Water knot, Double Fisherman, Prusik Loop, Prusik to rope, Tensionless Anchor Hitch and Improvised Seat and Chest Harness
 - Know limitations of knots, webbing, and ropes
 - Know limitations of rescue equipment

Litter

- Attend litter handling class
 - Know where litter and wheels are and how to assemble
 - Know where spider rig is and how to set up
 - Patient packaging

Radio Operations

- Attend radio class
 - General knowledge of radio communications and use
 - Basic ten codes
 - Name of county repeaters and locations
 - Set up base radio and antenna

Rescue vehicle

- Attend rescue vehicle class
 - How and where to fuel
 - Locate equipment
 - Location of vehicles

NASAR SAR-Tech II

- Attend SAR-Tech II class
 - Understanding of gear and expectations of nationally accredited teams
 - Testing in all basic areas of search and rescue

Technical Rescue

- Prior Attended Ropes and Knots class
- Attend multiple class training
 - Belay and tie off climber
 - Construct anchoring systems
 - Set up lowering system
 - Set up 3:1 raising system
 - Pass knots through raising and lowering systems
 - Change from raising to lowering and back to raising
 - Use pick off harness
 - Rig litter for horizontal or vertical evacuation
 - Act as litter attendant
 - Ascend rope using prusiks and webbing
 - Rappel and tie off
 - Rappel, ascend, rappel

Helicopter

- Attend Helitac training
 - Familiarization with helicopter
 - Safety procedures
 - Operational procedures

Backcountry

- Attend overnight campout using only the contents of your ready pack
 - General backpacking skill
 - Introduction to search and rescue skills: Navigation, First aid, Tracking, Team procedures
 - Survival techniques

Blood-Borne Pathogens

- Attend class
 - Knowledge of potential blood-borne pathogens
 - Preventative measures
 - Cleaning procedures
 - Inoculation or sign waiver

Avalanche

- Attend avalanche training
 - Knowledge of avalanche prediction
 - Safety in avalanche areas
 - Transceiver search patterns, practice, pass 3 minute test
 - Probe line search

Winter Backcountry

- Attend overnight campout
 - 3 mile snow travel with pack
 - Spend night in improvised shelter
 - Climb and descend steep snow
 - Winter survival techniques

Special Skills

- Aircraft Emergency Locating
- Lake Ice Rescue
- Ice tools and Technique
- Technical Ice Rescue
- Swift Water Rescue
- Backcountry Skiing
- Snowmobile Operations

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Suggested Personal Equipment List

Must Haves

Hasty Pack
Shelter
Paper/pencil
Flashlight and headlamp
Extra batteries
Compass
Whistle
Space blanket
Sunglasses/ sunscreen
Helitac goggles
Matches/ lighter
Knife
Food- easy 2 day supply
Water- at least 3 liters, or water filter
Windpants, parka
Lightweight layering system
Gore-tex outerwear
Head protection
Darn good boots and socks

TRACKING KIT

3 ft. tape measure
Tacking sheet/pencil
Trail tape
Mirror
Tracking stick

FIRST AID KIT

Band-aids
Tape
Wire or SAM splint
2" gauze roll, or ace wrap
4X4" , 2x2" gauze pads
1 trauma/abdominal non-absorbable pad
Antibiotic ointment
Aspirin
Ibuprofen
Safety pins, rubber bands etc.
Water purifying tablets

Seasonal

Backcountry Skis/skins
Snowshoes
Winterized boots
Gore-tex gloves

**Golly, Search and Rescue is nifty !
How do I join?**

1. Application is included with your info packet.
2. You can complete the application tonight and give it to a SAR member, or take the application and turn it in by Friday, April 26th to Greg Enright at the Mammoth Lakes Laundromat on Laurel Mt Rd.
3. Applications will be reviewed for selection of potential candidates.
4. Once selected, we will contact you by phone with an interview time. We hope to complete all interviews by Tuesday May 7th. Interviews will be held upstairs at Fire Station 2, (next to Snow Creek on Old Mammoth Rd.)
5. After a successful interview, your application will be forwarded to the Sheriff's Office for a background check.
6. If accepted, you will be invited to attend the next team meeting, which will be held Wednesday, May 8th at 7 pm, at Fire Station 2.
7. At this team meeting, there will be a vote on potential candidates (pending approval from the Sheriff Department). New Candidate Members will be eligible to begin the training program that starts after the meeting that night. Candidates will also be able to participate in operations after that time.
8. For new candidates, there will be a required training to be held Saturday, May 11th. The training is Basic Candidate Training.

MONO COUNTY SHERIFF SEARCH and RESCUE TEAM
PO Box 1954, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Application for Membership

(Note: Fill out Completely- Answer All Questions)

NAME _____ AGE _____ DOB _____ SS# _____ HT _____ WT _____
 HAIR COLOR _____ EYE COLOR _____ BLOOD TYPE _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
 PHONES: ---**HOME** _____ **WORK** _____ **CELL** _____ **PAGER** _____
 MARITAL STATUS _____ SPOUSE NAME _____ PERSONAL VEHICLE _____ 4WD? _____
 INSURANCE CO. _____ POLICY _____ LIABILITY COVERAGE? _____ EXP DATE _____
 OCCUPATION _____ EMPLOYER _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 YRS WORKED THERE _____ WORK DAYS _____ WORK HRS _____
 HIGHEST SCHOOL GRADE _____ MILITARY: _____ Branch _____ DATES _____
 MEMBERSHIP CLASS SOUGHT: **RESCUE** _____ **SUPPORT** _____

LICENSES & CERTIFICATES: list all applicable to SAR; e.g, MD, DC, EMT, First Aid, CPR, Pilot, Scuba, Radio, etc.

<u>LICENSE/CERT NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE ISSUED</u>	<u>DATE EXPIRES</u>
CA Drivers License _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

PHYSICAL CONDITION: _____ **LIMITATIONS:** _____

What do you do to stay in shape? _____

Your Doctor's Name: _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Health Insurance Provider: _____

Medicines or devices in use now & why. _____

Do you have any past or present medical or mental condition which could endanger you or others in a search or rescue operation? _____
 What? _____

Have you ever filed a workman's compensation claim? _____ Type of injury or illness? _____
 When? _____ Where? _____

LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY: Any traffic convictions (last 7 yrs)? _____ What/when? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (other than traffic)? _____ What/when? _____

Have you ever been a plaintiff or defendant in any civil court case? _____ Details. _____

Have you ever produced, used, or distributed illegal drugs of any description? _____ (Give details, including dates of most recent incidents) _____

OUTDOOR TRAINING: (Military, Scouts, Outward Bound, etc.) _____

MEDICAL TRAINING: _____ Current Certification _____

State your expected general availability for training as well as operations. _____

Restrictions to availability. _____

EXPERIENCE: (1) no experience (2) moderate experience (3) high experience

Backpacking (winter/summer) _____ : Map & Compass _____ : Climbing (rock/ice) _____ : SCUBA _____ : Tracking _____

Avalanche prediction _____ : Search management _____ : Back Country ski touring _____ SAR Ops leader _____

Swift Water _____ : Skiing _____ : Ski mountaineering _____ : Other _____

Describe your backpacking/hiking/climbing experience in the local Sierra _____

RADIO: Experience _____ Licenses _____

Radio Equipment owned: _____

Have you read "Information for New Candidates" and reviewed the equipment list? _____

Comment on the status of your equipment or your ability to acquire it. _____

Do you understand the requirements for membership specified in the information sheet? _____

Are any of the following potential problems (please be candid)? Money _____ Time _____ Family _____ Work _____

Physical condition _____ Other _____ (Please explain) _____

I want to join the Team because _____

Additional Information or Comments _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY: _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION: Any and all of the information which I have furnished herein for use in determining my qualifications may be released to appropriate authority and I hereby hold harmless the Team or other involved persons or agencies from any damages resulting from such release.

By signing this application, I hereby certify as to the accuracy of the information given, to the best of my ability.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

Date rec'd _____ Interview Date _____ Mbshp Board recom _____ Date _____
Sheriff Office approval _____ Date _____ Team vote (approval)(denial) Date _____