# Cache County Sheriff’s Office Search and Rescue

Thank you for your interest into Search and Rescue.  In the state of Utah, Search and Rescue is a unit within each Sheriff's Office.  In Cache County, Search and Rescue is a unit in our support services division, I am assigned as the SAR Commander, which is a Sergeant in our office structure.

Our Search and Rescue team members are all volunteer and not compensated for their time. The Office does provide limited equipment and uniforms; members use personal funds to purchase equipment as well.

# Visitors

Visitors are welcome to attend our monthly business meetings. Business meetings are held the first Thursday of each month, at our Search and Rescue Building located at the Cache-Logan airport. This is an opportunity to meet some of the team members, SAR administration, and myself. During this meeting we discuss the training and event schedule, which allows visitors to schedule visits to team training.  However, the second part of the meeting is a team discussion on the SAR call outs, *this is closed to the public due to the confidential nature of information discussed.*

# Requirements

 All members have to be 21 year of age, pass a background investigation, be of clean moral character, and dedicated to the service of their fellow citizens. Membership is limited to 40 members, at times the team is full, but applications are still accepted.

SAR team members train every Thursday night and respond to between 50 to 65 call outs per year.  The team is a first response EMS team that responses to all back country medicals.  Members are required to attend 75% of all training's and response to at least 50% of all call outs. Being a SAR member is a large time commitment. Those looking to place an application will undergo a few months of probate, where they are allowed to attend business meetings and non-field training, before submitting an application.

Certifications and skills that are evaluated and preferred on an application are: EMT certification, Wilderness first aid provider, NASAR Tech 2 certification, CPR certification, Avalanche Level 1, Swift Water rescue certification, Boat experience, OHV experience, winter skills, back country skiing, Orienteering, GPS and map skills, high angle and rope skills.  These are a few things that will help when applying, we understand that depending on backgrounds a person may not have all these certifications and skills.

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