

Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team Recruitment Now Open

The Search and Rescue (SAR) team is now accepting applications for new members.

SAR members are volunteers who respond to assist law enforcement in locating missing or lost subjects within the County of Santa Cruz. SAR members are trained in the discipline of Search and Rescue and respond to call outs anytime there is a person who meets the criteria for a search and rescue response. The Santa Cruz County Search and Rescue team consists of a ground team, motorcycle team and a mounted horse team.

SAR training includes a 16 hours course on basic fundamentals of search and rescue. The search and rescue team trains once a month and is involved in several community events throughout the year. Training is an important aspect for every team member and regular participation is expected.

The selection process for SAR members includes the completion of an application and supplemental questionnaires, selection interview, personal history background investigation and fingerprinting, completion of basic training.

SAR applicants must be residents of Santa Cruz County who are willing to:

- Commit to a minimum of three years of service.
- Respond to unexpected call-outs day or night.
- Work in adverse conditions. Regularly attend SAR training.
- Regularly attend SAR training and maintain appropriate certifications.
- Cooperative member of a team-oriented group focused on saving human life.

If you are interested in applying for this challenging and rewarding opportunity, complete the [Volunteer Program Application](#) and send to [Sergeant Paul Ramos](#) by email or mail no later than April 4, 2011. Please include a phone number(s) where you may be reached and the best times to reach you.

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