

Volunteers needed for Douglas County Search and Rescue

The deadline is approaching and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office is still seeking dedicated members of the community who are willing to volunteer their time to the Search and Rescue Division.

Under Oregon Law, the Sheriff of each county is tasked with the responsibility of Search and Rescue efforts. In Douglas County that means the

Sheriff is responsible for the searching for lost and missing subjects within the 5,000 square miles of the county.

The kind of people DCSR is looking for are motivated individuals willing to give their precious time to help their community. Search and Rescue is not exclusive to any particular type of person or skill set.

The Douglas County

Sheriff's Office is looking for individuals capable of physical tasks ranging from wilderness searching to technical rope rescues, to individuals willing to help prepare meals for search crews, or people who want to help maintain equipment for searchers in the field.

If you have the desire, the Sheriff's Office will provide the training, at no cost.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue unit is comprised of members of the community from age 17 to members who are retired.

Here is a list of some of the Search and Rescue disciplines:

- Mountain Rescue — Rope technical and terrain difficulty
- Mounted Searchers — Searchers on horse-

- back
- Dive Team — SCUBA
- Ground SAR — Searchers who search land of all types not technical
- 4x4 — Individuals with 4x4 drive capability
- Logistics — Individuals willing to support SAR's missions and operations
- K9 Search Team — Individuals willing to train a dog in various

SAR disciplines More information can be found at http://www.dcsco.com/search_and_rescue_N.asp An "Introduction to Search and Rescue" meeting will be held this Saturday, Sept. 12, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Douglas County Search and Rescue Building, 2586 NE Diamond Lake Blvd., Building #3, in Roseburg.

State Fire Marshal mobilizes Oregon Fire Service

Gov. Kate Brown has declared the Beachie Creek and Lionshead Fires in Marion County and the Holiday Farm Fire in Lane County as Conflagrations.

The Beachie Creek and Lionshead Fires were active overnight in the Santiam Canyon; the Holiday Farm Fire is active near McKenzie Bridge.

The invocation of the Conflagration Act by Gov. Brown cleared the way for the State Fire Marshal to mobilize firefighters and equipment to assist local resources battling the fires.

The Office of State Marshal's Green Incident Management Team has been mobilized to

the Beachie Creek Fire and Lionshead fires and the OSFM's Red Incident Management Team has been mobilized to the Holiday Farm Fire.

As of 8 a.m. Tuesday, four task forces from Marion, Benton, Linn, and Clatsop counties are deployed with the Green Team to support the Santiam Canyon communities being impacted by the Beachie Creek and Lionshead fires.

Two task forces from Polk and Yamhill counties are deployed with the Red Team.

Currently, evacuations have been ordered near both fires by local law enforcement.

In addition to its deployment of two IMTs,

the OSFM has sent resources to Klamath County to support local firefighting resources who are responding to a fire near Collier State Park.

The predicted wind event has impacted much of the state. Multiple requests for structural firefighting resources have been made through the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System.

All Oregonians should monitor communications coming from their local emergency response systems and communications from local law enforcement agencies, who are responsible for ordering evacuations.

The OSFM is asking residents to keep their

fellow Oregonians and firefighters in their thoughts.

Additional updates for the incident may be accessed at:

- Oregon State Fire Marshal Facebook: www.facebook.com/OregonStateFireMarshal/
- Oregon Department of Forestry Facebook: www.facebook.com/oregondepartmentofforestry/
- ODF statewide wildfire blog: <https://odf-wildfire.wpengine.com/>
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