

GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEARCH & RESCUE (GCSO SAR)

Overview

GCSO SAR provides various search and rescue services to Grant County and our neighboring counties under mutual aid agreements through the Oregon State Sheriff's Association and the Oregon Office of Emergency Management in Salem, Oregon. GCSO SAR averages 3 SAR missions a month, about 35 in this last year. As of October 1st, 2020 we already have 36 missions for 2020. GCSO SAR has monthly meetings, weekend and weeknight trainings most of the year. Our missions for the last year included a plethora of overdue hunters (our busiest season), overdue motorists, hikers, campers ranchers and explorers. Our missions also include helping to rescue/extricate injured horsemen with broken legs, people having heart attacks in remote areas and assistance with evacuations during fires and floods. Due to COVID the forests in Grant County have seen, in some areas, a 10-fold increase in forest use over last year with visitors coming from all over the Northwest, many from Idaho and Washington.

Mission Statement

Protect life – minimize the loss of life, injury, property damage or loss by rendering aid to persons in distress.

Vision

Our goal at GCSO SAR is to develop a team of well trained and skilled volunteers (about 30 of them) with enough training equipment and other resources so that we can handle most any SAR mission which comes our way. We are currently about 1/2 way to our staffing and equipment needs goals. COVID has created some training challenges for us but we continue to improve our skills and training for new members.

Giving Opportunities

We are always looking for funding. Please make out any donation to GCSO SAR. We will start our annual new member recruitment November 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021; come by the Sheriff's Office for information and an application. Our team needs all kinds and types of support and professional personalities which enjoy teamwork and the SAR mission: to save lives.

Fundraising Events

Ticket sales/raffles, county fair/special events, auction/trap-shoot.

Directors / Volunteers

Cindy Lemke, Kim Kell, Nathan Gordanier, Carl Metler



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