

# SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY

## MEMBERSHIP INTRODUCTION

### **Introduction:**

The Search and Rescue Council of Walla Walla County is a non-profit volunteer organization (501c3) formed in 1988. The Council is governed by the Revised Code of Washington, RCW 38.52 and the Washington Administrative Code, WAC 118.04, under the direction of the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office. Search and rescue resources come primarily from citizen volunteers who give of their time and personal resources:

- To assist in finding lost or missing persons including first aid and evacuations
- To provide training and documentation to ensure a qualified group of search and rescue volunteers.
- To promote Child Find Identification within the community.
- To promote public education of wilderness survival and outdoor safety
- To promote community disaster preparedness by supporting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) training in coordination with the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, Department of Emergency Management Services, local agencies and neighboring counties.

### **New Members Welcomed:**

The Council is always looking for new members interested in search and rescue. If you are interested in participating or just finding out more about the Council's activities, you are welcome at our business meetings and most board and team training sessions. Persons who are interested in joining the Search and Rescue Council should have the ability and desire to spend the time necessary to get and stay trained and to respond to missions that always seem to occur at the worst possible time. Rescue is our goal but safety is the foundation of everything we do. To be safe, we expect that members are in physical shape, are equipped properly, and actively participate in the trainings and practice search activities sponsored or supported by the Council.

### **Council Organization:**

#### Meetings:

General membership meetings are held on the third Wednesday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Maxson-Box Stables, 522 Last Chance Road, Walla Walla. Interested members of the public are always welcome. The membership meeting is generally preceded by a meeting of the Executive Committee at 6:30 p.m. Classroom trainings are held at the conclusion of many of the monthly business meetings. Field training sessions are held at announced times throughout the year. An annual training calendar is adopted at the beginning of the calendar year. Individual Units may have additional meeting and training requirements.

\*Attachment A: Annual Meeting and Training Calendar

#### Governance:

Membership in the Council is governed by the Bylaws and Operating Policies and Procedures. Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) are elected by the members each November and serve a one year term from January 1 through December 31. Three Members At Large serve a 2-year term, beginning on January 1. The Council has five standing committees: Community Outreach, Equipment, Fund Raising, Membership, and Training.

\*Attachment B: Officers, Committee Chairpersons, and Unit Leader List

#### Funding:

The Council is funded through public donations, membership dues, grants and other fund raising activities. Each member is expected to help with fund raising activities. Each member pays annual membership dues of \$5.00. Dues are intended to cover administrative expenses of the Council. There

are no other member fees although participation in missions and practices often results in a variety of individual expenses borne by members.

### **Becoming a Member:**

If you are interested in joining the Council, you are invited to attend one of the monthly Council meetings and/or contact the Membership Chairperson, Margaret Schacht at 509-301-7525 or [buckschacht@charter.net](mailto:buckschacht@charter.net) for an application packet and answer questions you may have about applying for membership

### **Membership Application:**

An application packet is comprised of the following:

1. New Member Information Form
2. Statement of Physical Ability for Search Duties
3. Criminal Background Investigation Authorization Form
4. Personal Responsibilities Form
5. Emergency Worker Registration Card – Department of Emergency Management
  - i. Complete ICS-100, Introduction to Incident Command System, and IS-700, Introduction to NIMS, training before a Department of Emergency Management ID card can be issued. These courses are available on-line at <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>. There is no charge for these classes and they should take two to three hours to complete.

The application packet, including copies of the certificates of completion of ICS-100 and IS-700, should be returned to the Membership Chairperson, Margaret Schacht, 1108 Rooster Road, Walla Walla, WA 99362 . Once you have submitted the application packet, you will be asked to meet informally with members of the Executive Committee to review the application and discuss the Council's goals. The purpose will be to better understand your interest in the Council. The Executive Committee will then review the application. If an application is accepted, new members will be issued an Emergency Worker card and Search and Rescue Council ID card. New Members are placed in Trainee status until they achieve the Novice certification level.

### **Classes and Qualifications of Search and Rescue Emergency Workers:**

#### Active Status:

Members have completed at least Novice level training and have paid dues for the current year.

#### Certification Levels:

There are three classes of search and rescue emergency workers: novice, support and field. The basic qualifications and training listed define each of the three classes. WAC 118-04-120

1. Novice Level:
  - a. Be physically and mentally fit for the position assigned – Current Physical Fitness form on file
  - b. Possess sufficient knowledge of search and rescue skills and techniques to fulfill their emergency assignment –completion of Search and Rescue Techniques class
2. Support Level:
  - a. Be an active SAR member and possess Novice certification
  - b. Possess knowledge of the skills required of field search and rescue emergency workers but are not required to have the field tested experience nor the physical capabilities of field-qualified members. Classroom requirements include successful course completion in:
    - i. Map and Compass and Wilderness Navigation
    - ii. Survival Skills and Outdoor Living
    - iii. Crime Scene Recognition
    - iv. Helicopter Basics

v. First Aid and CPR Cards

3. Field Level:

- a. Be an active member and possess knowledge requirements of Novice and Support Level
- b. Possess knowledge of and demonstrated proficiency in the following:
  - i. Wilderness, Map and Compass Navigation
  - ii. Survival Techniques and Outdoor Living
- c. Completion of the Human Remains Form
- d. If duties require involvement in helicopter operations, possess demonstrated knowledge and proficiency in helicopter operations – successful completion of a helicopter operations intermediate, and, as applicable, advanced course approved by the emergency management division.

**Search and Rescue Member Units:**

The Council has the following member units:

- Ground (on foot, skis, dogs)
- Medical (First Responder level or higher)
- Mounted Patrol (horses)
- Support (paperwork, base camp – no field training)
- Transportation (4X4 vehicles, snowmobile, motorcycle, 4-wheel ATV, bicycle)

Each member is assigned to at least one unit. Each unit has a Unit Leader who is the primary contact person for that unit. If your application is approved by the Executive Committee, you will initially be placed in the Ground Unit. Membership into all other units is contingent upon the desired unit's acceptance and meeting the additional requirements of the unit. Volunteers are responsible for updating their contact information to their Unit Leader and the Membership Committee Chairperson.

24 hour and 48 hour Equipment List:

Members of all units are required to personally acquire and have available essential equipment for their 24 hour and 48 hour packs. It is understood that new members may not have all items immediately. Preference should be given to those items necessary for personal safety and survival. Also note that units may have equipment requirements in addition to this list. The Unit Leader will furnish that information.

\*Attachment C: Equipment List

Washington State Search & Rescue Information:

Provided are three Web sites for your review. The first is the Revised Code of Washington, 38.52 which is the legal authority for Search & Rescue. Other subsections of RCW 38.52 are available at the site for more detail. The second site is the Washington Administrative Code, WAC 118.04, which gives more operational information. The last site is an overview of the Emergency Management Division.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=38.52.400> RCW

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=118-04> WAC

[http://emd.wa.gov/search\\_rescue/sar\\_index.shtml](http://emd.wa.gov/search_rescue/sar_index.shtml) emergency management division

Do you have questions about becoming a member of the Search & Rescue Council of Walla Walla?

Contact Margaret Schacht, Membership Chairperson:

1108 Rooster Road, Walla Walla, WA 99362

509-301-7525 or [buckschacht@charter.net](mailto:buckschacht@charter.net)

**SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY  
2010 TRAINING SCHEDULE**

**Annual Training Participation: commitment required annually to be active in SAR**

- **Weekend Training events and Practice Searches -1**
- **Meeting/Training Activities – 5**
- **Community Event Participation – 1**
- **Maintain at least Novice certification level**
- **SAR dues current**
- **24 hour equipment**
- **Hold a valid Emergency Worker card**

**January 20, 2010 – SAR Council Meeting**

**Location:** Maxson-Box Stables Meeting Room  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Training Topic:** Overview of the duties and responsibilities of Red Cross and how they interface with Search & Rescue  
**Speaker(s):** Terry Hackney, Executive Director and Disaster Response Specialist;  
Kathie Yaeger, Disaster Response Coordinator

**February 17, 2010 – SAR Council Meeting**

**Location:** Maxson-Box Stables Meeting Room  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Training Topic:** Legal forms and Liabilities  
**Speaker(s):** Jim Nagle, Walla Walla County Prosecutor

**February 21, 2010 - SAR Training**

**Location:** Maxson-Box Stables Meeting Room  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
**Training Topic:** Support level classes  
GPS, map & compass experiential  
**Speaker(s):** Shanda Zessin

**March 17, 2010 – SAR Council Meeting**

**Location:** Maxson-Box Stables Meeting Room  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Training Topic:** Incident Command System Refresher\*  
**Speaker(s):** Gayla Ernst, Director, Walla Walla County Emergency Management Department

**March 20, 2010 – First Aid and CPR Classes, Red Cross**

Time & location TBA\*

**April 21, 2010 – SAR Council Meeting**

**Location:** Maxson-Box Stables Meeting Room  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Training Topic:** Child Abduction Retrieval Team  
**Speaker(s):** Chris Buttice, WWPD Detective & Brooke Martin, Child Protection Services, DSHS

**May 21-23, 2010 – Washington State SAR Conference**

**Location:** Skamania County Fairgrounds, just west of Stevenson, WA  
<http://www.wasarconf.org/>

**May 29-30, 2010 – MSAR Fundraiser**

**Location:** Maxson-Box Stables  
**Time:** TBA

**June 16, 2010 – SAR Council Meeting**

**Location:** Maxson-Box Stables Meeting Room  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Training Topic:** Evacuation Basics & Conflict Management  
**Speaker(s):** Emergency Management Department

**July 4, 2010 – Community Service at the 4<sup>th</sup> in the Park (Pioneer)  
In conjunction with CAP**

**July 24-25, 2010 – SAR Training Weekend**

**Location & Time:** TBA  
**Training Topic:** Map & compass practice  
Demonstrate field proficiency  
BBQ  
**Trainer(s):** Shanda Zessin and others TBA

**August 18, 2010 – SAR Council Meeting**

**Location:** Maxson-Box Stables Meeting Room  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Training Topic:** Practice Search  
**Organizer(s):** John Sicocan, WWSO

**September 1-5, 2010 – Community Service at SEW Fair**

**Location:** Fairgrounds SAR Child Find booth & MSAR patrols

**September 15, 2010 – SAR Council Meeting**

**Location:** Maxson-Box Stables Meeting Room  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Training Topic:** Walla Walla Emergency Management Plan  
**Speaker(s):** John Sicocan

**October 20, 2010 – SAR Council Meeting**

**Location:** Maxson-Box Stables Meeting Room  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Training Topic:** Pot Luck & Team Building  
**Organizer(s):** Training Committee

**November 17, 2010 – SAR Council Meeting**

**Location:** Maxson-Box Stables Meeting Room  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Topic:** Election of 2011 officers  
End of year reports & 2011 Goal setting exercise

**December 15, 2010 – SAR Council Christmas Party**

Time and location TBA

**Note: Man Tracking Exercise** – in planning stage

**Helicopter Training will be scheduled.** Date and location TBA.

\* allow one hour for presentation

\*\* TBA = to be announced

**SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President	Anita Moro	509-520-7652
Vice President	John Sicocan	509-520-5389
Secretary	Nanci Shaw	509-301-1973
Treasurer	Gail Redberg	509-522-0238
Member at Large #1	Levi Heidenrich, (10-11, 2 yr)	509-540-9554
Member at Large #2	Terry Olson (09-10, 2 yr)	509-540-0825
Member at Large #3	David Fesler (09-10, 2 yr)	509-956-6258

**MEMBER UNITS & Unit Leaders**

Ground	Terry Olson	509-540-0825
Medical	Mickie Maxson-Box	509-301-6802
Mounted Patrol	Mickie Maxson-Box	509-301-6802
Support	vacant	
Transportation	David Fesler	509-956-6258

**STANDING COMMITTEES & Chairpersons**

Community Outreach/Marketing	Amber Randall	509-301-1625
	Anita Moro	509-5207652
Equipment	Levi Heidenrich	509-540-9554
Fundraising	Amber Randall	509-301-1625
	Anita Moro	509-520-7652
Membership	Margaret Schacht	509-301-7525
Training	Don Schacht	509-301-7525
	John Sicocan	509-520-5389

**Walla Walla County Sheriffs Office SAR Coordinators**

Robin Frisvold	509-629-2707
Jeff Jackson	509-301-2280

**SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY**

**24-Hour (Quick Response) Backpack**

1. Boots, hiking
2. Clothing, appropriate for weather condition (extra clothing stored in a plastic bag)
3. First aid kit, appropriate for level of training
4. Flashlight, with extra batteries and a spare bulb
5. Gaiters
6. Gloves
7. Headgear, appropriate for weather conditions
8. Knife
9. Matches (waterproof) and fire starter
10. Navigation equipment:
  - a. Compass
  - b. Maps, appropriate for search location
  - c. UMS ruler
11. Notebook and pencil
12. Signal device (flare, mirror, whistle, etc.)
13. Socks, appropriate for weather conditions (wool or synthetic)
14. Tape, grid
15. Two-way communication (one radio per team)
16. Water, 2 quarts and water purifier tablets

**48-Hour Backpack**

(For extended searches and for going on out-of-county searches)

All items listed on 24-hour backpack plus:

1. Cooking and eating kit: pan, stove with fuel, and utensils
2. Food: hot meals for cooking and snack food for energy
3. Nylon line, 50 feet
4. Rain gear
5. Shelter
6. Solar blanket
7. Survival kit:
  - a. Candles
  - b. Fish hook and line
  - c. Saw with wire and rings
8. Toilet paper
9. Water, 2 additional quarts

**Optional Personal Protective Equipment**

1. Blood borne pathogen gloves
2. CPR mask
3. Helmet with chinstrap
4. Safety glasses
5. Sunscreen
6. Sunglasses
7. Personal care items: brush or comb, toothbrush and toothpaste