

Members who join need to have a lifestyle where they are available to attend monthly trainings, meetings and can be generally available to respond to SAR missions. Members need to be able to pass a Sheriff's department background check and need to be in good emotional and physical condition. Joining a search and rescue team is a significant life style change and should be carefully considered. For more information please call or go to our web site at www.marinsar.org

Marin County Search and Rescue Unit recruits new members twice a year in the fall and in the spring. We are looking for individuals 14 years and older who can meet the above requirements and are willing to be "on call" 24 hours a day.

New members go through a 50-hour initial training called Boot Camp. They also receive First Responder medical and CPR training. Additional training and certification programs are available



throughout each calendar year.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Marin County Search and Rescue Unit and would like to request a membership packet, please call 415-499-7437 Ext. 2.

For more information on the

Marin County Sheriff's Search & Rescue Program

Call or write to the
Marin County Sheriff's
Office:

**3501 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE ROOM
145 SAN RAFAEL, CA 94903**
415.499.7437 EXT. 2
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Sheriff Robert Doyle

For scheduling a Lost in the Wilderness presentation for your group or organization, to schedule a Search and Rescue presentation from the Marin County SAR team, or to learn how to join the Marin SAR Team, please call 415-499-7437 Ext. 2.



If you are looking for excitement, new challenges, new adventures while serving your community



Did you know Marin County Search and Rescue unit . . .

- ✓ Has over 60 active members -
- ✓ over 30 youth members and
- ✓ over 30 adult members
- ✓ Responds to over 35 missions a year and nearly half are out of county
- ✓ Has seven rescue vehicles,
- ✓ computers, printers, radios and more to effectively run a mission,
- ✓ and a certified Over Head team to run a mission anywhere in the state
- ✓ Responds to many Evidence Searches for various law enforcement agencies
- ✓ Responds to natural disasters
- ✓ Conduct two general meetings and a weekend training each month
- ✓ Responds day or night, rain or shine

Marin County Search and Rescue Team



do what they do so

others may live.



The history of Marin County Search and Rescue Unit started as an ecology Explorer Post back in 1973. Within two years, the membership at that time decided to change its focus to Search and Rescue and become an Explorer Search and Rescue unit in 1975, and in 1978, the Marin County Sheriff's Department took on the unit.

As the unit became more active call volume tripled from six incidents to 18 incidents in 1989. Today the Unit has over 60 members, a dedicated management team, an annual budget from the County and responds throughout Northern California. Our Headquarters is located at a hangar at Hamilton Field.

Marin SAR responds to about 35 missions each year throughout Northern California, varying from lost hikers, backpackers, and mountain bikers to missing Alzheimer's patients, evidence searches, and missing or abducted children. Marin SAR also maintains a strong disaster response capability.

Marin SAR has started several innovative programs that include certifying to become a full Mountain Rescue team. Has started a close working relationship with the Marin County Urban Search and Rescue Team, local, state and federal parks, Marin Water District, and local law enforcement agencies.

Learning and training opportunities are non stop and include Map and Compass, Wilderness and Backcountry skills, Winter skills, Man Tracking, Rope Rescue, Heavy Rescue, ATV operations, Incident management, Medical, Communications and Disaster Operations. Safety of our members, through training is a number one priority to the team.



A typical wilderness search is for a hiker that is overdue, reported by a family member or friend. All of our members are trained in search tactics and clue awareness. In order to communicate effectively with the personnel and agencies involved we implement the Incident Command System.

60 – 70 percent of our searches are not a typical wilderness search. Some other types of missions the team is called out on are urban searches, evidence searches for law enforcement, technical rescue missions, downed aircraft and community functions.