



Sheriff - Search and Rescue

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Mission Statement

The Clallam County Sheriff's Office has a proactive commitment to providing honest, ethical, and quality service to the community with integrity and professionalism. This commitment is focused on the improvement of quality of life for those we serve by delivering the highest possible standard of law enforcement services.

Function

Clallam County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue is comprised of mostly civilian volunteers who are dedicated to safely and efficiently respond to emergency situations involving lost, overdue, or imperiled persons requiring emergency help/response. The rapid deployment of skilled personnel at any time day or night, in fair, foul, or extreme weather is the task of the Clallam County Sheriff's Search and Rescue (CCSSAR). When incidents occur, every effort is made to bring together all the critical elements of the search and rescue mission rapidly, effectively and safely. SAR members are trained to assist law enforcement in searching crime scenes that would be an encumbrance to those agencies to include large outdoor scenes, miles or roadway, or over cliffs.

Trends/Events

Search and Rescue has seen an increase in call outs over the past few years for three reasons. The first is due to inclement weather events. During the last two snow storms Search and Rescue had several call outs to rescue individuals who found themselves stranded or lost due to the snow. The second is the increase of evidence searches for local law enforcement to include two homicides and a robbery. The third is due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to cancellations of indoor activities during earlier stages of the pandemic, more and more citizens explored outdoor activities for their mental health, exercise, and inexpensive new hobbies with little or no experience.

While many of the training and public education events were cancelled during the pandemic, these opportunities are presenting themselves again and we are supporting them.

Goals

1. Maintain sufficient personnel to provide a safe and timely response to any and all emergency SAR missions. Continue to recruit qualified volunteer candidates into the SAR unit.
2. Continue to recruit qualified SAR volunteers through continuing Public Education Campaigns.

3. Ensure that all SAR personnel are provided the uniforms, equipment, and training necessary to carry out SAR missions safely and efficiently.
4. Ensure that all SAR personnel are given the opportunity to attend certified training events and conferences such as the Washington State SAR Conference.
5. Participate in public education projects to promote wilderness and outdoor safety including: County Fair, 4th of July Parades, Joyce Blackberry Festival Parade, YMCA Summer Teen Hiking Program.
6. Ensure SAR personnel have the opportunity to meet Washington State SAR Core Competency standards.
7. Acquire SAR response vehicle to replace aging SAR fleet.
8. Support CSAR in it's quest to achieve non profit status for improved funding opportunities and public outreach.

Workload Indicators

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	6/30/24 Actual
SAR Missions conducted	16	14	5
SAR Mission member hours	649	511.5	130
Public Education events	6	10	5
Public Education member hours	163	124.75	21.75
Training opportunities	35	30	12
Training member hours	620	696	394

Grant Funding Sources

This fund does not receive any grant revenue.

Revenues

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	6/30/24 Actual	2025 Budget
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	0	0	0	0
Charges for Goods and Services	0	0	0	0
Fines and Forfeits	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	1,802	0	0	1,500
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	0	0
General Tax Support	11,541	21,160	7,998	22,640
Total	13,343	21,160	7,998	24,140

Expenditures

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	6/30/24 Actual	2025 Budget
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0
Personnel Benefits	0	0	0	0

Supplies	4,354	10,899	1,168	5,300
Other Services and Charges	8,989	10,262	6,831	18,840
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	0	0	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	13,343	21,160	7,998	24,140

Staffing

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	6/30/24 Actual	2025 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00