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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

The Clallam County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue (CCSSAR) team is a dedicated group of primarily civilian volunteers committed to protecting lives through timely and effective emergency response. Our mission is to locate, assist, and rescue individuals who are lost, overdue, or in peril and in need of urgent aid.

CCSSAR is prepared for rapid deployment of skilled personnel—day or night, in all weather conditions, including severe and extreme environments. When emergencies occur, we prioritize swift coordination of all essential resources to ensure that search and rescue operations are conducted safely, efficiently, and effectively.

In addition to life-saving missions, CCSSAR members receive specialized training to support law enforcement in complex search operations. These efforts often involve large outdoor crime scenes, extended roadway searches, and hazardous terrain such as cliffs or remote wilderness. Through teamwork, training, and unwavering commitment, CCSSAR plays a critical role in safeguarding the residents and visitors of Clallam County.

Trends/Events

Clallam County Search and Rescue finally achieved 501c3 nonprofit status in 2024. This will allow them to apply for grants specific to nonprofits, and accept donations while providing charitable receipts to the gifter. 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. Ensure adequate staffing and resources to deliver a safe, effective, and timely response to all emergency search and rescue missions.
2. Sustain and strengthen recruitment of qualified Search and Rescue volunteers through ongoing public education and outreach initiatives.
3. Provide all Search and Rescue personnel with the uniforms, equipment, and comprehensive training necessary to perform missions safely, effectively, and with the highest operational standard.
4. Ensure that all Search and Rescue personnel have access to certified training programs and professional development opportunities, including participation in events such as the Washington State SAR Conference.
5. Actively engage in public education initiatives to promote wilderness and outdoor safety by participating in community events such as the County Fair, Community Parades, and Public Safety Fairs
6. Ensure all Search and Rescue personnel are provided the opportunity to meet and maintain Washington State SAR Core Competency standards through ongoing training and evaluation.
7. Acquire SAR response vehicle to replace aging SAR fleet.
8. Implement a proactive strategy to upgrade the CCSAR vehicle fleet through coordination with Clallam County ER&R, prioritizing the acquisition of serviceable surplus vehicles to ensure continued operational readiness.

Workload Indicators

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual
SAR Missions conducted	14	13	8
SAR Mission member hours	511.5	311.25	79
Public Education events	10	7	2
Public Education member hours	124.75	60.75	11.5
Training opportunities	30	34	18
Training member hours	696	1,085	635

Grant Funding Sources

This fund does not receive any grant revenue.

Revenues

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual	2026 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	0	0	0	1,001

Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	0	0
General Tax Support	21,160	17,143	8,988	26,589
Total	21,160	17,143	8,988	27,590

Expenditures

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual	2026 Budget
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0
Personnel Benefits	0	0	0	0
Supplies	10,899	1,545	2,125	8,250
Other Services and Charges	10,262	15,598	6,863	19,340
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	21,160	17,143	8,988	27,590

Staffing

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual	2026 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00