



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE**

# **Search & Rescue**

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Rocky Mountain House Volunteer Search & Rescue Society  
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Website: [www.rockysar.com](http://www.rockysar.com)

**General Meeting**

Thurs. Jan. 24, 2013  
1900 at the SAR Shack

**Upcoming  
Training****Avalanche Course**

January 20, 2013  
Location : Rocky  
Christian School Gym

**MRT Meeting**

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19:00 at the SAR Shack

**MRT Practise**

January 27, 2013  
Location : TBA

**Volunteers Needed****Bartend/  
Drive Home**

February 2/3, 2013



## Membership Participation

Rocky SAR continues to struggle with members participating at the expected levels. The same few people seem to be carrying the weight of the club in terms of mission turn-out and especially in terms of fundraising. It has been suggested that the participation requirements are not clearly understood by the team members. Rocky SAR expects that its active members attend the following each year:

- **1 Mission and/or training event**
- **1 Meeting (eg. Executive, General, MRT)**
- **1 Fundraising event**

The benefits of participation are numerous and include; Personal satisfaction for serving your community as well as high quality Rocky SAR merchandise and SAR equipment awarded through the points program.

We are actively looking at ways to improve membership participation of the many, to lessen the current load of a few. A membership handbook is currently being developed that will clearly outline Rocky SAR's participation expectations. This handbook will be presented at the AGM. The suggestion of a yearly membership fee has been presented, with re-imburse-

ment (in whole or in part) for those members that meet the team's participation requirements. The executive wishes to present the best option in order to move our team forward in the future and we need your suggestions. Please take the time to think about the importance of membership participation towards the continued success of Rocky SAR. Please send any suggestions that you have, to improve membership participation, directly to the membership director; membership@rockysar.com. Your input is highly valued and we thank you in advance.

Did you know that:

- 1) There are 61 members in Rocky SAR
- 2) In 2012 there were 15 missions/call-outs and 29 members (48%) responded, but only 18 members (30%) responded to multiple missions/call-outs.
- 3) In 2012 there were 10 training events held by Rocky SAR
- 4) In 2012 there were 26 fundraising events that generated \$10,005.00 for Rocky SAR. Only 30 members (49%) participated in fundraising events in 2012. Only 12 members (20%) participated in multiple events
- 5) Only 20 members (33%) met the participation requirements in 2012.



Rope rescue training 2012.

**Submission to the Newsletter**

Members are welcome to submit their stories or articles for inclusion in the Newsletter. Submissions will only be printed after Board approval.





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**Training Schedule**

Additional training is being made available to all members. The fourth Thursday of every month will become a training night. On nights that we hold a General Members meeting, there will be a short meeting followed by some in-house training. Please keep your eye on D4H so that you know what is coming up. The only exception to this is May 23, 2013 which is the Annual General Meeting. The first training night will February 28. If you have any training suggestions that you would like see please contact Corey at [training@rockysar.com](mailto:training@rockysar.com)



Mor rope rescue training 2012.

**Avalanche Companion Rescue Course**

Rocky SAR will hosting an Avalanche Companion Resoure course on January 20, 2013 from 18:30 - 22:00 at the

Rocky Christian School gym, 5204 - 54 Ave., Rocky. If you are interested in taking this course, sign up through D4H.

**Uniform Shirts**

Uniform shirts are at the SAR Shack. Pull-over type are \$22. See a board member and they will help you out. These shirts make us easily identifiable on a scene. Each member is required to wear these shirts on a search/rescue whenever possible.



**Winter is here!**

Check your packs!!  
Make sure you are ready when called.

**ICS 100**

For those of you who have not done so, please go to [rockysar.com](http://rockysar.com), click on the training tab and follow the link to complete your ICS 100. It is mandatory to have this course prior to going into the field on a search. We also hope in the future to have additional training in Incident Command for those of you who have completed the 100 level. The training material and exam are available online.

**FIRST AID**

Please make sure that your First Aid/CPR is up-to-date and that there is a copy in your file. This is mandated by the RCMP, if we do not have a copy on file then you cannot enter the field as an active searcher.