



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE**

# **Search & Rescue**

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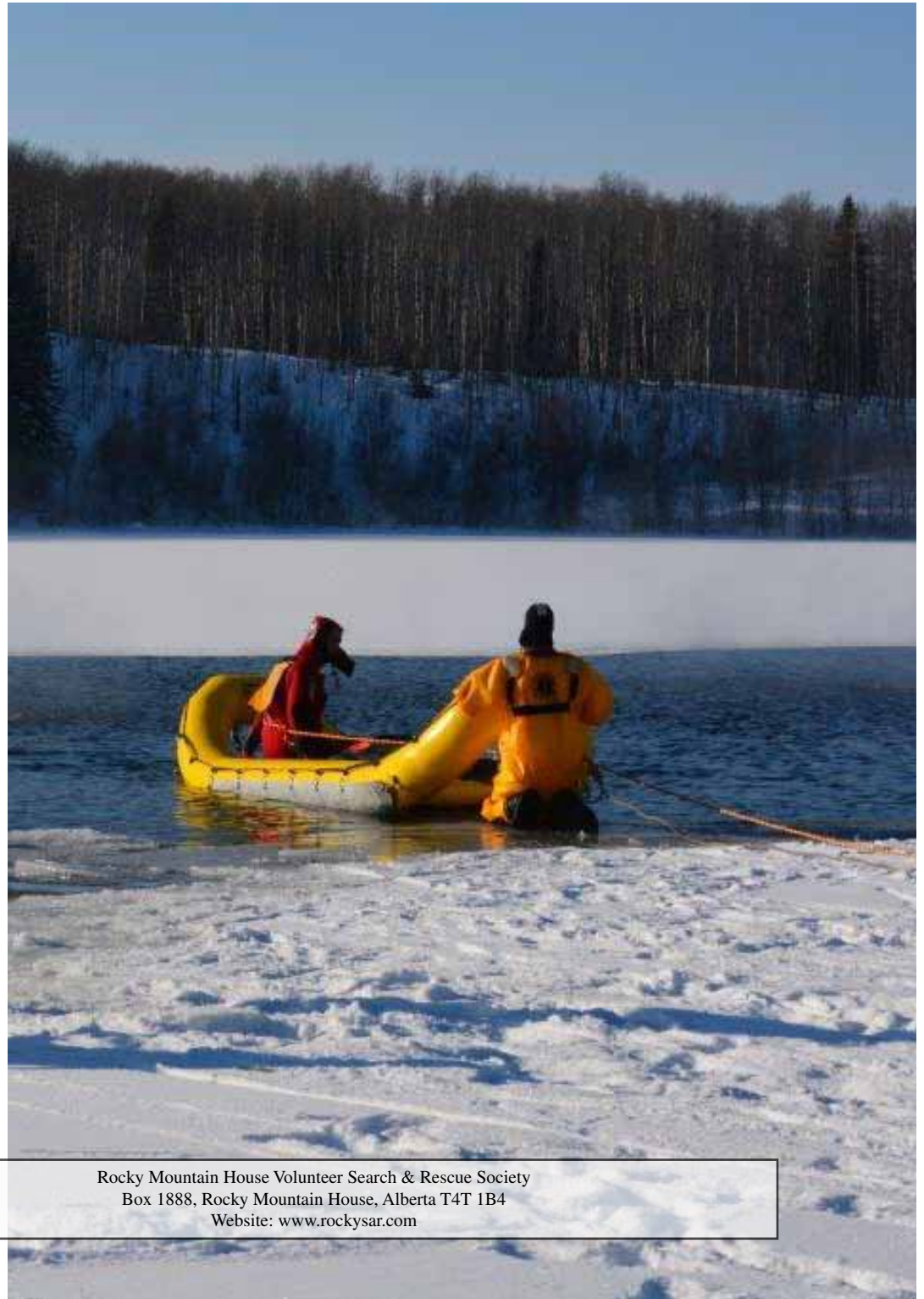
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Rocky Mountain House Volunteer Search & Rescue Society  
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Website: [www.rockysar.com](http://www.rockysar.com)

**General Meeting**

Thurs. March 27, 2014  
1900 at the SAR Shack

**MRT Meeting**  
April 15, 2014  
19:00 at the SAR Shack

**Upcoming  
Training**

**Evidence**  
March 27 after meeting

**MRT**  
March 23, 2014  
May 3 & 4, 2014

**Volunteers Needed**

June 7, 2014  
Bar/Drive Home

June 14, 2014  
Bar/Drive Home

**Membership Stats**

The 2013 Rocky SAR season was a busy one! In total, we were called upon for 16 Search and Rescue Incidents, including deployments through SAR Alberta to assist with the spring flooding in Southern Alberta. Rocky SAR hosted 28 SAR/MRT training events and held 24 meetings (including 1 Annual General Member and 4 General Member meetings).

Our organization participated in 12 community/fundraising events including the Brain Mazza trail run, the Co-op kids festival, Fright Night, the main street skateboard event, the Pumpkin Patrol and the Parade of lights to name a few. We raised additional funds by providing 20 bartending and drive home services and participated in a casino event this year. Ken Charlton and Dawn Bernard delivered 9 Hug a Tree programs (part of the Adventure Smart Series) to various kindergarten and grade 1 classes.

**Annual Statistics:**

- The 2013 roster included up to 61 members.
- 46 Rocky SAR members volunteered a total of 4,528 hours supporting the community and the organization in 2013
- We unfortunately did not see or hear from 15 Rocky SAR members in 2013
- 25 out of 43 operational members (58%) met their minimum attendance requirements
- 3 out of 18 support members (17%) met their minimum attendance requirements
- 46% of the membership met the minimum attendance requirements, which is an increase of 13% from 2012
- 28 members (46%) volunteered their time during a community/fundraising event, which is a slight decrease by 3% from 2012.
- 25 members (41%) participated in multiple events which is a substantial increase of 21% from 2012.
- Your community/fundraising efforts helped raise over \$11,000.00 for our organization in 2013.



An oldie...

**First Aid &  
ICS 100**

Note to all members, we require that all members have standard first aid/cpr and ICS 100 before going into the field as active searchers. Please make sure your certifications are up-to-date. Give certificates to either membership director, Chard Gardeski or Margriet Berkhout.

**Pets**

An RCMP request has been brought to our attention. Please do not bring any pets with you on an incident. It is safer for them and team members if they are left at home. We never know how long we will be at a given incident.



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**Membership Survey**

A Membership Survey was sent to all of the e-mail addresses on file in D4H. This survey was designed to solicit information, and your feedback, as we look to improve member engagement and provide for a more satisfying volunteering experience

for you all. We received a response from 32 members (53%). Thank you to all those that took the time to respond. Your thoughtful and constructive feedback will help shape our organization, moving forward. If you did not receive an invite to participate in the

survey, please sign into D4H and ensure that your contact information is up to date. The results of the Membership Survey will be presented at the General Members Meeting on March 27, 2014. We hope to see you all in attendance.



Alpine Helicopter out of Canmore

**SAR Campout**

Rocky SAR is holding its annual family campout on the weekend of September 27, 2014 at Buster Creek. Camping will be available for Friday and Saturday night. Come join the fun and socialize with the group. Activities for the kids and members.



Rescue Randy...

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