

CAP #1

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- ASARA is a statewide, non-profit affiliation of search and rescue organizations and individuals.
- ASARA's mission is to support the training of search and rescue personnel across the state of Alaska and bridge with the Alaska State Troopers on behalf of search and rescue volunteer organizations.
- 400 search and rescue missions across the state of Alaska every year saving the state hundreds of thousands of dollars in man-hours. Saving approximately 350 lives across the state of Alaska each year.
- ASARA represents over 500 search and rescue professional volunteers throughout Alaska
- Since 2005, ASARA has provided training for over 1000 search and rescue personnel, representing over 25 different volunteer organizations, and municipality, state, and federal agencies.
- At the request of the Alaska State Troopers, ASARA supported the development of a Type III Incident Management Team (AIMT-SAR) specific to Search and Rescue. The AIMT-SAR deployed for the first-time summer 2013, and it continues its mission today.
- There are only approximately 25 K9s in the State that are in a Certified Deployable Status for Live Find, Human Remains Detection mostly for Alaska State Troopers, they also perform Avalanche Recovery, Recovery for Drowning Victims (K9s can smell drowning victim's body oils) as well as Trail Victims such as Ashley Johnson for Law Enforcement. These K9s have in the last few years have deployed across the State.

Example

Abduction of Ashley Johnson from Kotzebue,
Alaska Search and Rescue Association sent their Alaska Incident Management Team (AIMT) to assist the one VPSO and 3 Policemen in Kotzebue when Ashley was abducted to manage the 100-150 volunteers daily that were coming to assist in her search. This Team offloaded the local officials in Incident Management so that the Police and one VPSO could continue with their law enforcement duties.

"With a commissioned count of less than 300 troopers, AST depends heavily upon the professional volunteer search and rescue organizations. There are roughly 48 volunteer organizations statewide. These volunteers drop what they are doing to answer the call for help that often interrupts regular - day jobs and family life."

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Organization Members include

Alaska Avalanche Information Center—Southcentral

Alaska Dive, Search, Rescue, and Recovery Team—Anchorage

Alaska Mountain Rescue Group—Anchorage

Alaska Search and Rescue Dogs—Anchorage

Alaska Solstice Search Dogs—Southcentral

Alyeska Resort (Ski Patrol)—Anchorage

Anchorage Nordic Ski Patrol—Anchorage

Anchorage Search Team—Anchorage

Bear Creek VFD—Kenai

Capital City Fire and Rescue—Southeast

Girdwood VFD—Anchorage

Juneau Mountain Rescue—Southeast

Juneau Ski Patrol —Southeast

Kodiak Island Search and Rescue—Southwest

MATSAR—Southcentral

North Paw K9 SAR—Anchorage

North Slope SAR—North Slope

Petersburg Volunteer FD SAR—Southeast

SEADOGS—Southeast

Sitka Mountain Rescue—Southeast

Wrangell Search & Rescue—Southeast

WSAR (Fairbanks)—Interior



K9 Search Nome for Missing Indigenous Women



Pioneer Ridge Search



SAR Team Palmer



Blackhawk Transport

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Add'l Backup

Trainings	Certifying Agency	5 Year Budget
Search and Rescue Principles		
SAR Academy 4 Day	Alaska Search and Rescue Association	\$45,000
SAR Basics 2 Day	Alaska Search and Rescue Association	\$90,000
Initial Response Incident Commander	Alaska Search and Rescue Association	\$30,000
First Aid Training		
Wilderness First Aid	Wilderness Medical Associates/National Outdoors Leadership School	\$12,000
CPR/First Aid	American Heart Association/Red Cross	\$10,000
Speciality Skills		
Rigging Rescue	Mountain Rescue Association/ASTM	\$32,000
Avalanche Level I & 2 Mountain Travel and Rescue	Alaska Avalanche School/National Ski Patrol	\$51,300
Search K9 Training		
Avalanche Detection	National Search Dog Association	\$6,000
Wilderness Airscent	National Search Dog Association	\$9,000
Urban SAR (Collapse Structure)	National Search Dog Association	\$6,000
Trailing K9	National Search Dog Association	\$6,000

Trainings	Certifying Agency	5 Year Budget
Human Remains Detection	National Search Dog Association	\$9,000
Total		\$294,300.00



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Alaska Incident Management Team for SAR (AIMT-SAR)

Purpose: AST and ASARA recognize the need to identify and support highly trained individuals with capabilities to manage multi-operational period searches. With ASARA's assistance, AST would like to develop ICS capabilities across the state of Alaska. Members of the Alaska Incident Management Team for SAR will specialize in the Incident Command System, additional search and rescue management techniques and support.

Objectives: AIMT-SAR and ASARA to:

- identify qualified personnel.