

WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		POLICY AND PROCEDURES	
SUBJECT: Search and Rescue		CHAPTER/SECTION NO.: 33.34	
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33.34 Policy

- 33.34.1 The WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE uses the Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team for organized search and rescue efforts.
- 33.34.2 The on-duty commander has the authority to mobilize the County SAR Team but should, as soon as possible, consult or notify the Sheriff, Chief Deputy or Operations Bureau Bureau Commander or designee.
- 33.34.3 Weber County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit (WCSSAR)
 - A. **The Objectives of the WCSSAR are to:**
 - 1. serve the residents of Weber County,
 - 2. provide those constituting the WCSSAR membership with training in organized technical search and rescue techniques,
 - 3. serve as a specialized resource for non-urban search and rescue missions,
 - 4. provide back-up for urban search and rescue operations,
 - 5. provide out-of area assistance at the request of the Sheriff.
 - B. **Scope and Purpose of WCSSAR is to:**
 - 1. Serve as a volunteer organization under the direction of the Sheriff's Office.

2. Be trained and organized to assist in, and respond to rescue operations which include:

- a. Water rescue and recovery
- b. Winter rescue and recovery
- c. Mountain rescue and recovery
- d. Agency assist for urban search and rescue operations

C. Specific policies and procedures are provided in the Weber County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit Directives.

33.34.4 Supplemental Communications

A. The WCSSAR may also use the Sheriff's volunteer Amateur Radio Emergency Services (A.R.E.S.) communications team for supplemental, organized communications support during on-scene operations.

B. A.R.E.S. is under the direct supervision of the Emergency Management Section Manager, and On-scene commanders may request the team activation at any time based on mission function and incident needs. See Chapter 11.10.5, Auxiliaries and Volunteers.