

BCSARA Criteria for Consideration for Inclusion on the British Columbia Volunteer Memorial Monument

It is incumbent on the Officers and Directors on the British Columbia Search & Rescue Association Board to have a set of criteria for placing the name of a search & rescue volunteer in perpetuity upon the BC Volunteer Memorial Monument.

The monument, which will be dedicated in March 2017 will have worthy search and rescue volunteers named who have died during operational and training tasks in the past. Any new additions to the monument will be added in accordance with the following criteria.

The volunteer becomes eligible if:

1. The named volunteer is an active member of a British Columbia Search & Rescue Group recognized by the BC SAR Association.
2. The named volunteer was in active response service during an operational callout or required group training event.
3. The callout or training event had a provincial assigned task number.
4. The death of the volunteer was the result of trauma received while in the performance of their response or training duties.
5. Travel to and from an operational callout or training event will be included as active duty status when in transit is to and from a staging area or Incident Command Post. Active duty status ends when the volunteer arrives at their residence or place of work following an operational callout or required training as long as travel to home or work was direct.
6. Death from medical emergency will be included as active duty status if it occurs during operations or required operational training.
7. Death from medical emergency that occurs following operations or training may be included as active duty status if the medical emergency has a demonstrated correlation to the physical activities undertaken during operations or training.
8. Death attributed to, or materially influenced by violation of laws will not be eligible.
9. Any variation from these criteria will be decided by the BCSARA Board or a selection committee created by the BCSARA Board.

Application Process:

A recognized Search and Rescue Group whose executive believes has a member who has died in circumstances that meets the above criteria may apply to have the member included on the Wall of Honour on the BCSARA website and on the SAR Volunteer Memorial. A letter outlining how the death meets the criteria, along with supporting documents, are to be sent to sarmemorial@bcsara.com for consideration and response.