

**British Columbia Search and Rescue Association Technology Committee
Call for Expressions of Interest to Participate**



BCSARA is seeking interested volunteers from the Search and Rescue community in British Columbia to submit an Expression of Interest application to join a technology committee as outlined below.

At the face-to-face Board meeting in June 2017, it was moved that BCSARA form a Technology Committee to:

- i. Examine technology issues and new technologies that affect SAR in BC;
- ii. Provide technological assistance to SAR groups; and
- iii. Help standardize technology being used by SAR groups, where appropriate.

The Committee will be co-chaired by Ed Ehrler, Director of East Kootenay Region and Andy Muma, Director of Bulkley Nechako Region and will consist of up to 5 individuals. We are seeking individuals with technology interests and experience to help move BCSARA and all SAR teams forward in utilizing the best most modern technology available to continually improve our operations and safety practises.

Once the initial committee has been struck, additional sub-committees may be formed to address specific technologies or issues. Specific areas of interest may include: digital mapping, GPS field team tracking, electronic record keeping, computer technologies for SAR incident command and search operations, and broadband networking and communications.

Expressions of Interest should contain the following information to be considered;

- Name
- Contact information: phone, email, mailing address
- SAR affiliation: SAR group, current status
- Experience in SAR: years of service, training, positions held
- Experience and knowledge in technologies related to Search and Rescue.
- Interest in participating on the committee and/or sub-committees (list areas of interest)

Expressions of Interest can be forwarded to ekootenay@bcsara.com and/or bulkleyne@bcsara.com by February 5, 2018. All Expressions of Interests received will be considered, selection will be made based on qualifications and with consideration to achieving a balance geographically and specific expertise wise. While some applicants may be asked to join the committee or sub-committees in the short term a list of others who are qualified will be maintained should other opportunities arise. All applicants will be advised of the results of their submission. Please note that these are volunteer positions, no remuneration is provided, however travel costs for in-person meetings will be reimbursed.

Thanks for your interest and commitment.

Andy Muma, Ed Ehrler
BCSARA Regional Directors