



**BRITISH COLUMBIA SEARCH AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION**  
**Call for Expressions of Interest to Participate on a Technical Rescue Committee**

The British Columbia Search and Rescue Association (BCSARA) is in the process of forming a Technical Rescue Committee. We are seeking representation from the Search and Rescue volunteer community in British Columbia and other persons with related experience and knowledge, and invite individuals to submit an Expression of Interest as outlined below. Note these are volunteer positions, no remuneration is provided, however any travel costs for in-person meetings will be reimbursed

The committee will be made up of Search and Rescue volunteers with knowledge of Technical Rescue capabilities utilized in the Ground SAR and other Subject Matter Experts, consulting in a cooperative spirit to identify and resolve matters concerning technical rescue. The committee will be chaired by a member of the BCSARA Board. The committee may establish sub-committees assigned a specific technical rescue discipline, additional members maybe appointed to the sub-committees. Most meetings will be by tele-conference, with in-person meetings held when opportunities arise.

Proposed functions of the committee are as follows; note these are subject to change:

The committee is made up of BCSARA Board members and other SAR community representatives consulting in a cooperative spirit to;

- Develop recommendations to address matters brought forward by the Board, SAR agencies, and the Province of B.C. related to technical rescue
- Provide Technical Rescue expertise to assist other BCSARA committees including the Provincial Training Committee and the Joint Search and Rescue Volunteer Health and Safety Committee
- Provide advice to the Board of any issues the committee becomes aware of related to Technical Rescue
- evaluation by subject matter experts of GSAR Groups applications to take on new capabilities
- ensuring technical rescue training courses are evaluated and revised in conjunction with the Provincial Training Committee

The following is a list of Technical Rescue disciplines, sub-committees maybe formed for some or all of these:

- Rope Rescue
- Swiftwater Rescue
- Flat Ice Rescue
- Flat Water Rescue
- Avalanche Search and Rescue
- Helicopter Rescue
- Class 'D' Fixed Line/winch Rescue
- Mountain Rescue

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

- name
- contact information: phone, email, mailing address
- SAR affiliation: SAR group, current status
- Disclosure of affiliation with any organizations that provide technical rescue services, training, or equipment
- experience in SAR: years of service, training, positions held
- experience and knowledge in specific technical disciplines
- interest in participating on the Committee and/or on specific sub-committees

Expressions of Interest can be forwarded to [sarsupport@bcsara.com](mailto:sarsupport@bcsara.com) by January 21, 2018. All those received will be reviewed, selection will be made based on qualifications and consideration to achieving a balance (geographically and specific expertise wise) on the committee. Questions regarding the call can be forwarded to [jimmcallister@bcsara.com](mailto:jimmcallister@bcsara.com) .

While some applicants may be asked to join the committee 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 the selection process.

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