



building communities together

2021 Business Plan Central Cariboo Search and Rescue (1375)

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Working in partnership with communities large and small to offer local, sub-regional, and regional services to ensure that the Cariboo Chilcotin is a socially, economically, and environmentally desirable region.

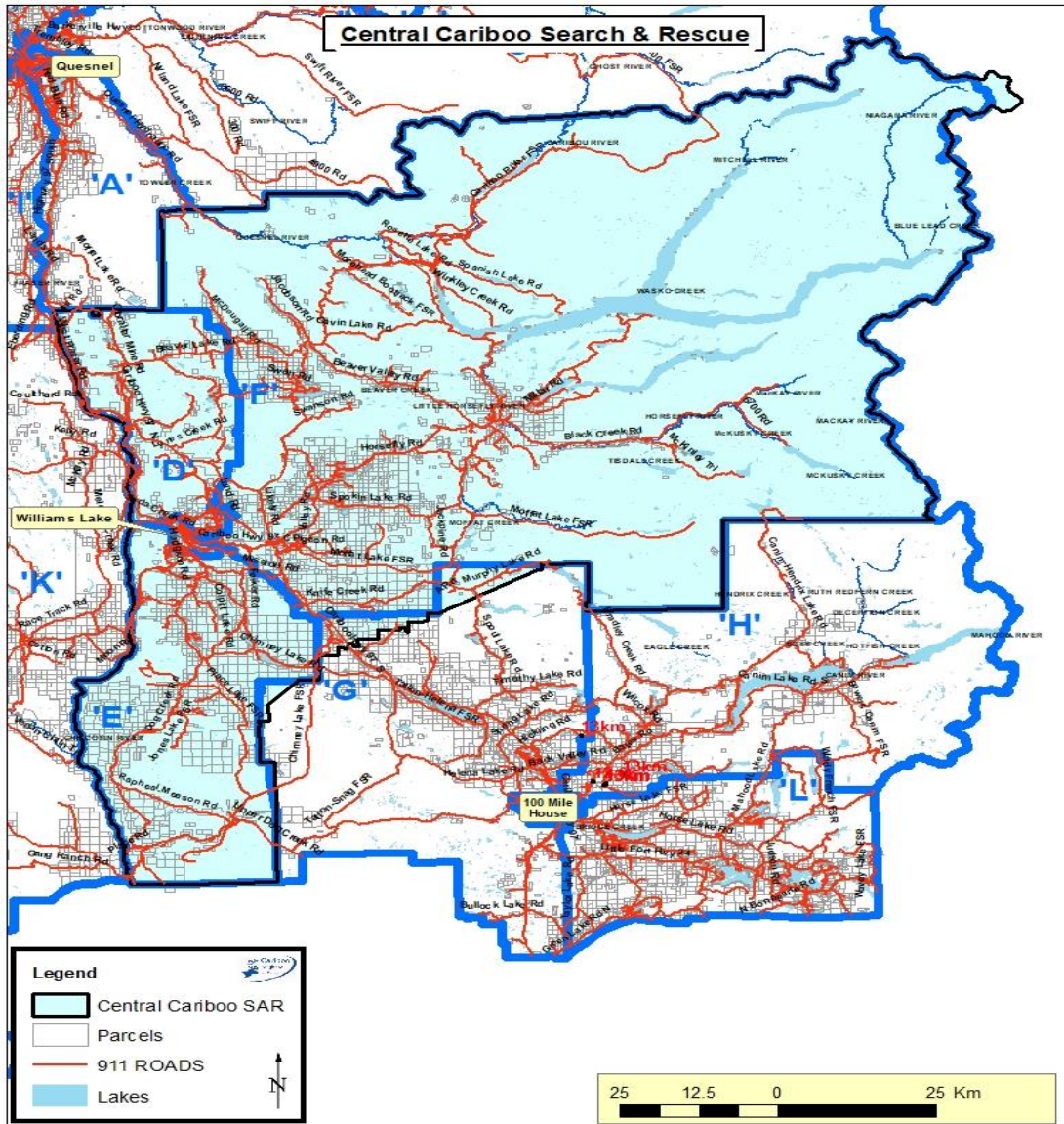
Department/Function Services



The Central Cariboo Search and Rescue (CCSAR) Unit, authorized by Bylaw No. 3228 (1996), was established as a function of the Cariboo Regional District in 1997 by means of a referendum assented to by the property owners within the local service area. CCSAR is funded by a taxation rate applied against the assessed value of land and improvements within the local service area. The maximum taxation rate that can be applied for this function is the greater of \$168,000 or \$0.14/\$1,000 of assessed value.

Central Cariboo Search and Rescue provides land, air and river searches, public education including the bear aware program and avalanche safety. They are trained and equipped to provide swift water and flatwater rescues, avalanche search and rescues, steep embankment rescues, highway rescue and auto extrications.

The Directors for Electoral Areas D, E, F and G are responsible for the governance of this service.



Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2021 Regional Protective Services Goals

- Goal:** Complete exterior repairs on siding.

Rationale: Work was not completed in 2020 due to budget conflict.

Strategy: Budget increased to complete works. Will be cost recovered with increase of rent to occupant of that building section.

2. **Goal:** Records Information Management System (RIMS).
Rationale: Staff will work with VFD personnel to implement and maintain records management for all fire department documents as per mandated requirements.
Strategy: Staff to develop a strategy for all records to be submitted to the RIMS at the main CRD office, and to ensure proper records are being updated and maintained.

2021 CCSAR Specific Goals

3. **Goal:** Deliver training for recertification that was suspended due to COVID.
Rationale: In order to maintain operational effectiveness, members must be certified in all evolutions listed in the level(s) of service.
Strategy: Carry forward unused training budget from 2020.
4. **Goal:** Purchase Auto Ex Batter Ram.
Rationale: Needed to support auto extrication operations.
Strategy: Use operational funds.
5. **Goal:** Replace light rescue truck.
Rationale: Current unit is twenty years old and requires excessive maintenance which provide diminishing returns on investment.
Strategy: Use operational funds.

Significant Issues & Trends

The CCSAR continues to seek grant funding through the BC Search and Rescue Association, to assist the group in providing additional training and equipment that may not be obtained through current taxation funds. Should the group be successful in receiving the BCSARA grant, it will be managed by the CRD and the CCSAR Chief to ensure those funds are utilized appropriately.