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2023 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.

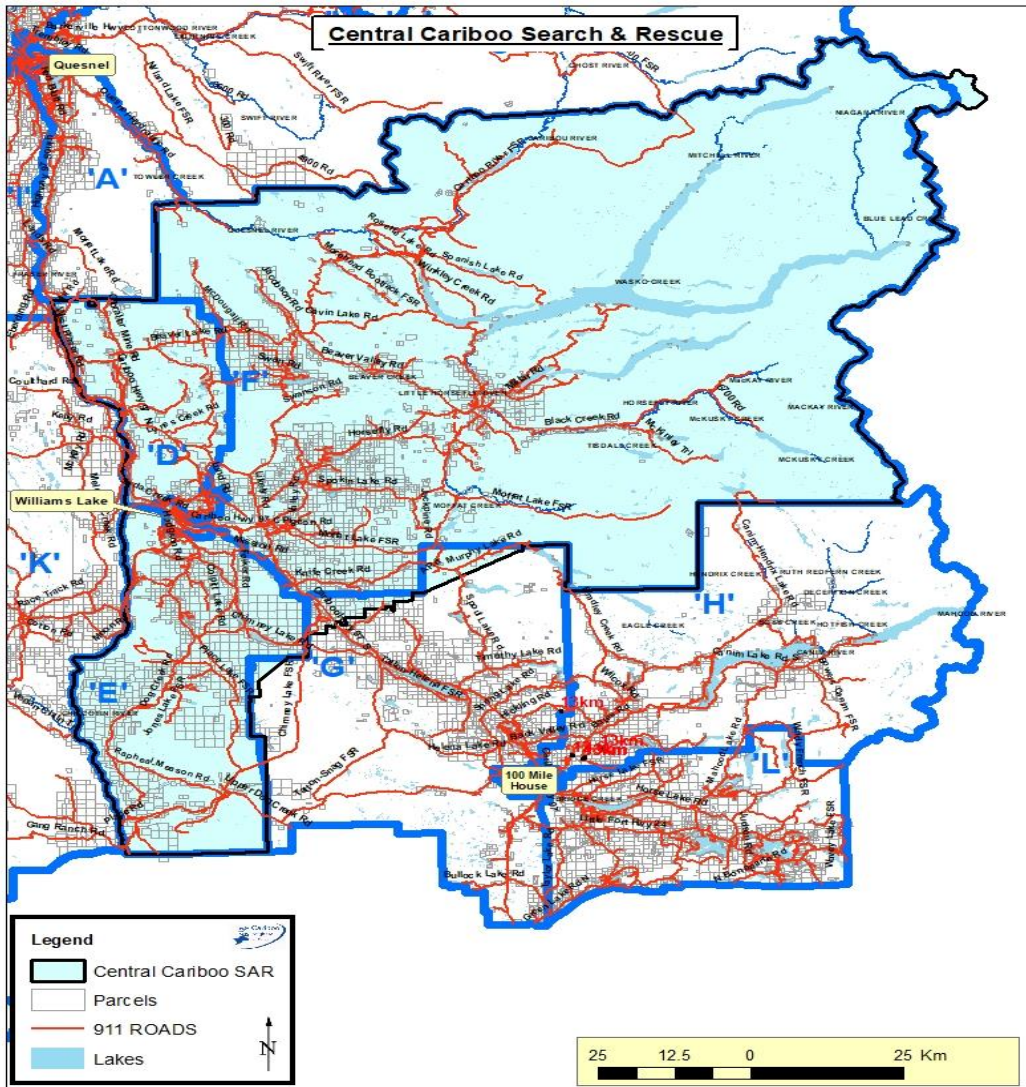
Department/Function Services



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, adventure smart programming and other public education public-safety campaigns. 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 Central Cariboo Search and Rescue organization is a group of dedicated volunteers that perform their activities at the request of the RCMP or BC Ambulance.

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



2023 Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

1. **Goal:** To continue with planned facility repairs and maintenance.
Rationale: Facility maintenance is required for volunteer health and safety, and service continuity. The search hall entry way, ramp, walkway, and interior doors are scheduled for repair, replacement and/or maintenance in 2023.
Strategy: Use up to \$35,500 for facility repairs and maintenance.

2. **Goal:** To fund communications equipment and infrastructure upgrades and repairs.
Rationale: Radio communications systems require repairs, upgrades, and replacements to prolong their lifespan, make use of existing system redundancies, and to ensure responder health and safety.
Strategy: Use up to \$5,000 for communication systems repairs and maintenance.

3. **Goal:** To fund skills development training for Auto Extrication and SAR service functions.
Rationale: Training is required for volunteer health and safety and the delivery of first responder services.
Strategy: Allocate up to \$30,000 for training for SAR and Auto Extrication service functions.
4. **Goal:** To replace Auto Extrication and SAR ropes and personal protective gear nearing the end of equipment lifespan.
Rationale: Required for volunteer health and safety and effective delivery of services.
Strategy: Use up to \$10,500 for ropes and personal protective equipment.

Significant Issues & Trends

CCSAR volunteers continue 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.

Recruitment and retention are the most significant issues for search and rescue volunteer groups throughout the Province.

Measuring Previous Years Performance

2022 Goals

- Goal:** Records Information Management System (RIMS) transition of files from CCSAR hall to CRD record keeping system.
- Implemented and ongoing.
- Goal:** Deliver training for recertification that was suspended due to COVID. Responder skills training and skills maintenance is required on an ongoing basis in order to ensure operational effectiveness. Members must be certified in all evolutions listed in the level(s) of service for Auto Extrication and land and water Search and Rescue functions.
- All appropriate training resumed in 2022.