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2025 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.

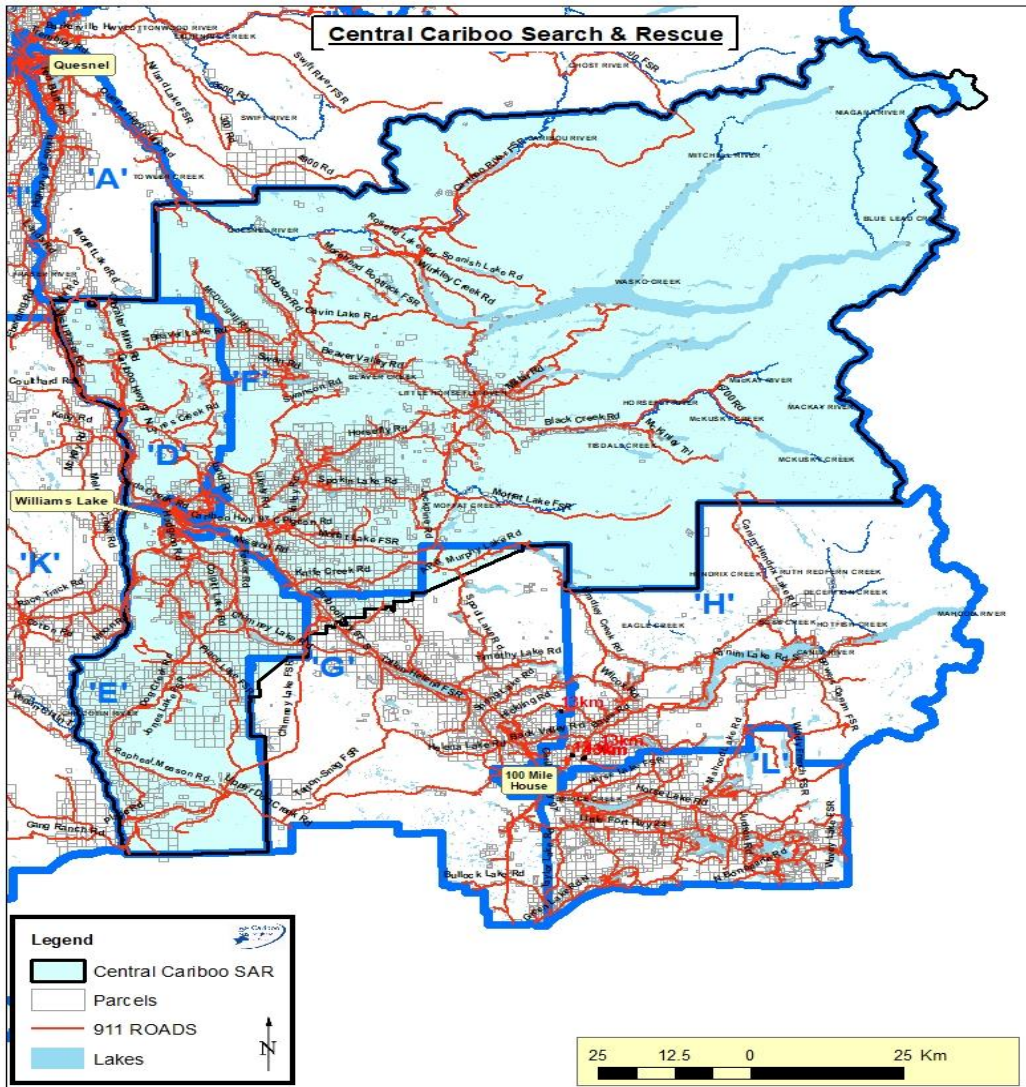
Department/Function Services



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 \$643,000 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.



2025 Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

1. **Goal:** To acquire a new auto extrication truck to replace the 2001 truck.
Rationale: The 2001 auto extrication truck is over 23 years old, with failing components and obsolete parts.
Strategy: Finance the truck purchase of \$260,000 over a five year term.

2. **Goal:** To fund communications equipment and infrastructure upgrades and repairs.
Rationale: Communication systems need upgrades and replacements to enhance response capabilities, extend their lifespan, and ensure responder health and safety.
Strategy: Allocate up to \$28,000 for communication system repairs, maintenance, and the addition of Starlink units.

- 3. Goal:** To fund skills development training for Ground SAR (GSAR) service functions.
Rationale: Training is required for volunteer health and safety and the delivery of first responder services.
Strategy: Allocate up to \$15,000 for training for GSAR service functions.

- 4. Goal:** To add and replace personal protective equipment approaching the end of its lifespan.
Rationale: Required for volunteer health and safety and effective delivery of services.
Strategy: Use up to \$35,000 for personal protective equipment and gear.

Significant Issues & Trends

CCSAR volunteers continue to seek grant funding through the BC Search and Rescue Association (BCSARA) to assist the group in providing additional training and consumables 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. Purchases of additional assets are no longer eligible under the BCSARA grant.

Central Cariboo Search and Rescue has been highly successful in recruiting and retaining volunteers, with over 60 members.

Measuring Previous Years Performance

2024 Goals

Goal: To fund communications equipment and infrastructure upgrades and repairs.
- Ongoing.

Goal: To fund skills development training for Auto Extrication.
- Complete

Goal: To purchase new response equipment for SAR member safety.
- Complete

Goal: To replace equipment nearing the end of equipment lifespan.
- Ongoing