



# Marin County Search and Rescue

**Applications must be received by Friday, February 23rd, 2018!**  
 The online application will be posted on [marinsar.org](http://marinsar.org) by late January

Dear Prospective Member:

Thank you for your interest in the Marin County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit! We have a very active team, responding to challenging search and rescue missions both locally in Marin and throughout Northern and Central California. As a certified mountain rescue team, we are often called to support missions in remote and mountainous areas of California. We are looking for high caliber and capable volunteers who are able to dedicate the time needed to train and respond to the challenging missions we support. We offer a dynamic and fun intensive training program we call SAR Boot Camp, which includes 60 hours of training held on several weeknights and two full weekends. Boot Camp training includes mostly field activities, as well as a Mt. Tam overnight with no sleeping bag. Members are expected to attend twice a month meetings and a monthly Saturday training. They must also take our highly regarded in-house 60 hour "Emergency Medical Responder" course offered annually (or obtain equivalent training) within 18 months of joining the team. Our team has 90 members from many different backgrounds and ages (14 and up). Search and Rescue is a *very* rewarding experience where you will learn many new skills and meet some great people. It also requires a higher level of time and dedication than almost any other volunteer opportunity. Please review the dates below and plan to attend several meetings to get a feel whether this is a good fit for you.

We invite people to join our team who understand the commitment required. **In order to be considered you must attend a minimum of two General Meetings before applying.** People that attend just one meeting are likely to be asked to reapply in the next cycle after they have more experience with the team. Attending these meetings gives you the opportunity to better understand the mission of Marin SAR and the level of commitment expected from each member. Also note the minimum fitness requirements shown on the application page of our website, and make sure you can meet them - there is a fitness test before boot camp!

Most applicants who have submitted a completed application will be scheduled for a panel interview. All interviews will be held the evening of March 6th. If you are selected for Boot Camp, pass the fitness test, and clear all reference and background checks (plus truth verification interview (CVSA) for adults), **you will be required to attend the following Boot Camp training dates at various locations within Marin County - no exceptions.**

**Unit Leader**

*Michael St. John*

**Operations Director**

*Bradley Haas*

**Support Director**

*Molly Williams (A)*

**Officers**

**President**

*Kobe Pole*

**Vice President**

*Caelum Kelly*

**Treasurer**

*Joey Mellburg*

**Secretary**

*Nick Forbes*

**Canine Manager**

*Ellen Kruger*

**Equipment Manager**

*Dave Gannon*

**Fundraising Manager**

*Bob Gehlen*

**MRA Team Manager**

*Robert Rye*

**Personnel Manager**

*Rich Shelton*

**Technology Manager**

*Rich Riechel*

**Training Manager**

*Woody Baker-Cohn*

Monday (Interviews)	March 5, 2018	6:30p.m. - 9:00p.m.
Fitness Test Hike	<b>TBD Dates Week of March 5</b>	
Monday (Boot Camp)	April 2, 2018	6:30 p.m – 9:30 p.m.
Sat & Sun (Boot Camp)	April 14 & 15, 2018	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Monday (Boot Camp)	April 16, 2018	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Monday (Boot Camp)	April 23, 2018	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Sat & Sun (Boot Camp)	April 28-29, 2018	7:30 a.m. Sat - 3 p.m. Sun (Overnight)
Monday (Boot Camp Grad)	May 7, 2018	6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Search and Rescue requires commitment and dedication well above that of most volunteer organizations. You can look forward to some hard, challenging work with terrific people while experiencing some great adventures. Team members work together to save lives through superior training and equipment. If you are accepted into the Search and Rescue Unit, it could change your life.

The application and the other information on our site will provide you with an introduction to the team and to answer questions about meetings, trainings and review what is expected of new members – please read it carefully. To apply, use the online form on our web site at [www.marinsar.org/apply](http://www.marinsar.org/apply). It will be posted about one month prior to the application deadline.

Sincerely,

Rich Shelton  
Personnel Manager