

SPECIALTY TEAMS

On completing GSAR training, members may pursue their interests to a higher level of training in a variety of specialty areas...

Tracking

Leaders of our tracking team have attained the top level of training in the UTS tracking system. It practices in the Spring on Monday evenings.

Swiftwater

This highly trained team provides assistance in dangerous, fast water situations. Specialized equipment and skills require continuous training throughout the year.

Technical Rope

Our rope tech team specializes in rescue from high angle situations. The team includes members with extensive climbing experience.

Ice Rescue

Members learn skills in ice rescue techniques, with training occurring during the winter months.

Mounted

The mounted team has a training program which requires well matched horse/rider teams.

Avalanche

Avalanche team members are trained to provide search assistance under the direction of CAA qualified individuals.



CONTACT

For further information concerning PGSAR...

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... or visit us on Wednesday evenings at our Hall on
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PRINCE GEORGE SEARCH & RESCUE

*... helping those in need in
the Prince George
outdoors.*



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PGSAR is responsible for assisting with outdoor emergencies in the Prince George area. When emergencies occur in other areas of the province, we may be asked to volunteer to travel to those locations.

PGSAR works under the direction of a variety of agencies. Members are expected to develop skills which will enable them to interact proficiently with agencies such as the RCMP and fire department.

Typical tasks include

- searches for lost individuals on land water, or snow
- recovery of individuals trapped by environmental hazards (avalanche, cliffs, swift water)
- treatment & evacuation of injured persons

Recent tasks have included...

- evacuate injured hiker down steep Viking Ridge trail
- find a lost hunter
- locate a senior who wandered into the bush
- assist canoeists after upsetting on Bowron Lakes



Searching can mean walking through almost impenetrable brush.

VOLUNTEERS

As unpaid professionals, volunteers with Prince George Search & Rescue are expected to act with a high degree of skill. They must be prepared to assist in challenging environments in all kinds of weather, and at any time of day. Searching is not a "fair weather only" activity.

Our volunteers are individuals who

- enjoy being outdoors
- like challenges – both physical and mental
- work well in a team environment
- care about others
- have a well developed sense of responsibility

Our volunteers come from all walks of life, and all ages. If you match the descriptions above, we can provide you training in the necessary skills for search and rescue tasks.



Rope Technical Team practicing their skills.



WHAT PGSAR OFFERS VOLUNTEERS

Education

Members of PGSAR have the opportunity to learn skills which are valuable not only in search and rescue, but in their personal lives and at their jobs.

Training

All new members complete the 100 hour GSAR (Ground Search and Rescue) course. This provides the basic skills required of searchers. PGSAR's certified trainers instruct in the wide variety of skills required. These include mapping skills, GPS, radio, outdoor survival, patient packaging, rope use, man tracking, avalanche, and more. There is no cost to our members for training.

Advanced Training

Many members choose to increase their skills by pursuing additional training in specialties such as Tracking, Swiftwater, Rope, Ice, Avalanche and Cave Rescue.

Members interested in leadership positions can undertake specialized training to become team leaders.

Our instruction is provided by members who have gone on to complete the Justice institute's Ground Search and Rescue Instructor course.

Protection

All training and emergency tasks have full WCB coverage in the event of an accident. The province provides liability insurance for all searchers on emergency tasks. PGSAR carries a liability package to protect our members in non-search situations.

Social

PGSAR provides an opportunity for like-minded people to train, work and relax together.