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# LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## NEWS RELEASE



## Search and Rescue 101

On April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15th, a group of approximately 27 new Search and Rescue Volunteers will embark on their final training exercise before earning their certification to assist on real Search and Rescue missions. This exercise encompasses two days of field proficiency testing and an overnight mock mission. The training is the culmination of a 130-hour program called Search and Rescue (SAR) 101 that each SAR Volunteer must complete. SAR 101 includes fire building skills, shelter building, search techniques, land navigation, helicopter safety, patient evacuation techniques, and wilderness first aid. One or all of these skills may be used when these volunteers are called out at any given hour to find and save a life.

In 2017, SAR conducted 165 missions. During that year, volunteers logged over 12,000 hours of training and 3,937 hours on missions. Lane County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue serves all of Lane County, and rescues include residents from all over the County as well as visitors to Lane County.

### Media Opportunity

The media is welcome to attend the practice mission portion of the overnight, which will occur the evening of April 14<sup>th</sup> around 8:00 p.m.

Please contact Sergeant Carrie Carver if you plan to send a reporter / photographer and the location will be disclosed to you at that time. To help make the training as beneficial as possible, we ask that you do not disclose the location of the training to the public until after the event.



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