

SILVER STAR SEARCH & RESCUE

To Serve so Others May Live
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HEADQUARTERS

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1997 NEWSLETTER

A Non-Profit Organization

Silver Star Search & Rescue is a non-profit organization dedicated to wilderness search and rescue. Our volunteers are on call 24 hours a day. We are supported by donations from the public and have no paid staff. We have provided emergency services to Clark, Skamania and Cowlitz counties for over 30 years. Our rescue vehicles include a snow cat, 5 3-wheeled ATV's, a 4 wheel drive ambulance, a 4 wheel drive Suburban, a 21 foot motor home and a 10K generator. Our communications include a paging system for members and 15 radios for field communications. We maintain our own headquarters in Washougal, WA located 11 miles east of Vancouver just off Highway 14. Our meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month at 7PM. Anyone interested in membership and the general public is invited to attend. We have junior memberships for those 16-17 years of age.

GRANT FROM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON FUNDS MORE PAGERS

A generous grant from the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington has made it possible for Silver Star to purchase five more pagers for our members. This brings our total number of pagers to 20. We now are able to provide pagers for all our active field-qualified members. This allows 911 to page members directly during a search and rescue mission. It also substantially decreases our response time to any disaster or wilderness emergency. Many thanks to the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington for their continuing support of our organization.

JULY GARAGE SALE IS HUGE SUCCESS

Thanks to the generous support of the residents of Camas, Washougal, Vancouver and many other communities in Clark County, our July garage sale was a huge success. Silver Star members spent two months collecting donations, setting up display tables and pricing merchandise. Extensive advertising in local papers and at area businesses attracted hundreds of customers. Many thanks to all our customers. Your support is much appreciated.

1997 FUND RAISER GOALS

As always, our financial goal this year is to raise money for our annual operating expenses. We will also be continuing a fund to purchase a one-ton truck with crew cab which will have the power necessary to tow our new snow cat. We have been fortunate to receive grants for new equipment. However, these grant monies are normally matched dollar for dollar by our own money. Grants are not available for operating expenses so our operating expenses and matching grant funds are still funded completely by YOUR support! We thank you for your past support and hope you will continue to support us in the future.

SNOW CAT UPDATE

Silver Star's new snow cat, donated in 1995 by the F.A.A., made its debut during cooperative training with other area SAR teams during a winter survival training weekend. Our snow cat transported 18 SAR volunteers and all their gear to advanced base camp as well as compacting deep powder snow to make it passable for snowmobiles. This past summer the snow cat was equipped with a snow plow blade to further increase its capabilities. We look forward to utilizing our snow cat during Snow Patrol duties on Mt. St. Helens and for snow rescue and transport services anywhere it is needed in Clark, Skamania or Cowlitz counties.



SAR volunteers guide tag line as gurney is hoisted into helicopter during December training

SEARCH AND RESCUE

1996 MISSIONS / CALLOUTS

01/27 Nurses' Net
 01/28 Nurses' Net
 01/27 Lost Hunter - Siouxon Area - Standby
 01/31 4 Lost Construction Workers - Cowlitz County
 02/03 Nurses' Net
 02/04 Nurses' Net
 02/04 Missing Family - Larch Mountain
 02/05 Sandbag Assistance - Washougal Fire Dept.
 02/07 Helicopter Rescue - Washougal River
 02/08 Sandbagging & Evacuation - Camas / Washougal
 02/09 Evacuations - Fruit Valley Road
 02/09 Sandbag Delivery - Salmon Creek Sewage Treatment Plant
 02/19 Sandbagging - Pearson Airport
 02/21 Sandbagging Standby - Pearson Airport
 02/28 Crime Scene Search - Brush Prairie
 03/28 Lost 75 Year old Alzheimers Woman - Cowlitz County
 03/29 Lost 5 year old Boy - Lewis County
 06/14 Crime Scene Search - Sunset Falls Campground
 06/18 Crime Scene Search - Hokinson
 07/06 Lost 10 year old boy - Hazel Dell
 10/12 3 Missing 12 year old boys - Skamania County
 10/18 58 year old missing woman
 11/16 2 Lost Hunters - Trapper Creek Wilderness - Skamania County
 11/18 Lost Hunter - Beaver Bay Campground - Cowlitz County
 11/23 Lost Hunter - Yale Lake Boat Dock - Cowlitz County
 12/27 Snowcat Transport - Lookout Mountain
 12/28 Missing 4 wheel drive enthusiasts - Larch Mountain



Silver Star Members wait for sand delivery during the flood of '96. Members filled hundreds of sandbags which were distributed to local residents and to the Salmon Creek Sewage Treatment Plant.

SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT LIST

Silver Star Search & Rescue suggests its members carry the following items with them on searches in a small pack:

Map & Compass	Sunglasses
Flashlight & Batteries	Extra Water
Extra Bulb	Raingear
Extra food & Clothing	Knife
Firestarter	First Aid Kit
Heat Packs	Tube Tent
Plastic Whistle	Grid Ribbon
Space Blanket	Pen & Paper
Toilet Paper	Large Garbage Bags

*If you are staying overnight also include in a larger pack:

Tent	Additional Food
Mess Kit	Additional Water
Additional Clothes	Sleeping Pad & Bag

SILVER STAR PARTICIPATES IN COOPERATIVE TRAINING WITH OTHER SAR GROUPS

Silver Star members frequently participate in cooperative training with other area SAR teams. This last year we joined Wind River Search and Rescue for a winter survival weekend in Skamania County and also a Basic Helicopter Rescue course - Level 3 taught by the 54th Air Med from Fort Lewis, Washington.

SILVER STAR PROVIDES ASSISTANCE DURING FLOOD OF '96

The flood of '96 was preceded by a weekend of heavy snow, a week of cold, clear weather and then a warming trend which brought freezing rain. Melting snow and the arrival of heavy rains then caused devastating flooding all over the Northwest.

Silver Star members responded to seemingly endless callouts. These included two weekends of Nurses' Net where hospital employees were driven to work, sandbagging, sandbagging and more sandbagging, evacuations, a lost family on Larch Mountain, and assisting with a helicopter rescue on the Washougal River. We even helped save the Salmon Creek sewage treatment plant by delivering and unloading over 400 sandbags, made the previous night, to the location.

As the flood waters receded and everyone finally got some rest our own building in Washougal was in danger of flooding when the dike 3 miles east of Washougal began to weaken. A door to door evacuation alert occurred shortly after midnight on Sunday, February 11th in the neighborhood where our building stands. During the night the dike was reinforced with sandbags and by morning the danger had passed.

SURVIVING NORTHWEST WEATHER DISASTERS

Power outages, ice storms, snow storms, wind storms and floods... How can you and your family be better prepared to survive these winter inconveniences? The following are some very basic survival items you and your family should have available in case of Northwest weather disasters:

- Flashlights, candles or oil lamps for light. Also extra batteries, matches and extra lamp oil.
- Camp stove or barbeque for cooking. WARNING - do not cook indoors.
- Food for 4-5 days.
- Keep extra ice in your freezer (1 liter pop bottles filled with water work well) - your frozen food will keep longer even without power.
- Water : 1 - 2 gallons per person per day.
- In case of long power outages (4-5 days) confine your family in one room with extra blankets or sleeping bags to conserve heat.
- Talk with your neighbors - see if they would be willing to share resources or services (ie. babysitting, firewood, chainsaws) .

SILVER STAR SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES

Silver Star Search and Rescue's greatest attribute is the DIVERSITY of services it provides to Clark, Skamania and Cowlitz counties. No other agency provides ALL of the following services:

- Wilderness and Urban Search and Rescue
- Crime Scene assistance - Clark and Skamania county Sheriff's Depts.
- Nordic Ski and Snowmobile Patrol - Mt. St. Helens
- Rock Rescue Services
- Snow Cat transport and rescue services
- Certified Citizen Emergency Response Team members (CERT)
- Nurse's Net Services
- Participation in majority of parades in Clark and Skamania counties
- Hunter's Safety, Survival, CPR and First Aid classes
- Educational survival displays at community events

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- . Attend 3 Business Meetings (1st Saturday of each month)
- . Valid CPR Card
- . Valid Standard First Aid Card or above
- . Successful Background Check with the Clark County Sheriff's Office

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED TO BE FIELD QUALIFIED:

- . Pass a pack inspection and a physical fitness qualifying hike
- . Complete Search & Rescue Training in the following:
 - Radios Communication Search & Rescue Techniques
 - Map and Compass Survival Techniques
 - Helicopter Safety Crime Scene & Death

1996 MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS

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WE NEED YOUR HELP !!

Our annual operating expenses are funded totally by your support. We are staffed and managed entirely by volunteers. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated. COME TO OUR RESCUE AND SEND YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TODAY!

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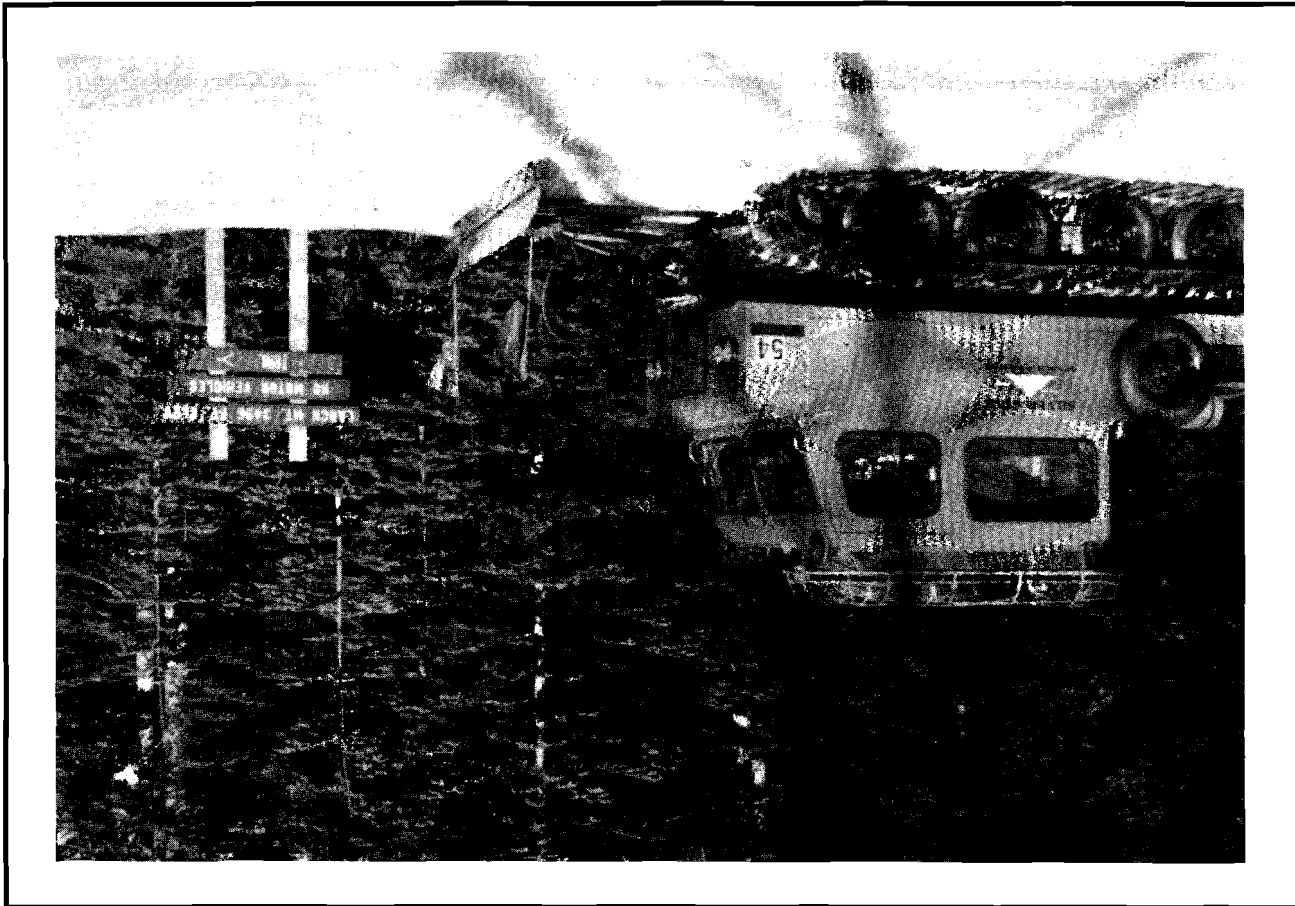
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- Enclosed is a check for \$ _____. Your check is your receipt.
- I am interested in applying for membership. Please send an application.

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