



# Central Okanagan Search & Rescue

## Organisation

- EMBC accredited
- Registered charitable society
- Provincial mandate
- RCMP – BCAS – Coroner – BC Parks



# Central Okanagan Search & Rescue

## Commitment

- January 30, 2014 to January 30, 2015:
- 47 Tasks
- 2080 searcher-hours
- 10,000 hours of Training, Admin, PR, Fundraising etc.



# Central Okanagan Search & Rescue

## Funding

- CORD - Operational & Capital
- EMBC – Expense Rmbrs. → Operational
- BC Gaming – Capital & Training
- Community – Capital & Training



# Central Okanagan Search & Rescue

## Personnel

- 38 active members
- Operate closely with Orchard City Amateur Radio Club
- Support from Kelowna Snowmobile Club



# Central Okanagan Search & Rescue

## Major Equipment

- 2 x F-350 Response vehicles\*
- 1 Mobile Command Center
- 5 ATV ( 4 x 2-up)
- 5 Snowmobiles + toboggan
- 1 soft-hull inflatable boat
- 1 26' aluminum hull boat



# Central Okanagan Search & Rescue

## Expertise

- First Aid
- Tracking
- Surface-Based Underwater Searching
- High Angle Rescue
- Radio Communications
- Computerized Mapping



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## Training

- First Aid
- Communications
- Off-Road vehicles
- Tracking
- Incident Command
- High Angle Rescue
- Swiftwater
- Avalanche



# Central Okanagan Search & Rescue

## Goals

- Improved Safety Practices
- Community responsiveness
- Faster response times
- Equipment replacement and upgrades\*
- Better communications technology
- Improved Large Scale Event preparations





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## Success Stories

- Drowning Victim recovery
- Out-of-bounds skiers
- Greystokes injury
- Father/Daughter stranded above Peachland



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## Funding Priorities

*It's not all about the money, but it doesn't happen without some money!*

- First Aid Training / Equipment
- Vehicle Replacement program\*