Search & Rescue

Mission Statement

To assist the Sheriff's Office, other State, County, and City Government Organizations in any and all emergencies, and to assist these organizations or private groups in community service functions in a professional manner when authorized by the Sheriff's Office.

Prior Year Inputs/Outputs

FTE (2019):
- 0 FTE
- 34 Volunteers

- 42 Emergency Call Outs
- 61 Training Events
- 10 Community Engagements
- 133 Total Events
- 8% Increase in call outs
- 3,776 hours of volunteer service

- 1 Assigned Vehicle
- 5 Snowmobiles
- 6 ATV's
- 1 Sisu Nasu
- 5 Trailers

Core Functions & Services

- Emergency Search & Rescue in mountains, waterways, and urban areas of the county
- Community events (safety training events)
- 100% professional volunteers available 365 days a year, 24 hours a day

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Current Year Projected Outcomes

2020 YTD Statistics

- 35 Emergency Call Outs
- 41 Training Events
- 0 Community Engagements (COVID)
- 76 Total Events
- Approx. 3,500 hours of volunteer service
- Team recertified 9/19/2020 with MRA

Budget Funded Initiatives

- Purchased capital equipment to rotate fleet and improve ability for call outs
  - Two Snowmobiles, two ATVs, one vehicle
- Purchased safety equipment to ensure safety of volunteers and citizens in need of rescue
  - Avalanche rescue gear, swift water life jackets, helmets, harnesses
- Attended professional training
  - Avalanche and Rope/High Angle

Next Year Budget Initiatives

The Search & Rescue team continues to prioritize professional training for our volunteers as well as providing them with the gear and equipment to complete rescue situations safely, timely, and successfully. Training in 2021 will include dive, swift water, and avalanche. Operating equipment requests include medical equipment, cold weather equipment, safety gear, snow equipment, and dive and swift water equipment.

As we review our current capital equipment and assess our future needs, we have determined that in order to perform successful rescues additional equipment is needed. We are requesting two 4-wheelers, one side by side, and a Jeep style vehicle to serve as a quick response vehicle that can maneuver easily on mountain terrain.