



# Whatcom County Search & Rescue

## Member Unit Expectations

Revised and Adopted  
March 2025

Each member Unit is a support team of the Whatcom County Search & Rescue Council. Member Units share space, an identity in the community, and a common goal to serve the community in the realm of life safety. In an effort to provide a cohesive and consistent resource to the Sheriff's Office, each member Unit and its members are expected to adhere to the following expectations.

- All member Units' primary focus shall be Search & Rescue. All members of each Unit shall support Search & Rescue activities.
- Follow the council bylaws.
- Units will only participate in missions, trainings, or PR activities with an approved mission number.
- Units will not dispatch untrained or unqualified members as defined by the agreement between the Council and the Sheriff's Office.
- Units and Unit members will not deploy outside of their scope of training.
- Units and Unit members are all part of the same parent organization. As such, Units and their members are expected to support each other and not disparage other Units.
- Keep records of training for Unit members and be able to provide copies of those records to the WCSAR Council or Sheriff's Office when requested.
- Unit Delegates or Presidents will ensure council information is shared with their membership.
- No one may enter the building without an active mission number. Any injuries or equipment damage that occurs without a mission number will be the full responsibility of the member and will not be covered by SAR or state insurance.
- Every time the building is accessed, a sign in sheet will be filled out and sent to the DEM. A copy shall also be sent to the council for insurance liability tracking.
- Guests (anyone not holding an Emergency Worker Card) entering the building are required to sign the hold harmless agreement each time they enter the building. Signed agreements shall be scanned and sent to the council for liability tracking. WCSO employees are exempt.
- Unit owned, council owned, or county titled vehicles will not be used or leave the SAR building without a mission number. Exception would be a unit owned AND unit insured vehicle.
- Council owned equipment will not be used or leave the building without a mission number and must be signed out when used on a mission or training activity.
- Respect other Units and their equipment. Do not use, borrow, or move other Unit's equipment or possessions unless there is prior authorization from the Unit lead. Keep Unit equipment within the boundaries of each Unit's assigned area.
- The Search & Rescue Building is not to be used for personal activities.
- After every use, all garbage cans must be emptied, counters cleaned, dishes washed, and food put away to keep the rodents at bay. Leave the shared space in a clean and tidy manner for the next user.
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I have read and agree on behalf of the Unit I represent to adhere to the Unit expectations. My signature acknowledges that the Unit I represent is aware of the guidelines and any repercussions from failing to follow the guidelines will fall upon the Unit leadership and not the council leadership.

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