



# Grand County

## Job Description

<b>Title:</b>	Search & Rescue Technician II	<b>Job Code:</b>	<b>2675</b>
<b>Division:</b>	Search & Rescue	<b>Effective Date:</b>	9/2017
<b>Department:</b>	Sheriff	<b>Last Revised:</b>	

### GENERAL PURPOSE

Performs a variety of **advanced level professional search and rescue** duties related to search and rescue requests for Grand County.

### SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Works under the direct supervision of the Search & Rescue Commander.

### SUPERVISION EXERCISED

Provides close to general supervision to the SAR Technician I. May be the officer in charge giving operational direction during a search and rescue incident.

### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

**Officer in Charge:** In a limited management capacity, serves as Officer in Charge (OIC) leading or managing field operations; completes Incident Reports and provides information and reports to deputy sheriff; as officer or captain, is responsible to complete required documentation and paperwork to assure equipment readiness and safety; assures the training meets GCSAR and industry standards and that personnel and other records are kept in a professional and secure manner.

**Search and Rescue:** Responds to accidents, injuries, illness, and lost persons in all possible environmental situations and weather conditions. Assists Grand County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) by providing care and transportation of patients to primary care and /or an awaiting ambulance or helicopter.

Responds to search and rescue calls. Operates Search and Rescue (SAR) vehicles and provides SAR services by foot, motor vehicle, boat, and air in front country and backcountry settings in order to access and transport accident victims, emergency medical patients, and lost persons to ambulances, helicopter landing zones, or other safe locations or to definitive care.

Utilizes radio communications and codes to receive and transmit communications. Evaluates patient's condition and/or injuries and accident scenes and/or medical emergencies and administers aid as per protocol at provider's level of training.

Monitors patient's vital signs and provides basic life support until patient is handed over to EMT or other higher level of medical care.

Works closely with other care-givers such as EMT's, nurses, and doctors and follows their medical directions.

Performs pre- and post-incident inspections of SAR vehicles and equipment. Assures SAR vehicles and equipment are properly stocked with necessary supplies. Attends training and meetings to stay informed of new methods and policies in the search and rescue area.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. Educations and Experience:
  - A. Graduation from high school; plus, two (2) years of specialized training in search and rescue techniques;
  - AND
  - B. Three (3) years of SAR Technician I experience or equivalent training;
  - OR
  - C. An equivalent combination of education and experience.

2. Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

**Considerable knowledge of** safe SAR equipment, vehicle and helicopter operations, including maintenance, safety procedures, and other needed equipment; incident command; give operational direction; SAR operations and basic patient care procedures; emergency radio procedures; outdoor recreational activities that lead to lost and injured persons; Grand County backcountry areas that are prone to search and rescue calls.

**Skills in** the training level achieved, safely operating SAR on-road and off-road vehicles, power and oar-powered boats and snowmobiles in front country and backcountry environments in any situation, including very inclement weather conditions; back country hiking and personal survival.

**Ability to** read and comply with department policies, procedures, and protocols; be familiar with and function within the Incident Command System; maintain a neat, well-groomed appearance; communicate effectively and concisely over the radio and according to established protocols, professionally with other emergency responders and the public; exercise good judgement in stressful situations, retaining and applying necessary training in all circumstances; be self-sufficient and able to safely operate and survive in backcountry conditions for a minimum of 12 hours; meet GCSAR Certifications Standards.

3. Special Qualifications:

GCSAR Certification  
ICS Training – ICS 100, 200, 700, 800 certifications  
Must maintain Basic First Aid and CPR certifications  
Completed basic entry-level ICS Courses  
Must pass a background investigation  
Must pass a pre-employment drug screening

4. Work Environment:

Some exposure to diesel fuel, gasoline, motor oil, and other automotive fluids; operating off-road vehicles in hazardous terrain; hiking in hazardous terrain; flying in a helicopter in hazardous conditions; exposure to injured and ill patients; considerable danger from infectious disease; some exposure in the event of a hazardous material incident, wildland fire or violent crime; working conditions vary from office duties to on the scene of a mass casualty incident; some work performed indoor, but mostly outdoors in all types of weather conditions; may be exposed to contaminated materials and body fluids; work performed on uneven terrain, considerable exposure to heights, moving water, snow and ice; sitting, standing, stooping, and lifting and must be able to lift considerable weight; requires hiking and walking considerable miles.

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I \_\_\_\_\_ have reviewed the above job description. Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Employee)