

GRANGEVILLE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT - NEW MEMBERS INFORMATION

Welcome to the Grangeville Mountain Rescue Unit, a part of Idaho County Search & Rescue. We're a trained volunteer organization that assists the local Sheriffs Department with ground search and rescue operations in Idaho County, and at times the surrounding areas. Search methods include but are not limited to on Foot, Horse, ATV-Motorcycle, Snow-machine, Helicopters and Boats. Grangeville Mountain Rescue is a non-profit organization funded by private donations and fundraisers, as well as government grants.

This page provides you with information to help get you started.

1. General Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings commence at 6:30pm (1830hrs) and are commonly held at the Oscars Restaurant. The agenda for the meeting is general SAR business followed by a training topic. As a prospective member please feel free to attend our meetings.
2. Members must prepare a 24-hr deployment pack. The purpose of the pack is to have what you need to be self sufficient for the first 24 hours of an incident. This includes meals, water, fire starter, shelter, navigation, medical and safety equipment. (Do not rush out and buy it all at once but take your time and learn what's important to have in your pack from experienced SAR members, participation in searches and through training.) See the "24 Hour Deployment Pack Guide" included in this packet.
3. Members must also purchase a Uniform shirt, vest, jacket or pullover that complies with our uniform requirements.
4. Members must complete the NIMS (IS-700a) and ICS (IS-100b) training at the FEMA website within the first 90 days after the membership is approved. This training helps our members to understand the IC System and how the command structure works. These classes can be taken at your own speed and are available online. Once you complete the class and pass the quiz at the end, print a copy of the certificate for our records. Not only do these classes help with the operation, they are quite often required when applying for grants.

Medical Training Requirements: To be an "Operational Member" of GMRU you must have an EMT or OEC medical qualification and CPR For Medical Practitioners certification. "Support Members" must maintain a Red Cross First Aid and CPR certification or it's equivalent. "Training Members" are members who are in the transition to becoming "Operational Members". These certifications must be kept up to date with refreshers and continuing education as required by the certification. "Training and Support Membership" types must maintain a basic First Aid and CPR certification.

Highly recommended training to ensure proficiency includes: Basic Man-tracking, Wilderness Survival, Map-GPS and Compass Use, High Angle Rope Rescue, Swift Water Rescue, Ice Rescue, Helicopter LZ0, Avalanche Rescue, etc. Much of this training is Team specific, however, some training topics are recommended for all members.

Steps to Complete When Joining GMRU:

1. Complete the Idaho County Search & Rescue Application Form. The Idaho County Sheriffs Office will perform a background check and issue you an ID card and a 29xx unit number. This Unit Number will be used in your radio communications. SAR members are covered by County Workers Compensation during actual searches and training exercises.
2. Complete the GMRU Membership Application Form so we can contact you.
3. Create a 24 hour deployment bag and keep it ready at all times.

4. Pay the \$20 membership annual dues. Memberships follow the calendar year (Jan 01 to Dec 31) and will be pro rated for new members.
5. Complete the FEMA 100b and 700a classes within 90 days of approval.

Benefit Statement

There are many benefits from membership in the Grangeville Mountain Rescue Unit (GMRU). The most important benefit is the satisfaction of being part of an effort that saves someone's life or reduces the discomfort of a person that got into trouble and lessens the anxiety of their family. Another benefit is personal development. By participating in the training offered, you enjoy a wilderness experience and acquire the knowledge, skills and physical fitness to keep yourself and others out of trouble.

As with any volunteer organization, participation in any training course or exercise, actual search or meetings is solely based on your availability.

The GMRU is made up of a kind and motivated group of volunteers that work hard to provide a competent Search & Rescue effort within Idaho County. The road to competency is paved by training, practice and dedication. If you're interested in becoming part of a motivated group or simply have questions please feel free to contact one of us.

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