



# KODIAK ISLAND SEARCH AND RESCUE

Welcome!

Kodiak Island Search and Rescue (KISAR) was formed in 1986 as non-profit organization, which functions under the jurisdiction of the Alaska State Troopers. KISAR is responsible for conducting search and rescue operations for the Alaskan Peninsula, Kodiak Island and the Aleutian Island chain.

The following information is provided to those who are applying to become an Operational Member for both the ground search and mountain rescue team.

## ACTIVITIES

The activities of Kodiak Island Search and Rescue can be categorized into three major types: educational, search and rescue.

- **Educational:** the educational branch of KISAR is an outreach program whose goal is to “increase public awareness of search and rescue trained volunteers and dog teams and provide informational and educational programs and demonstrations to institutions, agencies and community groups.”
- **Searches:** typical searches include those for lost hunters, overdue hikers, lost skiers or downed airplanes, and many others. Ground search functions to provide operational support to locate persons in distress through trained personal and canine units.
- **Rescue:** day or night, at any hour Mountain Rescue Team may be called upon to provide technical rescue and medical support to individuals in need. From mountaintops of Kodiak, to the bays of distant islands, mountain rescue provides the operations needed to retrieve individuals in distress.

## MEMBERSHIP

Kodiak Island Search and Rescue extends an equal opportunity to all citizens to become a part of the ongoing and rewarding work of this organization. To become an Operational Member, you must meet and complete the training requirements needed.

There are four classes of membership with in KISAR.

- Training Members
- Support Membership
- Operational Membership
- Honorary Membership

Kodiak Island Search and Rescue urges you to evaluate your motivation and your priorities and responsibilities. Talk to your Employer and your family. Will you be able to occasionally leave work mid-day at a moment's notice for a rescue? Will your supervisor understand if you are delayed at an all-night search and not able to make it back to work at 8:00 AM?

## **TRAINING MEMBERS**

Training memberships are open to all persons at least eighteen (18) years of age who are actively working toward meeting the operational or support level requirements set forth in SECTION 300 Standard Operating and Evaluation Procedures.

Other Requirements:

1. Turn in application to a board member, along with yearly dues of \$25.00 to the treasurer.
2. Prospective member's applications shall be reviewed and accepted by a majority of the Board of Directors.
3. Shall complete a one (1) year probationary during which training will take place. The Board of Directors may grant extensions of the training membership period due to unusual circumstances.
4. Once approved the applicant can begin the process of training to become an Operational Member.

## **SUPPORT MEMBERS**

Support members is open to all persons who are at least eighteen (18) years of age who have successfully completed the support level requirements set forth in SECTION 300 Standard Operating and Evaluation Process.

## **OPERATIONAL MEMBERS**

Operational members are individuals who are at least twenty-one (21) years of age who have successfully completed the operational level requirements set forth in SECTION 300 of Standard Operating and Procedures.

## **HONORARY MEMBERS**

Honorary memberships shall be open to those persons who have made outstanding contributions to the purposes, activities and goals of the organization and may be granted by a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.

## **MEETING and TRAINING DATES**

As an applicant, you will be expected to devote time to training. During the formal training program, an applicant can expect to participate in monthly training sessions with other operational and training personnel. Regularly scheduled events that require the attendance of all active members and applicants are:

- General Meetings held the third Thursday of each month in the community-training center at the Bayside Fire Station. General meetings are held in the evening for approximately three hours and begin at 7:00 pm.
- Training Sessions take place the third Saturday of each month. Training takes place in a variety of locations in Kodiak and extends the better part of the day. Please note: only KISAR training and operational members may participate in training events.

Your training will develop extensive proficiency with basic knots and rope techniques as well as training in working with helicopters in rescues, search techniques, snow and ice rescues, rock climbing, rappelling, river crossing, compass and map reading, and much more. At the completion of your training you will become an Operational Member of Kodiak Island Search and Rescue.

Thank you for your interest in Kodiak Island Search and Rescue.

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