

VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Olympic Mountain Rescue volunteer.

MAJOR DUTIES:

Volunteer will work both performing preventative and active search and rescue functions.

Preventative SAR duties:

The volunteer will work scheduled stand-by assignments in the Hurricane Ridge area on weekends through the winter season. Volunteer will patrol the ski, snowshoe, hiking, and climbing routes used by park visitors. Volunteers will check on conditions, use levels, and potential problems arising on these routes. Volunteer will carry a park radio and communicate findings to the ranger staff on duty. While patrolling volunteer will make visitor contacts, and advise the public on potential hazards, park regulations, and current conditions. While on patrol the volunteer will be prepared with navigational, rescue, and personal survival gear. Patrols may be arduous, off-trail, and during poor weather conditions. Volunteer will participate in park-based search and rescue training exercises.

SAR Missions:

Volunteer will respond to emergent searches and rescues in backcountry and front-country areas. Volunteer may be the first responder to an incident or first to take the report of an incident. Duties during a mission may include extensive off and on trail searching for, evacuating, or assisting lost or injured visitors over steep terrain, snow or rock. Volunteers may work in poor weather and light conditions. Volunteer may be transported by helicopter or park vehicle. Volunteers will carry and use the technical rescue gear needed for the mission as well as EMS supplies. Gear used during a search may be either park-owned or property of OMR. Volunteer will be prepared to provide EMS at his or her certified level. Volunteer will work with NPS staff in the execution of search and rescue missions, coordinating with the designated incident commander and communicating by park radio.

Preparation:

Volunteer will maintain certifications and training levels required by the mountain rescue organization. The volunteer should possess the specialized experience and knowledge of winter travel in the backcountry of Olympic National Park. Effective preventative and operative search and rescue missions also require a good level of physical conditioning and ability to navigate over extreme terrain or in extreme conditions. The volunteer should work with park staff to maintain knowledge of current park policies, guidelines and regulations.

Supervisory controls:

The volunteer will work both with the leadership of OMR and the park rangers on duty while on stand-by duty. During a search and rescue mission the volunteer will work in a role assigned by the incident commander designated by park staff.