



**SHUSWAP**  
**VOLUNTEER**  
**SEARCH**  
**& RESCUE**

# Who we are and what we do

- ▣ 37 unpaid professionals, dedicated to assisting our requesting agencies to provide help to persons in need.
- ▣ Shuswap SAR is recognized by EMCR to respond to many different types of scenarios.
- ▣ We regularly train in all of our disciplines to ensure that we are ready and competent to deploy at your request.



# Rope Rescue







# Tracking and Ground Search



# Command and Control

- Accurate and detailed documentation of the search effort. All shareable, in digital format, both ICS forms as well as all mapping data. You should expect this from us, it is your file.
- Up to date search theory and search tools
- Support from Level-2 Managers and other SAR teams from the Central Region and across the Province.

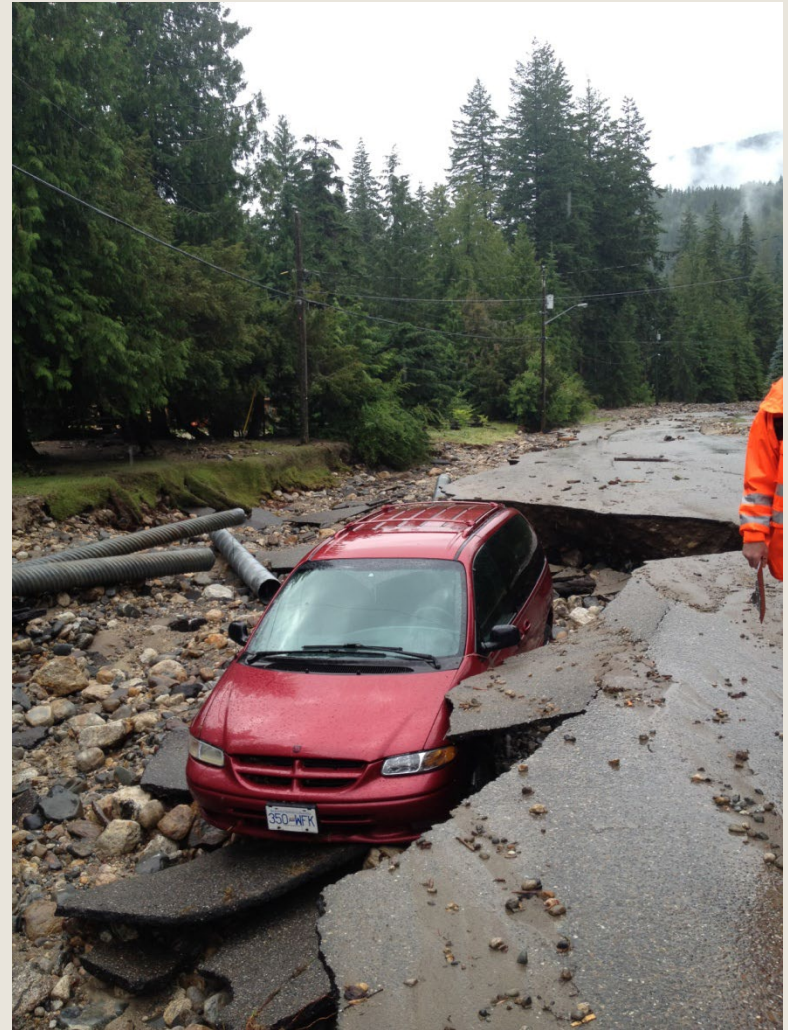




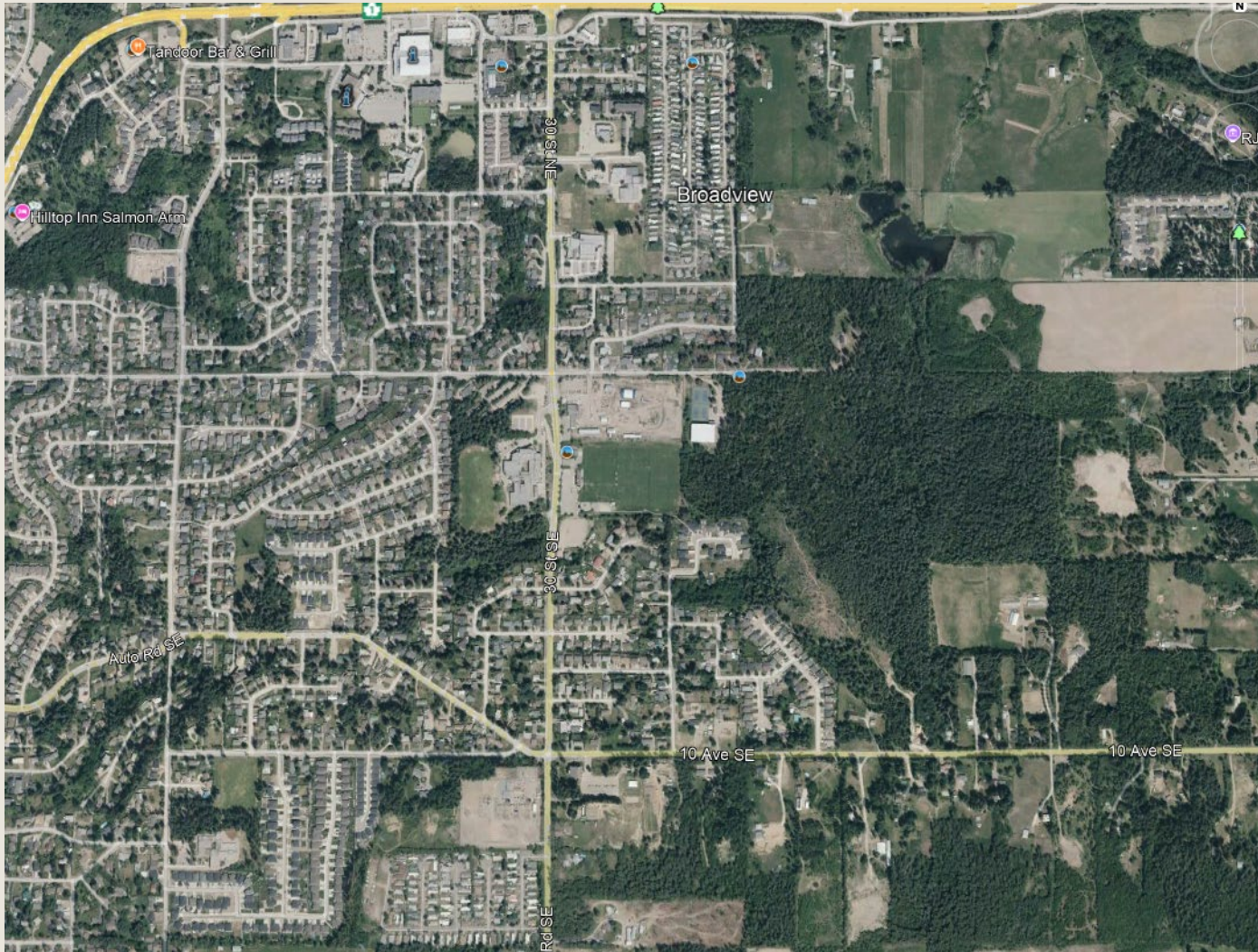
Flat Water Search and Rescue



# Evacuation orders for Civic Emergencies



# Urban Search



- Elders living with Alzheimer's
- Missing Children
- Persons with Cognitive dysfunction
- Despondent persons

# Evidence Search

- Human remains, Crime scene investigation
- Invoiced to the detachment, not EMCR
- We can bring in other resources such as HRD Dogs



## What do the Volunteers put in?

(in the previous 12 months)

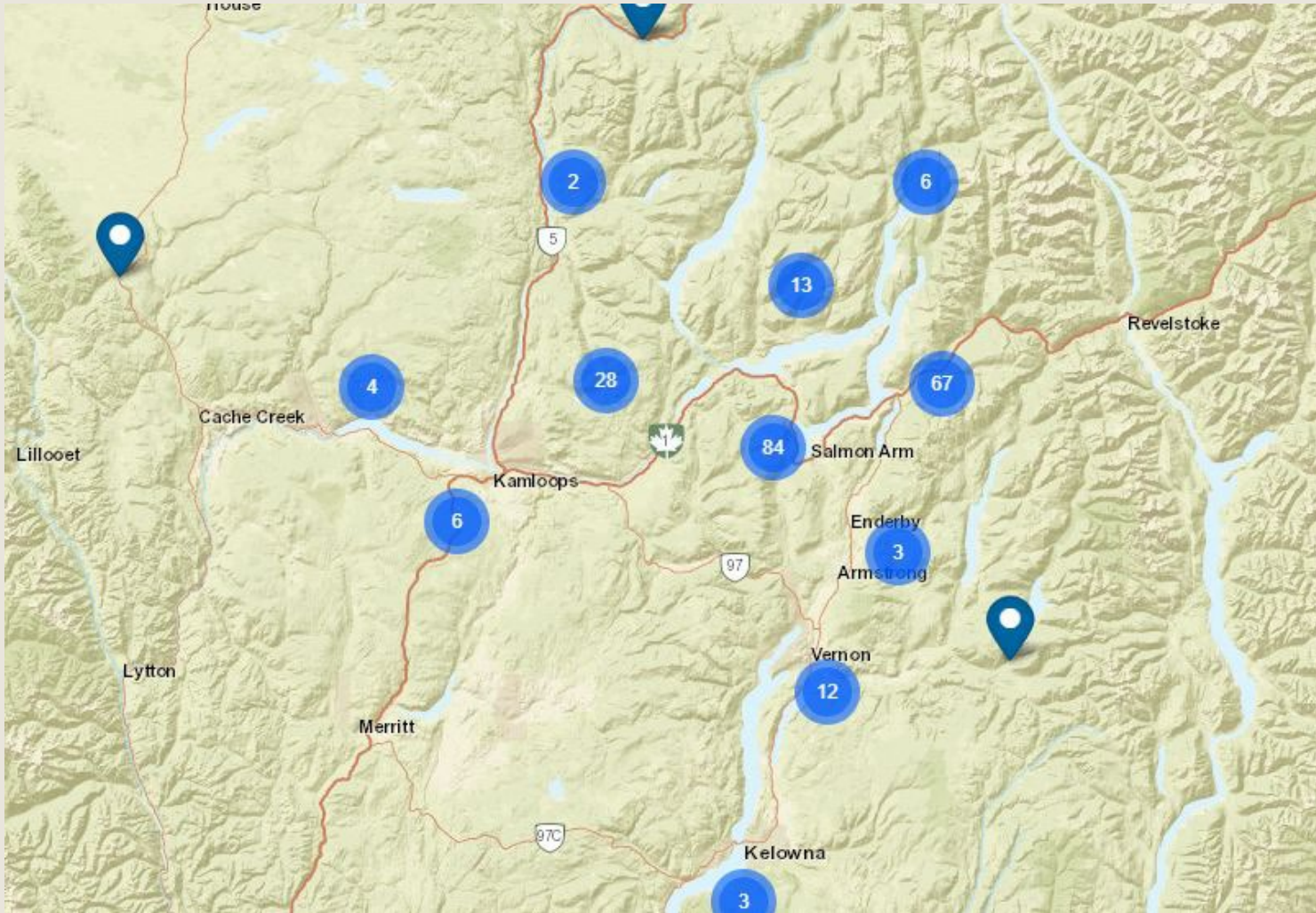
- Over 4,000 hours at 92 separate training events
- Almost 2,600 hours on 62 separate Operational Tasks
- Over 1,500 hours for meetings, public events and Administrative duties.

## What Qualifications do we have?

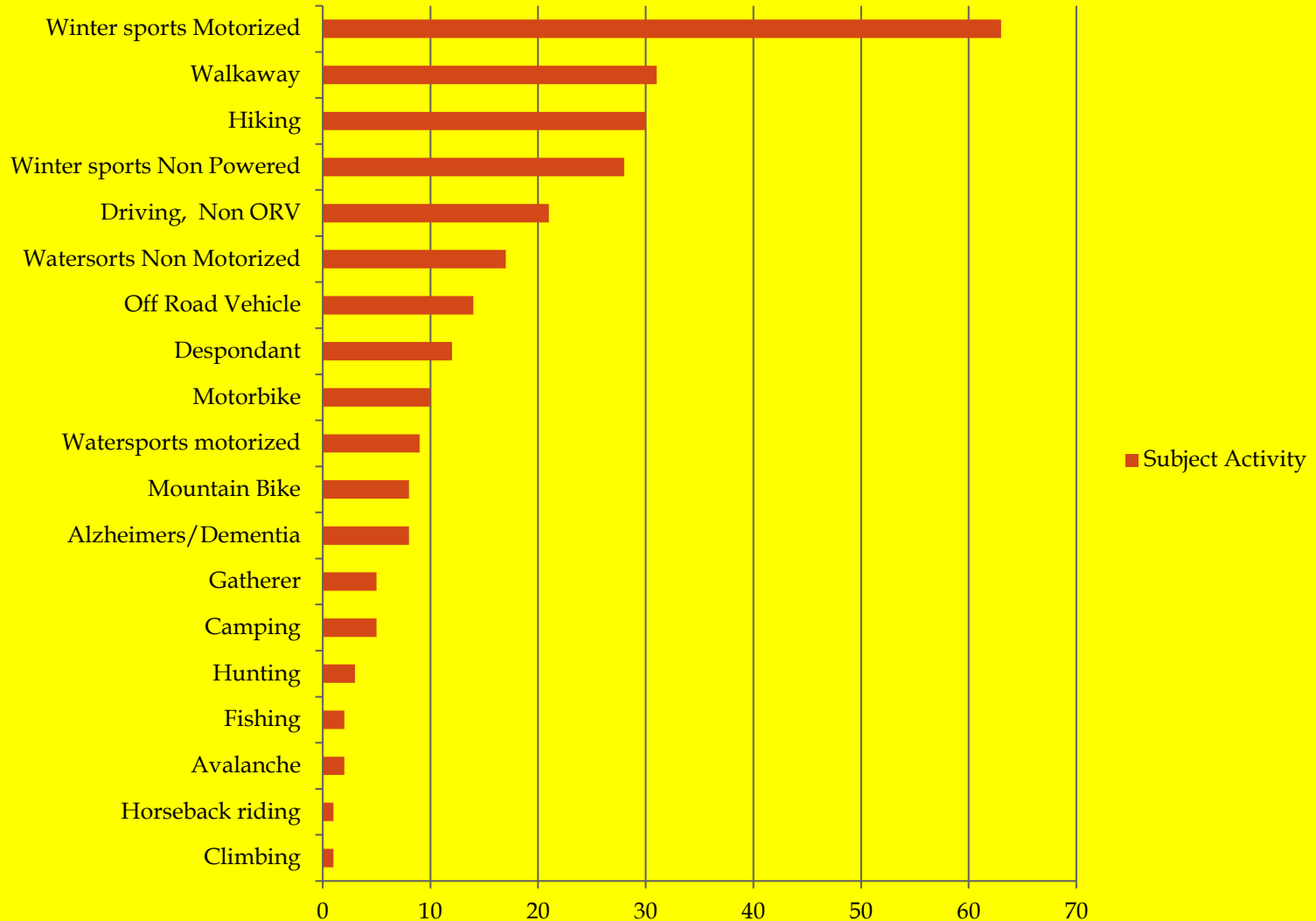
- 5 → SAR Managers (including one Provincial SARM instructor).
- 16 → Ground Search Team Leaders
- 12 → Avalanche response team members and leaders
- 8 → Rescue boat operators
- 14 → Swift-water Rescue Technicians
- 12 → Rope Rescue Technicians and Team Leaders
- 21 → Advanced Wilderness First aid and Wilderness First Responders
- 5 → Trackers

# Operational Tasks

Five Years. Does not include on task in hope and six OP deployments in Ft. Nelson



# Subject Activity



# What resources do we require?

- ▣ Trained GSAR Volunteers
- ▣ Snowmobiles
- ▣ Side By Sides
- ▣ Rescue Boat
- ▣ Response/Equipment vehicle
- ▣ Mobile Command Center
- ▣ Team Transport and Tow vehicle
- ▣ Quads and e-Bikes
- ▣ SAR Hall
- ▣ Many, Many other items Dry-suits, PFDs, IKs and other Swift-water rescue gear, Radios, GPS, Rope Rescue equipment, Admin and office equipment etc. Etc.

# How are we funded?

## Task Reimbursements

When we respond on Tasks, we are reimbursed a portion of our costs. This funding only covers 20% of our annual total expenses.

## Annual Funding

As you can see from above, task reimbursements fall way short of covering our full expenses. We rely very heavily on other annual funding in order to maintain operations.

Without this guaranteed annual support, we would not be able to provide Search and Rescue Services to our community.

- CSRD Grant           Thank you very much!
  - We currently receive \$80,000 each year from the CSRD. In the past, this amount covered the cost of maintaining our SAR Hall and also gave us ~\$20,000 to help cover some other training and operational expenses. But that was years ago. Currently, the cost of maintaining our SAR Hall is just over \$100,000 annually and as you all know, all other costs go up each year.
- BC Government Grant
  - Over the past few years, the Province has contributed funding to all 78 GSAR teams in the province this amount helps fill the shortfall in our budget



# Other sources of funding

All of the funding above just about covers our annual expenses other than purchase and replacement of equipment, and that can be a very significant item. As our Vehicles age, they need to be replaced, We try to look after all of our vehicles, but they do not last forever. Also, much of our safety equipment has expiry dates and in order to comply with Safety Guidelines, we need to replace this equipment as it ages out.

In order to allow us to maintain safe and serviceable vehicles and equipment, we rely very heavily on other sources of funding

## Other Funding

- Private donations
- B.C. Gaming Grants
- Rotary and other community groups
- Banff Film Festival
- Honorariums for providing first-aid service at public events such as local Mountain bike races.

Note; none of this funding is guaranteed and securing this funding takes up significant volunteer time that may be better utilized with training, maintaining equipment and other preparedness duties.

# Summary

Our 37 non-paid professionals put a tremendous amount of time and effort into providing Search and Rescue Services for our community. We greatly appreciate the support that we receive from the CSRD and we hope that we can continue this strong relationship into the future.

**Thank you for your time**

# Questions?

