



Humboldt County Sheriff's Posse, Inc.

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Captain
Lisa Whitten,
Lieutenant

Marine Unit

Bruce Slocum, Captain
Richard Philipson,
Lieutenant

SAR Ground Unit

Dutch Plante, Captain
Jeff Arnold, Lieutenant

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Lieutenant
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Guy Huddleston,
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Richard Philipson,
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Forrest Schafer,
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Edith Hokman

Dear Neighbor,

The Humboldt County Search and Rescue Posse began in the early 1950's. Over the years we have had the pleasure and honor of serving our community as well as assisting our neighboring counties; Del Norte, Trinity, and Mendocino.

Searches can be single day or multi-day. In 2017 the Posse volunteers donated 77 days towards a total of 17 searches. All of our members are volunteers who bring many different areas of expertise to our team. Each member has a minimum certification of CPR and first aid, including the 10 new members that joined us in 2017! Other trainings and skills that our members have include areas in water rescue, ground searches and tracking on foot, ATV's and our mounted equestrian group whose horses are trained to assist with searches in many types of areas. We are also very lucky to have two canine members on our team! One is a German Shepherd, Elsi, who is preparing for the Mission Ready Trailing test with the California Rescue Dog Association (CARDA). This test involves tracking a human scent that is at least 18 hours old on a 1-1.5 mile trail and is in an area that is unfamiliar to the dog and handler. There is also a Labrador, Gray-Sea, who is a certified trailing dog and just recently passed the Cadaver Certification with CARDA. This team is now trained and certified to locate human remains in many environments and situations and is the only one in Humboldt County. The owners of both canines are volunteers with the Posse.

Generous donations from our community members helped the Humboldt County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Posse and the Humboldt County Sheriff purchase a new Snow Cat. This new reliable equipment was used within a few short months of being purchased and saved a life! This is a great asset to our team.

Individual donations make up the majority of our funding, through which you provide ongoing training, equipment purchases and upgrades as needed like our new rope gear and litter basket used for steep rescues. Most specialty certifications are paid for by the volunteers themselves. All donations made to the Humboldt County Search and Rescue Posse are tax deductible as we are a nonprofit.

Please follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/humboldtsar/> to keep up with our trainings and other activities.

Your Support is Greatly Appreciated,

The members of the Posse