



ALTADENA MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

The Altadena Mountain rescue Team is the oldest organization of its kind in Los Angeles County and is currently one of eight teams within the county area. Its formation in 1951, with the assistance of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the United States Forestry Service, was the result of local residents banding together to meet a need in assisting injured and stranded hikers. In 1956 the organization became a member of the Los Angeles County Reserve Forces Bureau.

The team operates out of Altadena Station and is staffed by reserve deputies and volunteers, whose numbers currently stand at twenty-three (23) members. Operational three hundred sixty-five (365) days a year, seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day, they handle between fifty (50) and seventy-five (75) search, rescue, and recovery operations per year. As a nonprofit corporation, it is governed by a five member Board of Directors made up of reserve personnel, the President holding the rank of Reserve Captain, Vice President (Lieutenant), Operations Secretary (Sergeant), Quartermaster (Sergeant) and Public Relations Chairman (Sergeant). The team's most tenured member is Chuck Ballard, who has served for over forty (40) years.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Altadena Search and Rescue Team, or wish to make a donation to this non-profit corporation, please contact Altadena Station Coordinator Daniel Paige at (626) 798-1131.

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