

Saving Lives in the San Gabriel Wilderness - Dedicated Volunteers

Whether it's a missing hiker, an injured person, a forest fire, or other rescue scenarios, the San Dimas Mountain Rescue Team is on-call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, readily available to assist anyone in need while visiting the San Gabriel Mountains.

The Rescue Team has saved thousands of people from almost every imaginable situation, and is dedicated to continuing this service with the help of its volunteer members...at no direct cost to the taxpayers of Los Angeles County.

A Vital Resource

Since 1955, when Ed Rankin, founder of San Dimas Mountain Rescue Team, saw the need for a trained, professional search and rescue team in the mountainous wilderness, at the east end of the San Gabriel Valley. Dedicated volunteers have studied, trained, and developed into an efficient and vital resource. Each year, members of the Rescue Team volunteer thousands of hours to maintain the high standards developed over the team's history.

Training

All team members continuously train to hone their skills in search and tracking, mountaineering, climbing, rappelling, map and compass, helitac, victim extraction, snow and ice rescues, and more.

Since the team is affiliated with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, each member must become a reserve deputy sheriff. Most members have also been medically trained and hold Emergency Medical Technician certificates. In addition to this training, members contribute a minimum of two evenings and one weekend a month to group training, lectures, and specialized instruction.

Community Service

The Rescue Team is comprised of highly trained and motivated men and women who dedicate their lives to saving others in a safe, professional, and efficient manner. These individuals are your neighbors and work in a variety of full-time occupations.

In addition to being responsible for the Los Angeles County area, which is the most active in terms of searches and rescues, the team provides educational programs to local schools, church groups, scout troops, civic/service clubs, and organizations throughout California and the nation.

Help Us Help You

The San Dimas Mountain Rescue Team is a non-profit California Corporation whose members are all volunteers. There are no management or consultant overhead costs. This assures 100 percent of your dollar and equipment donation will be effective in helping save lives.

The San Dimas Mountain Rescue Team is always in search of people who are willing to contribute their time, talent, and resources. If you are interested in becoming a mountaineer or a support member of the Rescue Team, please contact the Reserve Coordinator at San Dimas Sheriff's Station at (909) 450-2700 or write to:

San Dimas Sheriff's Station
270 S. Walnut Avenue
San Dimas, CA 91773
Attn: Reserve Coordinator

<http://sdmrt.com>

All donations are tax deductible. You may also designate the San Dimas Mountain Rescue Team as the recipient of your United Way contribution where you work.

Support your local team... The life you help save may be your own.