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Ventura County Search and Rescue, East Valley (VCSAR3) is a registered non-profit organization comprised of highly dedicated and skilled volunteers who respond to wilderness and other emergencies in Ventura County. Additionally VCSAR3 responds at the direction of the Sheriff to public safety emergencies including Urban Search and Rescue responses, Missing persons, Evidence Searches, Fire and Flood Evacuations and similar scenarios. VCSAR3 team members are extensively trained in Search Techniques, Technical Rope Rescue, Tracking, Swiftwater Rescue, Communications, Winter Operations, Urban Search and Rescue, and Search Management.

For over 25 years, VCSAR3 team has assisted the Ventura County Sheriff Department's East Valley Station in Thousand Oaks, CA. The VCSAR 3 team has met the rigorous requirements of the [Mountain Rescue Association \(MRA\)](#) since 1989 and is a member of the [California Region](#) of the MRA.

The VCSAR3 team's response area includes the Eastern portion of Ventura County including wilderness areas in the Santa Monica and Santa Susanna Mountains and Los Padres National Forest. The VCSAR 3 team also works closely to support the other search and rescue teams in Ventura County: Fillmore, Upper Ojai, Dive, Canine, Posse, and Medical.

The VCSAR3 team is equipped and routinely responds outside of Ventura County, and has assisted in search and rescue operations in the Sierras and throughout the State of California through the jurisdiction of Cal EMA (California Emergency Management Agency.)

The VCSAR3 team is a non-profit organization that relies on fundraisers and donations to support our efforts. It is an ALL-VOLUNTEER organization, on-call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. VCSAR3 Team currently has 32 full/active members and 1 administrative member. Team members are not compensated in any way, and typically spend upwards of \$500-1000 of their



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own money each year to support their involvement with the Team. Team members are required to attend regular monthly full-day team technical trainings, as well as additional trainings to remain current on various required certifications including CPR, EMT or Advanced First Aid, Swiftwater, USAR RS1 and others.

The team is funded annually from the County Sheriff's department to cover expenses only for facilities and vehicle maintenance. Major additional annual operating funding typically includes \$3000-4000 in various corporate donations and \$3000 in income through the sale of gift items.

The Team is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization allowing acceptance of tax-deductible donations.