



Ventura County Search and Rescue, Inc.

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The Ventura County Search and Rescue, East Valley Team 3, is a registered 501(c)(3) organization comprised of highly dedicated and skilled volunteers who respond at the direction of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, to public safety emergencies. These emergencies include: Urban Search and Rescue responses, missing persons, evidence searches, lost hikers, fire and flood evacuations and similar scenarios.

The East Valley team members are extensively trained in search techniques, technical rope rescue, tracking, Swiftwater rescue, Communications, Winter Operations, Urban Search and Rescue, and Search Management. All 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, First Aid, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Wilderness Advanced First Aid (WAFA), Swiftwater and Urban Search and Rescue (USAR).

For over forty years, the East Valley team has assisted the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and since 1989, has met the rigorous requirements of the **Mountain Rescue Association (MRA)**. The 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 East Valley team is equipped and routinely responds outside of Ventura County for mutual aid, and has assisted in search and rescue operations in the Sierras and throughout the State of California. We provide our services free of charge to anyone who needs helps.

We currently have twenty-seven team members, all of whom are volunteers on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Team members are not compensated in any way, and typically spend upwards of \$500-\$1000 of their own money each year to purchase needed equipment. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office only covers our expenses for facilities, vehicles, vehicle maintenance and some life-saving equipment; the team and/or individual team members are responsible for all other gear.

Because our team is self-supported, we rely upon the generous assistance of individuals and businesses, such as you, to purchase, upgrade and replace our team equipment. We are often overlooked when community members and corporations are looking to make donations to 501(c)(3)'s as most people believe that we are fully funded by the Sheriff's Office, as mentioned above, we are not.

We also seek and appreciate on-going sponsorship from Corporate or Charitable Foundation partners. This ideally would be on-going annual donations in the range of \$500 - \$3000 (any amount is appreciated). This financial support targets our team's funding for Search and Rescue operating costs, for on-going replacement and/or upgrading of rescue and medical response supplies and equipment, as well as supporting our training costs. Ventura County Search and Rescue, Inc. provides benefactors with sponsorship plaques as well as recognition on our team website and all of our social media platforms.



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One example of our rescue capabilities in snowy conditions was in 2017 when we were training in the Angeles National Forest and five hikers accidentally slide down an ice chute. We were nearby and immediately went into action, ultimately, we were able to save four of the five hikers. <https://www.vcstar.com/story/news/local/2017/02/05/county-rescue-volunteers-lead-ice-chute-rescue/97522896/>

Your support is key in helping us help our community! Thank you for your consideration!

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