

February 17, 2009

Sheriff

Dear Sheriff,

Enclosed, please find the FY2009 Colorado Search and Rescue Fund Year-End Awards application and instructions. The application is also available on-line at: [https://dola.colorado.gov/dlg/fa/sar/sheriff\\_information.html](https://dola.colorado.gov/dlg/fa/sar/sheriff_information.html).

**Application deadline is April 1, 2009.**

Remember, to be eligible for 2009 funding, all agencies having received 2008 year-end awards must document expenditures prior to receipt of 2009 year-end awards. Please note counties who have submitted incomplete applications in the past will be evaluated separately for completeness. In addition, any application that does not include detailed costs per unit may be denied. For example, when requesting high angle rescue training, include details for costs per student such as tuition, books/materials and travel.

In developing your application, please keep in mind the following points:

- We expect the total funding available for the entire state to be approximately \$230,000
- Awards in the past have ranged from \$2,000 to \$15,000 and averaged around \$7,800.
- Funds are made available for equipment and training. Examples include computerized mapping programs, GPS units, snowmobiles, ATVs, water rescue boats and equipment, high angle rescue courses, communications equipment, and small items such as climbing rope and accessories.
  - Communications equipment is an eligible item regardless of band. However, communications equipment requested must be included in the regional communications plan. To obtain information regarding your regional communications plan, contact your county emergency manager.
  - Requests for building construction or acquisition are not competitive.
  - The purchase of vehicles designed primarily for the highways such as rescue trucks or four-wheel-drive units is not eligible.
  - If you have donated used equipment to another team or jurisdiction, please be sure and note the donation on your application
  - If you are partnering with another team or jurisdiction on a specialized piece of equipment or training, please include that information on your application.

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- Funding recommendations are based on several criteria including: 1) total number of annual missions, 2) size of the county in square miles, 3) search activity as a ratio of county population, 4) appropriateness of the request based on activity levels and types, 5) levels of funding from prior years.
- The Search and Rescue Advisory Council has shown increased interest in local commitment. The number of local CORSAR card vendors and CORSAR card sales volume may be taken into account when evaluating that local commitment.
- While any political subdivision or agency involved in search and rescue activities is eligible to receive funding, all applications must be submitted through a County Sheriff. The County Sheriff should determine the acceptability of all requests, combine multiple requests into a single application, and prioritize all needs on the application form.
- **Application deadline is April 1, 2009.** Award decisions are normally made by June 30th. However, successful applicants should not expect fund distributions prior to August 15th. Note: Expenditures must be made within the award period July 1 – June 30.
- All awards are made payable to the County. It is the responsibility of the Sheriff to distribute funds to other jurisdictions. The Sheriff is accountable for all awards and is responsible for documenting all expenditures to the Department of Local Affairs by **June 30, 2010**. Please note, counties not submitting expenditure reports by this date will not be eligible for future funding.
- The Colorado Search and Rescue Board asks that you report any calendar year 2008 (January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008) search and rescue operations for which a mission report has not been previously submitted. You need only report on a mission one time! If you have already reported a search and rescue mission to the Department of Local Affairs or the Colorado Search and Rescue Board, you need not report again.

If you have any questions regarding the Search and Rescue Fund, please don't hesitate to call me at (970) 248-7308, or Sue Schneider at (970) 248-7311.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Steve Denney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Denney  
Colorado Search and Rescue Fund  
Program Manager