



# Rocky Mountain House Search & Rescue & Mountain Rescue

# NEWSLETTER

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Thursday, Sept. 23  
1900 at the SAR Shack

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Practice Sept. 18  
Overnight Windy Point Ridge

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5 - 8 p.m.

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January 17 & 18, 2011  
Red Deer



## Message From the President

As a non-profit, volunteer organization we strive to not only serve our community, but also to provide our membership with various educational, practical and social experiences. Our doors are always open to new membership and we welcome anyone with an interest to contact us via the e-mail [membership@rockysar.com](mailto:membership@rockysar.com). To those of you who are visiting with us and are old friends and colleagues, feel free to provide us with any feedback and thoughts you may wish to share. Any organization is only as strong as its members and we pride ourselves on the fact that we have a strong provincial reputation because of our membership and our partners.



Members of the Rocky SAR Mountain Rescue Team tying anchors for practice at Crescent Falls.

**Open House**  
**Oct. 1, 2010**  
**5 - 8 p.m.**

Rocky SAR will be hosting an Open House on Friday, October 1, 2010. Please come out and join us while we meet the public and celebrate our 19th anniversary. All members, please wear your uniform. We are also seeking volunteers to help organize, please notify Robyn Scrutton or Jayne Larsen if you are able to help out.

## Member ID Cards

Photos for member ID cards will be taken at the next general members meeting on September 23, 2010.

## Concrete for Aprons

Moberg concrete has offered to do our aprons. They will be donating the cost of labour. Thank You Moberg.



Robyn, a member of Rocky SAR and the Mountain Rescue team practicing at Crescent Falls. Going up....



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Members of the Rocky SAR Mountain Rescue Team practicing swift water rescue on the Ram River, July 17, 2010.



Corey, going over the edge...

## Rocky SAR, A Brief History

Rocky Mountain House Search and Rescue was formed in 1991.

The need for such an organization in the community was realized after a young boy named Brett Luoma went missing when he wandered away from the group camp at Prairie Creek on the July 1st weekend in 1990. Volunteers included hundreds of members from the community and the British military in conjunction with the RCMP. The boy was found but had tragically drowned. At only 23 months of age this death touched many people in the community and inspired them to form Rocky Mountain House Volunteer

Search and Rescue.

Rocky SAR was the first ground search and rescue team formed in Alberta, and was also one of the founding members of the Search and Rescue Alberta organization. The team is also home to the only civilian Mountain Rescue Association accredited technical Mountain Rescue Team in Canada. The team is required to recertify with the MRA every five years. They meet and practice once a month.

Though the timeless efforts of countless volunteers and outstanding community support Rocky SAR is now in its 19th year of operation.

### Submission to the Newsletter

Members are welcome to submit their stories or articles for inclusion in the Newsletter. Submissions will only be printed after Board approval.