

KITTITAS COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE (KCSR)

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KCSR AVALANCHE TRAINING POLICY:

Avalanche training is required for KCSR personnel sent into the field where avalanche conditions may exist, and applies to, but is not limited to, the following winter teams:

- SNOWMOBILE Team
- WINTER BACKCOUNTRY GROUND Team
- SAR DOG Team

KCSR annually presents avalanche training to aid in meeting this training requirement.

Avalanche training presented by KCSR should, at a minimum level, meet the guidelines published by the American Avalanche Association (AAA) for Search and Rescue, as set out in AAA "Recommendations for U.S. Avalanche Education".

KCSR AVALANCHE TRAINING CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS:

Required INITIAL TRAINING ---

- **Complete and fulfill each training requirement of the comprehensive, multi-day, avalanche training course (classroom and field) presented by KCSR.**
- *In the event a new member joins KCSR with prior avalanche training, or an existing member chooses to obtain avalanche training through another organization, attendance at the classroom portion of "Initial Training" may be waived upon presentation and acceptance of written documentation of completion of an equivalent or greater level of training through another course provider. In addition, these individuals must attend the field training portion of the KCSR "Initial Training".*

Thereafter, required CONTINUING TRAINING ---

- **Annual attendance at an avalanche "REFRESHER" field training day presented by KCSR should be maintained.**
- *In the event a member misses two years in a row of "Refresher" training, their name will be removed from the team membership/callout list. Team reinstatement requires repeating the Initial Training course, or presentation and acceptance of written documentation of completion of an equivalent or greater level of training through another course provider.*

Highly recommended CONTINUING TRAINING ---

- Annual attendance at the "BEACONS" evening review/field practice training presented by KCSR should be maintained.

NOTE: KCSR avalanche training is focused on building individual and team proficiency among members of the various winter teams. To best accomplish this end, attendance at field training portions of KCSR avalanche training is limited to winter team members. Attendance at classroom portions of the training is open to all interested members of KCSR.

This policy, approved the date below written, supersedes and replaces any policy of the same title previously enacted.

DATE ADOPTED by the KCSR Executive Council: January 3, 2013