



Cibola Search and Rescue



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Search and Rescue in New Mexico

- ▶ SAR missions are conducted by a variety of agencies and teams around the state
- ▶ All search and rescue incidents in NM are coordinated by the NM State Police under the Department of Public Safety
- ▶ NM SAR council
 - ▶ Advocate for SAR in NM
- ▶ Governing documents for SAR activities are:
 - ▶ SAR act
 - ▶ SAR plan



Cibola Search and Rescue (CSAR)

- ▶ Cibola Search and Rescue is based in Albuquerque, New Mexico
- ▶ All-volunteer wilderness search and rescue team that responds to and supports search and rescue incidents throughout New Mexico.
- ▶ Established in 1986
- ▶ 87 total members
- ▶ Age range of early 20s to late 70s
- ▶ Approximately 75% male and 25% female
- ▶ Day jobs ranging from: Nurse, EMT, health insurance, pharmacy, Sandia national labs, IT, city code enforcement, mortgage officer, retirees



CSAR Mission Statement

The mission of Cibola Search and Rescue is to reduce human suffering and to preserve human life by assisting the New Mexico State Police and other duly designated government agencies in locating and rescuing lost and/or injured persons. As members of this team, we strive to maintain the skills required for the majority of search and rescue missions conducted throughout New Mexico and to perform our duties with competence, professionalism, and respect for the subjects and their families.

What We Do

- ▶ Primarily provides ground search and rescue responsibilities
- ▶ Additional capabilities:
 - ▶ Incident communications
 - ▶ Drone searching
 - ▶ Wilderness medical capabilities
 - ▶ 4x4 vehicle support
 - ▶ Direction finding



Roles within CSAR

- ▶ Field team member
- ▶ Support team member
- ▶ Trainer/instructor
- ▶ Drone committee
- ▶ Cibola off-road vehicle response team (COVRT)
- ▶ PR committee
- ▶ Medical Committee
- ▶ Gear Committee
- ▶ Comms/trailer committee
- ▶ Board members



How Does CSAR Get Activated?

- ▶ A 911 call is placed (lost person, family member, concerned hiker)
 - ▶ Specialty trained State police officer determine if circumstances necessitate SAR response
 - ▶ SAR field coordinators notified
 - ▶ A certified field coordinator becomes the SAR incident commander (IC).
 - ▶ The incident commander activates and manages resources for missions
 - ▶ Team members are notified via email and text
 - ▶ Individuals who are able to respond mission, contact IC
 - ▶ Present to incident base



Timeline of a call out:

To: Cibola search and Rescue Coms

Text Message
Tue, Jun 27 at 2:04 AM

CIBOLASAR MSN 23-58.
Text Evan [REDACTED]
More info in email next. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
need ground teams and mtn
bikers, and respond by noon

To: Cibola search and Rescue Coms

Wed, Jun 28 at 12:27 PM

CIBOLASAR Potential mission over the next few days. Review the email sent to Cibola SAR Google Group & respond to Evan Ashcraft via email w/ availability

Thu, Jun 29 at 5:17 PM

CIBOLASAR New mission: SAR23T00002 for Friday June30,2023. Missing [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Info to follow in email. Text to B.
Kennedy: [REDACTED] if you can attend

Sat, Jul 1 at 2:44 PM

CIBOLASAR Mission#: SAR23T000002 has been suspended. No further resources are needed. Thanks to all who participated!

Typical Calls

- ▶ Injured hiker in Jemez
- ▶ Stranded hiker in Gila
- ▶ Stranded hiker on La Luz
- ▶ Unprepared hiker on La Luz
- ▶ Injured hiker on Embudito
- ▶ Lost hiker in Sandias
- ▶ Unprepared hikers near Sandia crest
- ▶ Overdue hiker on 10K
- ▶ Lost/stranded hiker on La Luz
- ▶ ELT beacon
- ▶ Overdue trail runner



Recent CSAR Trainings/Events

Tracking
Training

Full Moon
Snowshoe Hike

Escape
Conference
2023

Intro to SAR
Management

Tech License
HAM Class

Intermediate
Navigation
Class

Communication
Training

Avalanche
Training

Winter Basics
Training

Evening Hike
Eye of the
Sandias

Litter training

Navigation
training

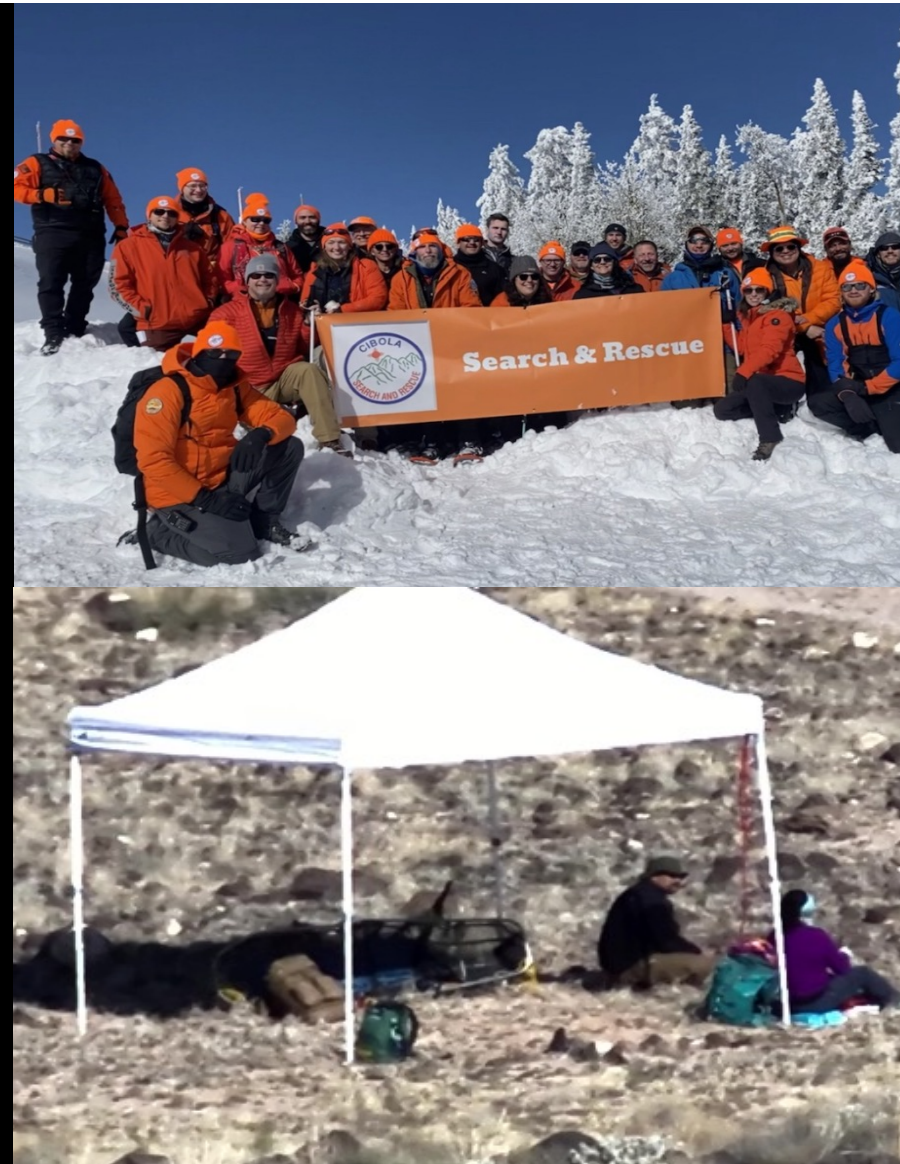
FAQs

- ▶ How often is CSAR called out?
- ▶ How far will CSAR travel to respond to a call?
- ▶ How long can we expect to stay on mission?



Community Events and Involvement

- ▶ Cedro Peak Trail Run Support
- ▶ Albuquerque Enduro Series MTB Races
- ▶ Good Friday Tome Hill Support
- ▶ Boy Scout SAR Merit Badge Presentation
- ▶ Sandia Crest Snowshoe Race Support
- ▶ SAR presentation at the library
- ▶ Cub scout collaboration



How to Become a Member

- ▶ Intake is currently 1-2 times a year
- ▶ Prospective members must attend new member course
 - ▶ Online and hands on training
 - ▶ Some topics:
 - ▶ Gear and clothing
 - ▶ Basic communication
 - ▶ Field safety
 - ▶ Knots
 - ▶ Litter
 - ▶ Navigation
 - ▶ Search
 - ▶ Safety/logistics
 - ▶ Scenario based application of all skills





Teams We Collaborate With

- ▶ Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council (AMRC)
- ▶ Sandia search dogs
- ▶ NM mounted search and rescue
- ▶ BCSO/BCFD
- ▶ AFR/APD
- ▶ 40-50 other SAR teams in state of NM

How Can CSAR and FOSM Collaborate?



- ▶ Events
 - ▶ Snowshoe event
 - ▶ Community hike?
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Shared goals
 - ▶ Ideas for preventing unprepared hikers attempting La luz
 - ▶ FOSM workshops
- ▶ ?

Procedures/Documents/Policies

- ▶ New Mexico Statutes
 - ▶ [Search and Rescue Act](#)
- ▶ New Mexico Administrative Code
 - ▶ [SAR System of Certification](#)
- ▶ DPS SAR Policies
 - ▶ [SAR.01 Standard Operating Procedures for an identification of search and rescue personnel](#)
 - ▶ [SAR.02 Search and rescue field coordinator](#)
 - ▶ [Attachment A - Basic FC Kit Equipment List](#)
 - ▶ [SAR.03 Donations during search and rescue incidents under the New Mexico search and rescue plan](#)
 - ▶ [SAR.04 State authorized search and rescue training missions](#)
- [SAR.08 Search and rescue plan](#)
- SAR Standard Operating Procedures
 - [New Mexico Search and Rescue Standard Operating Procedures \(SOP\) Manual](#)
 - [SAR: SOP=01 Attachment A](#)
- Supporting Documentation
 - [NMSAR Field Operations Guide](#)

Thank You!

