

Douglas County recruiting search and rescue members

Douglas County sheriff's search and rescue is having an academy in April for potential members.

Rescuers are essentially on call 24/7; working in the county and helping neighboring rescue teams.

DCSAR is accredited by the Mountain Rescue Association and responds to high/low angle rope rescue events, reports of lost or injured backcountry snowshoeing, skiing, snowmobiling and hiking incidents. The volunteers also handle fire evacuations, river or flood rescues and lost/overdue off road drivers. Any previous experience in any of these areas are useful, but not a requirement to attend the academy.

Anyone who enjoys the outdoors, is over 18 years of age and has a desire to serve their community in times of emergency may apply. Comprehensive training is provided to ensure all members are safe and capable. There is no testing for physical limitations, however members must be able to go out into the back country in any type of weather.

The academy begins April 6. Applications are available **online**. They are due March 1.

For more info, email dcсар@douglasnv.us.