

Search and Rescue Fund State Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Fact Sheet



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Highlights

- The Search and Rescue fund (SAR) has reimbursed **\$449,166.89** for 617 missions and has granted **\$1,875,136.49** via 243 awards between 2010 and 2016.
- In State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016, CORSAR card and sticker sales generated **\$74,802.89** in revenue.
- Over the same period, SAR reimbursed **\$60,888.96** for 74 missions and granted **\$339,124.25** via **33** awards.
- The average amount for a mission reimbursement in SFY2016 was **\$801.17**.
- The busiest month of SFY2016 for search and rescue missions was **July**.

About the Search and Rescue Fund

- SAR was created in 1987 to reimburse political subdivisions and search-and-rescue organizations for the costs incurred in conducting search and rescue operations, and to provide funding for the purchase of search-and-rescue related equipment and training.
- Funds are generated via two main sources: \$0.25 surcharges applied to hunting and fishing licenses, and boat, snowmobile, and off-highway vehicle registrations; and by sales of the CORSAR (Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue) Cards. The one-year card costs the buyer \$3.00, with \$2.00 going directly to SAR and \$1.00 being collected by the vendor as an administration fee. The five-year card costs the buyer \$12.00, with \$9.00 going directly to SAR and \$3.00 being collected by the vendor.

Rescue Missions by Funding Source

Funding Source	SFY16 Revenue Totals	SFY16 Revenue %
Hunting Licenses	\$129,989.50	26.5%
Fishing Licenses	\$193,380.50	39.4%
OHVs, Snowmobiles, Boats	\$75,990.91	15.5%
CORSAR Card/Sticker Sales	\$74,802.89	15.3%
Refunds, interest, misc.	\$16,264.43	3.3%
TOTAL	\$490,428.23	100%

Rescue Missions by Activity

Activities	Missions % of Total
Hiker	36%
Hunter	25%
Snowmobile	8%
Climber	8%
OHV	7%
Bicycle	7%
Other	9%

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