

Skamania County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue VOLUNTEER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PACKAGE



Tier I - Minimum Field-Ready (Hasty) Gear List

(Not required to apply. Required prior to being activated as field-ready)

Purpose:

- ★ This list defines the minimum gear a member must personally own to pass a pack check and deploy as a hasty team member.*
- ★ This list is essentials-only and intentionally limited for clarity, safety, and accessibility.
- ★ Tier I: Required – Must Be Owned

Pack Check Standard:

- ★ Total pack weight (including 2L of water): target \leq 20 lbs
- ★ Pack will be weighed during pack check
- ★ Focus is on mobility, safety, and essentials, not volume or “nice-to-have” items

**Passing a pack check confirms readiness for hasty deployment only.
Additional roles and mission types may require additional gear.*

Navigation & Communication

- Phone with downloaded CalTopo maps and emergency contacts
- Compass & paper map
- Pealess Whistle
- LED Headlamp (with spare batteries)
- Small flashlight (with spare batteries)
- Battery bank

Personal Safety/Protection, Wearables

- Non-cotton moisture-wicking base layers (shirt, underwear, socks)
- Weather-appropriate layers (non-cotton insulation, durable pants with multiple pockets, rain shell & rain pants)
- Sturdy footwear suitable for terrain (waterproof hiking boots)
- Work gloves (nitrile coated or leather palm gloves, 1 pair of each is best)
- Eye protection (safety glasses, and sunglasses)
- Watch

Survival / Self-Care

- Water, 2L, sufficient for base → field → return
- Snacks/Food, 1,000+ calories, adequate for mission duration
- First aid kit (personal, mission-appropriate)
- Emergency shelter (bivy, tarp, or equivalent)

Tools & Essentials

- Knife or multi-tool
- Fire-starting method
- Personal medications
- Mission documentation tools (waterproof notebook, waterproof pen)
- Nano stylus (for rainy weather so you don't have to remove gloves when using touch-screens)