



# RED DEER COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE

Search and Rescue teams intervene in particularly difficult or dangerous situations. Intensively trained and taught, they operate in any environment where conventional rescue teams cannot intervene safely.

As per NFPA 1670, members of Red Deer County Search and Rescue are trained to the technician and operational levels in:

**Rope Rescue** – any rescue attempt that required rope and/or rope systems and related equipment to safely gain access to, and remove patients from hazardous geographic areas/locations with limited access.

**Confined Space Rescue** – An area, other than underground working, that is enclosed or partially enclosed, is not designed or intended for continuous human occupancy, has limited or restricted means for entry or exit that may complicate the provision of first aid, evacuation, rescue or other emergency response service and is large enough and so configured that a worker could enter to perform assigned work.

**Aquatic Rescue** – Any incident that involves the removal of victim(s) from any body of water other than a swimming pool. This shall include rivers, creeks, lakes, washes and storm drains.

**Structural Collapse Rescue** – The mobilization of resources required to safely and expeditiously locate and remove trapped and often injured victims from partially or totally collapsed structures or environments and the provision of emergency care in doing so.

**Ground Search and Rescue** – The search for and provision of aid to people who are in distress or imminent danger.

Currently a 50 member Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team which is organized, trained and equipped to operate as a Medium USAR Task Force.

Each member is equipped with their own Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and 24-hour and 10-day deployment personal kits.

## Equipment

- Fully equipped specialty rescue trucks
- Rescue boats with jet motors
- Command Post trailer with communication capabilities
- Programmable UHF/VHF radios, satellite phone, Internet/Wifi, GPS
- Full complement of rope rescue equipment
- Complete Supplied Air Breathing Apparatus (SABA) system, including 1,200 feet of airline with hard line communication and air monitoring
- Airbags
- Breaching and breaking
- Acoustic listening
- Search camera capabilities
- Livestock Response Unit

