

# Anchorage Police Department

## Auxiliary Search Team



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# Search and Rescue in the US

- Coast Guard—Air Force—National Guard
- FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Teams
- State Police
- City Police
- City Fire Department
- Volunteer Fire Departments
- Volunteer SAR teams



# Search and Rescue in Alaska

Alaska State Troopers *statutory responsibility for SAR in Alaska*

APDST

ASARD

AMRG

ANSP

BAART

MAT-SAR

AFD

Helo One

210<sup>th</sup> Rescue--COAST GUARD

Coast Guard Auxiliary--Civil Air Patrol



# History/Statistics

**Established in 1999 by Sgt. Barry Reid who saw a need for volunteer assistance when APD was tasked with a Search.**

**Since inception the APDST has contributed over 7000 man hours of service to the community.**

**From 2000 through 2008 we were called out on searches for**

- 55 missing children**
- 20 missing adults**
- 28 evidence searches**
- 12 APD/AST support**
- 21 public events**



# Mission Statement

The Anchorage Police Department (APD) Auxiliary Search Team, hereafter known as the “Search Team”, is an organization of trained volunteers with the primary mission of assisting APD in locating and rendering aid to persons reported missing within the APD service district. Any state, local or Federal agency calling on the team must make their request through the Anchorage Police Department.



# APD Service District





# Other Responsibilities

Evidence Searches.

Providing support at public or special events.

Providing assistance to APD in the event of natural or man made disasters,

Project Lifesaver





# **...locating and rendering aid to persons reported missing...**

**Missing Person Data Sheet**

**Psychological profiles**

**ASARA, NASAR**

**Special Search Techniques**

**Support from other agencies**

**ASARD, AMRG, AFD, Helo One, AARC**





# Evidence Searches

**Generally days after the event**  
**Care to Preserve Evidence**  
**Metal Detectors**



# Evidence Searches





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# Providing support at public or special events





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Providing assistance to APD in the event of natural or man made disasters,

NASAR and ASARA Training  
Training at EOC  
Expanded Academy







# Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver was established in April of 1999 as an initiative of the 43rd Search and Rescue Company of the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office. Project Lifesaver's mission is to use state of the art technology in assisting those who care for victims of Alzheimer's and other Related Mental Dysfunction Disorders (ARMD) and victims who become lost. These victims include the elderly and even the youngest in our community who are afflicted with Down's syndrome and Autism.





# Project Lifesaver

PLSA began November 2004 with Funding from the Municipality of Anchorage to train 17 operators and 6 trainers. Initially 15 APDST members were trained along with one representative from Alaska Search and Rescue Dogs (ASARD) and Lt. Craig MacDonald the State of Alaska Search and Rescue Coordinator.



# Project Lifesaver



¼ - 5 mile range

215-217 mhz band

Wrist xmtr—one month



# Project Lifesaver

- Funding for PLSA comes from private and corporate donations and grants. Purchase of equipment is through APD/APDST. Management of the program is through the APDST with guidance by the PLSA committee.



# Communications

- 800 Mhz
- Trunked System
- MOA System
- 4 Repeaters
- 2 Channels for APDST
- 1 Channel colocated with Community Patrols
- 1 Channel for EOC
- 1 Channel for APD Sargeants
- 1 Talk around-Simplex
- 2 handhelds with ALMR (MIC)
- 1 VHF radio for AST and SAR groups (MIC)
- 1 APD UHF radio (MIC)



# Mobile Incident Command





**Thank you**