

Backcountry Search and Rescue Council Meeting

December 19, 2024 1- 3:30pm
Nancy's Place – Frisco, CO



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Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introduction**
- II. Public Comment**
- III. BSAR Council Member/Org Updates**
- IV. Meeting Minutes – September 2024**
- V. Rescuer Gear/Lifeseeker-Artimus**
- VI. Legislative Update**
- VII. BSAR Program Financial/Budget Update**
- VIII. CORSAR Card/Marketing**
- IX. BSAR Training**
- X. 2022 BSAR Study**



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Gear/Artimis/Lifeseeker

Need for new/replacement gear for Hoist Rescue Team

BSAR provided additional funding to Gilpin County through BSAR Council approval for funds to purchase original gear in 2017. Original grant roughly \$21k

BSAR Study Recommendation

Current Situation

- DFPC MMA testing Artimis device
- Only 1 LifeSeeker device in Colorado currently – Highland Helicopters publically touts performance
- Only effective if subjects cell phone is powered on
- Several options available for devices – bolt-on or mobile



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Legislative Update

[HB24-1309](#) – Updates on Working Group?

Rule Changes – Surcharge Increase

- Rule making process
- Stakeholder Engagement – Now through July '25
- Commission Meetings
- January 2026 Implementation



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CORSAR Card Data

CORSAR Cards Sold

CORSAR Card Revenue	Amount	1SR	1SR \$	5SR	5SR \$
July - Dec. 2023	\$ 7,527.00	333	\$ 999.00	544	\$ 6,528.00
July - Dec. 2024	\$ 94,295.00	4331	\$ 21,655.00	3632	\$ 72,640.00

Average Annual Revenue in 2020 to 2022 \$112,436

CORSAR Cards only sold through CPW
Request made to "buy-back" unused CORSAR Stickers



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Funding Source

Bucket 1 Funds

1326 Flex Grant Fund	\$	-	Granted in Aug 2023
168 Funds	\$	709,754.86	Purchase of Services
KCW	\$	2,579,341.95	
KCW Reimbursement	\$	54,022.87	
	\$	<u>2,525,319.08</u>	KCW Available

Bucket 2 Funds (July-November SFY25)

Traditional BSAR Funds

Interest	\$	47,537.00	
Revenue	\$	198,071.00	CORSAR Card/Fees



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Breakdown of Revenue

\$	19,672.75	Registration
\$	37,006.00	Hunting
\$	98,547.25	Fishing
\$	<u>42,845.00</u>	CORSAR CARD
\$	198,071.00	Total

- KCW Q1 Est. Revenue - \$10,469,448 (Unofficial report)
- Anticipated to exceed \$36m for waterfall funding
- 2019-2024 Funding to Counties and Nonprofit BSAR Groups - \$6,605,528



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2024 County Allocation

18 of 34 Counties submitted budget documents

- Waiting to County fiscal year
- Strategize use of funding
- 1 county mentioned they were unable to fund upfront costs

1 of 18 Counties are spending money on mental health services

- Other counties have access to mental health services

Most counties are planning to be making vehicle/trailer purchases



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Incident Reimbursement

- Insufficient Documentation
- Reimbursement Policies
- Grand County – Helicopter Recovery - \$28k
- Custer County – 2 small requests under \$300
- Gunnison County – 1 request under \$300



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BSAR Training

NASAR

- Catalog of NASAR Certifications
- Trainings to ANYONE providing BSAR services in Colorado
- Trainings are low cost – No individual/Team Membership needed
- Record keeping for certifications
- Seasoned trainers may be certified by CO State with NASAR
- Professional Search and Rescue career paths available

Upcoming Winter CPW Supported Trainings

Snowmobile/Avalanche Awareness

Drone/UAV



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CPW BSAR webpages can be found at....

<https://cpw.state.co.us/backcountry-search-and-rescue-program>

And

helpsearch.org

Incident Reimbursement Google Document

<https://forms.gle/eAsP2jvUZWs39S7HA>



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