

This Working Agreement was made this _____ day of _____, 20__.

BETWEEN:

Pincher Creek Search & Rescue Society
Hereinafter called PCSAR

And

Castle Mountain Resort
Herein after called CMR

Working Agreement

WHEREAS:

The members of PCSAR are trained in search & rescue according to the standard of Search & Rescue Alberta, and

CMR responders are trained in avalanche rescue to the Canadian Avalanche Association Av Tech Level 1, and

PCSAR is willing to assist CMR in emergency situations occurring on CMR property, and

CMR is willing to assist PCSAR in search & rescue under the direction, control and supervision of PCSAR for incidents away from CMR property.

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

CMR responders will become PCSAR members as avalanche responders. As such they must fill out a membership application form, be approved by the board and attend at least one PCSAR activity per year. Responders must hold CAA Av Tech Level 1 certification, a minimum of standard first aid and ICS100 or SAR fundamentals.

Due to the need for immediate deployment for any avalanche incidents off CMR property, a PCSAR avalanche responder can initiate deployment. When the decision is made for deployment, the R.C.M.P. as the tasking agency must be notified as must a PCSAR search manager. The member making the decision to start deployment becomes the Incident Commander and is responsible for an orderly and effective response. The R.C.M.P. are responsible for any non-PCSAR members that are part of the response effort, not PCSAR. The R.C.M.P. must approve of all non-PCSAR responders.

All responders must sign in to provide accountability that they are not lost track of and for proper WCB coverage.

The incident commander may hand off command to another PCSAR member competent in the role e.g. a higher skilled avalanche tech.

When a PCSAR search manager arrives, the current incident commander will continue to be in charge of the avalanche area, but now as the operations section chief or division supervisor. The search manager will become the new incident commander and will look at the larger scope of the operation including such things as medical evacuation, transportation and logistical support.

All other types of responses, e.g. lost snowmobilers, will follow the normal process of contacting the R.C.M.P. and a PCSAR search manager who would determine whether PCSAR will respond.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

President, Pincher Creek Search & Rescue Society

General Manager, Castle Mountain Resort