



ALASKA SEARCH and RESCUE ASSOCIATION

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MEL NADING AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY SEARCH AND RESCUE PRACTICE

This award is to recognize exemplary practice of volunteers performing search and rescue efforts either on an individual or team level.



SUBMISSIONS: Submissions will be accepted during the months of August and September for the prior fiscal year/time period, July 1 through June 30, and should be kept to no more than 300 words describing:

- Who was involved.
- Where it took place.
- How this volunteer or team meets one or more of the following criteria:

CRITERIA:

1. Professionally performing in a SAR mission that was difficult, complex, dangerous, or lengthy, because of the terrain, the weather, the subject's condition.
2. Exhibiting outstanding innovation and/or leadership in a SAR mission.
3. Promoting safety of all SAR responders in difficult or dangerous conditions on a SAR mission.
4. Going beyond the normal day to day SAR response, whether it is a search, a rescue, or a recovery to bring the SAR mission to a successful conclusion under difficult circumstances.
5. Actions during a SAR mission that set a positive example or high standard of care and commitment to the principles of SAR..."we give of ourselves, that others may live."

Volunteer teams put forth extraordinary efforts each day, but what makes this mission remarkable, memorable, and exceptional. Something exemplary is so good that it is an example for others to follow.

TIMELINE: ASARA will accept submissions during August and September of each year with award being presented at the ASARA Annual Meeting scheduled during November or December.

AWARD: A plaque will be given acknowledging the efforts of the individual(s) or the team recognized for their "Exemplary SAR Practice." A grant of \$1000 will be awarded to the member(s) team for the purpose of training and or equipment purchase.

COMMITTEE: The award committee will be given all submissions October 1st with a decision submitted to the ASARA Directors by October 20th. The committee will consist of the Alaska State Trooper's SAR Coordinator, a member of the Nading family, Paul Anderson (retired Superintendent Denali National Park, Craig Macdonald (retired Lt. Alaska State Troopers), and one ASARA Director.

The committee will consider all submissions and award the individual or team that they all agree meets "exemplary practice" in search and rescue efforts. The committee must be unanimous in its decision. Although submissions will be accepted on a yearly, there may be years the committee decides submissions did not meet the standard this award is purposing to recognize.

FUNDS: Funds for this award will be accounted for under the "Mel Nading Award" in the ASARA membership account. Funds for the award have been graciously donated by Denise Nading and Chuck Springer.

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