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Sgt. Casey Condon – MCSO Monterey County Search And Rescue Team



Serving Monterey County Since 1963

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Search and Rescue (SAR) Team has a storied history dating back to 1939 when the King City Sheriff's Posse and the Salinas Rodeo Riders first assisted with search and rescue incidents. Officially formed in 1963, the SAR Team established a volunteer unit in 1989 to bolster its operations, thus becoming a hybrid team of deputies and volunteers.

Currently, the SAR team comprises about 10 Sheriff's Deputies and Sergeants, and 30 volunteers, aged between 21 and 70, both men and women. Since 2009, the team has maintained full membership in the Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) as a Type I elite rescue unit, re-certifying annually.

In addition to local operations, the SAR team is frequently called upon by the Governor's

Office of Emergency Services for mutual aid missions across California's mountainous regions. Their operations include rescuing injured climbers, avalanche victims, lost hikers, and natural disaster response.

Monterey County Search and Rescue is a non-profit organization registered under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. Volunteers respond to an average of 65 emergency calls each year.

Typical Missions Include:

- Wilderness searches for missing or injured hikers.
- Urban searches for Alzheimer's patients or lost children.
- Rescuing injured hikers in the backcountry.
- Swiftwater rescues due to flooding.
- Rescues or recoveries from vehicles driving off cliffs.
- Evidence or abduction searches for law enforcement.
- Searches for downed aircraft.
- Body recoveries of various types.
- Mutual aid searches during urban disasters.

The team maintains a close working relationship with Monterey County Fire Urban Search and Rescue units, local, state, and federal parks and forest services, and local and state law enforcement agencies.

Commitment And Sacrifices

Joining the SAR team requires a substantial commitment. Volunteers must attend monthly training sessions and meetings, and be ready to respond to emergencies 24/7. Members must maintain excellent mental and physical health to handle the demanding and stressful nature of rescue missions.





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Our Central Coast

Rotary Community Service Program FY 24-25
"Service Above Self" – Sign Up and Serve

Nine Peninsula Rotary Clubs will be serving together this year at various locations with a variety of local non-profits, schools and city organizations. The key objectives of this new service program include:

- Allow for multiple club members from nine clubs to serve together
- Make an impactful difference for those we serve
- Partner with local non-profit organizations to support the work of these agencies
- Move beyond just "giving money" to "giving ourselves" in service to others
- Establish a "regular" time when service projects become regular habit throughout the year
- Enhance the reputation and impact Rotary in our local communities.

Details of the projects are on the website and upcoming projects in August, 2024 include:

Agency/Event	Types of Projects	Timing	Lead Club
• Rancho Cielo Salinas	Veggie boxes for fundraiser	August 21 8-1 pm	Monterey Rotary Shyam Kamath Carmel by the Sea Rotary Mark Grandcolas
• RM Sotheby's Car Auction Monterey Rotary	Adult & Student volunteers assistance	August 9-19 various shifts pushing cars, ticket sales, etc.	Monterey Rotary Eric Johnsen Terry Ryan Rotary Car Auction Volunteer Signups Link
• Gathering for Women	Exterior painting at entrance, interior painting throughout rooms	August 31 9 am-1 pm	Monterey Rotary Eric Johnsen

Rotary members, friends, spouses and community members can sign up for a project online by going to the website at www.loveourcentralcoast.org, Creating an Account, and then clicking on a project or several to sign up to volunteer.



Sotheby's

August 15-17, 2024

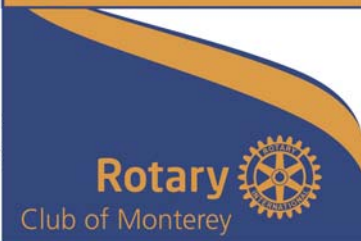


UPDATE:

Auction sign-ups are still necessary! We are now in our "must do" phase! We have 17 open positions and 8 of these are very critical to the success of our event. These dates are Wednesday 8.7 and 8.14 as well as Thursday 8.15 and Saturday 8.17. The three Auction nights are on August 15, 16 and 17. We need to fill these spots, so please see Terry or Eric at the meeting today. You are most welcome to invite fellow Rotarians from other clubs and students who need service hours so reach out to family friends and neighbors!

Please know that we have ordered new clothing because our sponsors name has changed from RM Auctions to RM | Sotheby's Auction. Thanks to President Jonathan, we will have the new clothing at our volunteer center – the Driftwood Room at the Portola Plaza Hotel on Alvarado Mall. Please call or text Terry (831-970-7463) or email Eric at johnsenes@gmail.com. Terry and Eric are here to assist everyday!

CLUB EVENTS



Thursday, August 22
Board Meeting
10:30 am
Hilton Garden Inn

AUGUST 2024

Thursday – 08/15	Ethan Gibson, Director of Communications & Greg Sparling, VP of Ops – RM Auction/Car Week
Thursday – 08/22	Board Meeting – 10:30 AM – Hilton Garden Inn
Thursday – 08/22	TBD
Thursday – 08/29	Michael Polkabla – My Single Handed Transpacific Yacht Race To Hawaii

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August Membership Anniversaries

Bert Aronson	08/01/80	44 Years
Dan Albert Sr.	08/01/91	33 Years
Jeff Davi	08/26/93	31 Years
John Scherer	08/15/19	22 Years
Peter Ambrust	08/14/14	10 Years
Marco Lucido	08/01/19	5 Years
Phil Deppert	08/20/20	4 Years
David Betts	08/03/23	1 Year
Barbara Ostos	08/10.23	1 Year



Kim Stemler – August 9
 Dan Albert Jr. – August 11
 Nels Wiegand – August 11
 Matt Nelson – August 13