

SEARCH AND RESCUE, ADAMS COUNTY STYLE

Since 1999, Sheriff Doug Darr and the Adams County Sheriff's Office have designated Rampart Search and Rescue as the primary resource for Adams County's search and rescue needs. Rampart Search and Rescue is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to saving lives through search, rescue and education of the public. In addition, the Adams County Sheriff's Office Posse members are available to assist with search and rescue efforts. Both teams consist of members who are volunteers; and their diverse knowledge, skills and experience levels serve the needs of the Sheriff's Office well.

Rescue are invaluable and seemingly limitless. Whether the situation calls for specialized vehicles, canines, communications equipment, or qualified personnel, the Sheriff's Office has access through the Rampart team. Members are ICS and NIMS certified and are equipped with computerized mapping software that allows accurate formulation of search plans. Also, the members are equipped with Infinity GPS microphones that allow the members, by using their portable radios, to track searchers in the area in real time, enabling the progress of the search to be tracked. The team members train in all aspects of communications and have their own communications equipment, including CB, Low Band, VHF, UHF and 800MHz (analog and digital P25) radios. This equipment is supported by team-owned public safety repeaters in Adams County and along the front range of Colorado.

Bloodhounds are also considered part of the team. The owner/handler trains each dog and both undergo approximately 800 hours of training before the dog is considered operational. The canine training is conducted in the field to provide exposure to realistic conditions and situations. Canine handlers are trained in emergency medicine and are able to provide immediate medical aid to injured parties. Additionally, Rampart members frequently assist in FEMA's CERT training classes and exercises in Adams County. An explorer program is also available to members 14 - 20 years of age.

An additional search resource utilized in Adams County, is the Adams County Sheriff's Office Posse. The Posse consists of certified and non-certified members. Each member has access to and the ability to transport a horse to any given location. The Posse members train and are proficient in search and rescue efforts, and are readily available for prompt responses. The Posse may be utilized in conjunction with the Rampart team or each team can be mobilized independent of each other.

Sheriff Darr and the Adams County Sheriff's Office remain committed to providing state-of-the-art, effective, and comprehensive services to the citizens of Adams County and to those who may be in the area. The search and rescue resources utilized by the Sheriff's Office meet the stringent professional standards demanded by Sheriff Darr. The dedication and service that has been provided by the members of Rampart Search and Rescue and the Adams County Sheriff's Office Posse have exceeded the expectations of the Adams County Sheriff's Office and have proven themselves to be tremendous assets to the Sheriff's Office and to the citizens of Adams County.

For more information about Rampart Search and Rescue, including how to donate to the organization, please visit their website at rampartsar.com. For more information about the Adams County Sheriff's Office Posse, please visit: adamssheriff.org.



Rampart Search and Rescue provides support in natural disaster situations and searches for stranded motorists, missing persons, downed aircraft and activated emergency locator transmitters. The services are free of charge to county, local, state, and federal agencies and are under the direct supervision of the Adams County Sheriff's Office.

The resources available through Rampart Search and