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**Subject:** FW: Saskatoon SAR - 2023 Year in Review

On Sun, Jan 28, 2024 at 2:49 PM Saskatoon Search and Rescue <[saskatoonsearchandrescue@gmail.com](mailto:saskatoonsearchandrescue@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners,

Saskatoon Search and Rescue is a ground search and rescue team made up of dedicated volunteers who are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year. Our mission is to assist the Saskatoon Police Service, RCMP, Saskatoon EMO, Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency and other agencies having jurisdiction in addressing community emergencies, particularly in locating lost or missing persons. We also operate the Project Lifesaver program within Saskatoon which provides locating bracelets to people who are prone to wandering (e.g. dementia, Alzheimer's, autism, etc.)

We could not do all that we do without the support of so many businesses, organizations and individuals. We are especially grateful for the working relationships we have with our City partners, the Saskatoon Police Service, Saskatoon EMO and the Saskatoon Fire Department.

Because of this relationship, we thought you may be interested in reading our 2023 Year in Review which highlights many of our accomplishments, such as:

- We had 43 search-ready members who responded to 15 activations. These included three Project Lifesaver clients who were located quickly and safely. Since starting the Project Lifesaver program in 2018, more than 115 Saskatoon families have been given peace of mind that there is a back up in place and our members can respond quickly in the event their loved one wanders.

- We continuously strive to improve our operational effectiveness and provide the highest level of response for missing persons and their families. With the formation and ongoing training of our Wilderness First Responder and Rapid Response Teams, along with several other initiatives, we are improving our ability to quickly search, access, and provide initial medical support when needed.

- As the role of search and rescue teams expands into disaster response, there is a need for cooperation and interoperability between many emergency response organizations. Members attended the Disaster Assistance Response Training which provides a foundation for involvement in large scale emergencies and disasters.

- SSAR is run entirely by dedicated volunteers (who donated over 7,500 hours of their time in 2023) and members have represented our team and been recognized for their efforts on national and international stages.

There's so much more in our Year in Review: <https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/pvfRCWrX6T3x4>

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our organization, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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Saskatoon Search and Rescue