

How does the LaSalle County Ground Search and Rescue Team get activated?

The LaSalle County Ground Search and Rescue Team is activated through the LaSalle County Sheriff and/or the LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency. If you feel that you need the assistance of a search and rescue team, contact your local law enforcement agency.

Police, Fire, or Emergency Service Agency Call Out Procedure:

Contact LaSalle County dispatch at (815) 433-2161 and advise the dispatcher that you need the search and rescue team. Be prepared to provide the following information:

- Name and phone number of point of contact on the scene
- Type of search
- Age, and mental status of victim, if applicable
- Location of search
- Location of the staging area



LaSalle County Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR) Team

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Ground Search and Rescue Team
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Who are the LaSalle County Ground Search and Rescue Team?

The LaSalle County Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR) Team is a team of highly trained volunteers from all areas of LaSalle and the bordering counties. Members of the team receive training in incident command and management, search tactics and techniques, search management, initial search operations, lost person behavior, the National Incident Management System, the National Response Framework, and a variety of other courses pertaining to emergency response operations. The team was formed in December of 2008 and became fully operational in February of 2009. The team operates under the authority of the LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency. We currently have strength of 32 active members who train on a bi monthly basis. Members are required to attend a minimum of 50% of training sessions to remain active on the team.



What does the LaSalle County Ground Search and Rescue Team do?

The LaSalle County Ground Search and Rescue Team assists local and state emergency response agencies in the search for missing or lost persons in all weather and terrain types. The team is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The team will respond to requests from any emergency service, fire, or police agency. The team is trained to conduct both day and night time searches for both persons and evidence, however we do not search for subjects who are considered armed and/or dangerous without law enforcement personnel.

How do I join the LaSalle County Ground Search and Rescue Team?

If you would like to join the team, contact the LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency at 815-433-5622 or visit our website at <http://www.lasallecounty.org/ema/index.htm> and click on the GSAR link for an application. Fill out your application and return it to the Emergency Management Agency at 711 E. Etna Rd., Ottawa, IL 61350. Once your application has been reviewed, you will be contacted by a member of the LaSalle County Ground Search and Rescue Team's command staff to schedule your training.

