



Legislation Text

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Supervisor Ranalli recommending Board:

1) Receive and file a presentation provided by El Dorado County Sheriff John D'Agostini, recognizing the community volunteers who support the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office as members of the El Dorado County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit, El Dorado County Air Squadron and the El Dorado County Sheriff's Explorers; and

2) Approve and authorize the signatures of all five Board members on Proclamations that recognize these volunteers for their service. (Est. Time: 30 Min.)

The El Dorado County Sheriff's Office is supported by community volunteers who are members of the Sheriff's Office special programs and services that include the El Dorado County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit, the El Dorado County Air Squadron, and the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office Explorers Post 457.

El Dorado County Search and Rescue Unit

The El Dorado County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit provides a wide range of rescue services to the residents and visitors of El Dorado County.

The mission of the Search and Rescue Unit is to:

- Provide emergency services to citizens and visitors who are lost, stranded or injured.
- Provide services necessary to rescue such persons and provide them appropriate medical care.
- Handle all search and rescue operations in a professional manner.

Their mission of saving lives is accomplished through the support of highly trained volunteers and Sworn Deputy Sheriff's. Although the Sheriff's Office coordinates the Search and Rescue Unit, without the participation of volunteers, the highly effective and professional Search and Rescue teams that make up the unit would not be possible.

Currently there are over 160 volunteers that provide the following services:

- Cliff (High Angle) Search and Rescue Team.
- Swift Water Search and Rescue Team.
- Ground Search and Rescue Team.
- Mounted Search and Rescue Team.
- Canine Search and Rescue Teams.
- OHV (4-Wheel Drive) Search and Rescue Team.

- Nordic Search and Rescue Team.
- Tahoe Search and Rescue Team.
- Management Team.

El Dorado County Air Squadron

The purpose of the El Dorado County Air Squadron is to provide the Sheriff's Office with an organized, professional and experienced volunteer group of pilots and aircraft. The Air Squadron is in place to assist with transportation of Sheriff's Office personnel for official business, aerial observations and reconnaissance and aerial photography for evidence documentation. They are also available to aid in the search, rescue and recovery operations.

The Air Squadron consists of 16 members and has at its disposal 12 aircraft.

El Dorado County Sheriff's Explorer Post 457

The El Dorado County Sheriff's Office Explorers Program is part of Learning for Life's career education program for young men and women who are 15 (may be 14 if they have completed the eighth grade) through 21 years old.

The Explorer's purpose is to provide experiences that help young people develop and mature so that they, in turn, become responsible and caring adults. Explorers are ready to investigate the meaning of interdependence in both their personal and professional relationships and within their community.

The result of the Sheriff's Office Explorer program is helpful youths pursuing and furthering their special interests in Law Enforcement. The El Dorado County Sheriff Explorers provide a variety of law enforcement support functions including traffic control assistance, parking and crowd control, crime prevention and public information, and other public service activities to make our community better and safer. Explorers also receive many hours of law enforcement training by El Dorado County Sheriff's Office personnel.