Skamania County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue

Tier I – Minimum Field-Ready (Hasty) Gear List

Not required to apply · Required before being activated as field-ready

Purpose

- Defines the minimum gear a volunteer must personally own to pass a pack check and deploy as a hasty team member.*
- Essentials-only and intentionally limited for clarity, safety, and accessibility.
- **Tier I: Required – Must Be Owned.**

Pack Check Standard

- Total pack weight (including 2L of water): target ≤ 20 lbs
- Pack will be weighed during pack check
- Focus is on mobility, safety, and essentials, not volume or “nice-to-have” items

**Passing a pack check confirms readiness for hasty deployment only. Additional roles and mission types may require additional gear.*

Tier I Gear: Required – Must Be Owned

Pack

☐ Backpack, approximately 40 liters

Navigation & Communication

☐ Phone with downloaded CalTopo maps, plus essential team and emergency contacts
☐ Compass & paper map
☐ Pealess whistle
☐ LED headlamp (with spare batteries)
☐ Small flashlight (with spare batteries)
☐ Battery bank & charging cord

Personal Safety / Protection, Wearables

☐ Non-cotton moisture-wicking base layers (shirt, underwear, socks)
☐ Weather-appropriate layers (non-cotton insulation, durable pants with multiple pockets, rain shell & rain pants)
☐ Sturdy footwear suitable for terrain (waterproof hiking boots)
☐ Hi-vis vest (for hunting season and road safety)
☐ Belt
☐ Bandana
☐ Gaiters
☐ Work gloves (nitrile-coated or leather palm; 1 pair of each is best)
☐ Rope gloves
☐ Eye protection (safety glasses and sunglasses)
☐ Ear protection
☐ Mask
☐ Watch

Survival / Self-Care

☐ Water, 2L, sufficient for base → field → return
☐ Factory-sealed water bottle (for a patient)
☐ Water purification tablets
☐ Snacks/food, 1,000+ calories, adequate for mission duration
☐ First aid kit (personal, mission-appropriate)
☐ Nitrile medical gloves (multiple pairs, not black)
☐ Small hand sanitizer
☐ Emergency shelter (bivy, tarp, or equivalent)
☐ Emergency (Mylar) blanket
☐ Hand warmers

Tools & Essentials

☐ Knife or multi-tool
☐ Fire-starting method
☐ Personal medications
☐ Mission documentation tools (waterproof notebook, waterproof pen)
☐ Nano stylus (for rainy weather so you don’t have to remove gloves when using touch-screens)
☐ Flagging tape
☐ Chem lights

Issued by SCSOSAR or provided later. Do not purchase: Team radio · CalTopo Access · SAR ID

Color guidance:
Blue is SCSOSAR's primary team color. For your own visible upper-body layers (not team-branded), blue is encouraged.
Helmet: Currently our helmet colors vary, orange is preferred. Please avoid white if possible.