

PHOTOS: Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue introduces new ground crew

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A new crop of ground search and rescue members augments the volunteer roster for Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue. (Juan de Fuca SAR/Facebook)



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Back in September, the Juan de Fuca SAR welcomed a group of members in training that was quickly immersed in an intensive schedule. Training two to three times a week, the new members built the skills and resilience required for operational response.

Their hard work culminated last weekend in a challenging overnight survival exam, after which Juan de Fuca SAR announced the team’s newest ground search and rescue members on social media.

“Throughout the evaluation, they demonstrated core competencies including stretcher carries, fire building, and land navigation. They were then sent into the field, where each member constructed a survival shelter and maintained a fire overnight using only the equipment in their 24-hour packs,” the post reads.

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“With difficult terrain and unforgiving weather, the conditions were far from easy – but every single member rose to the challenge and succeeded.”

Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue is a team of unpaid professionals on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to respond to land-based emergencies including missing and injured people.

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