

Washington State SAR Planning Unit June, 2019 Newsletter



SSPU News

- You're reading our first quarterly newsletter – an update on SSPU news, missions, and events
- As of early 2019, we are now a 501(c)(3) non-profit (which allows us to receive donations!)
- In 2019, we've continued to provide Eric's Excellent SARTopo Class to multiple organizations throughout the state including a class in Bellingham for Whatcom County SAR and in Twisp for members of Okanogan County SAR and guests from Ferry County.
- In April we traveled to Olympic National Park to introduce SSPU to the ranger staff and the new Branch Chief of Wilderness and Emergency Services. See our Missions Section below.
- We now have a website!! <http://www.wasspu.org/>

SSPU Missions

- In May we were activated and produced a Remote Search Plan for a missing 7 y/o in Whatcom County. The child was found just before we finished the Remote Search Plan at the end of Operational Period 2.
- In early June, we provided support for two missing hikers in the Spray Park area of Mount Rainier National Park. Then...
- June 5-6 WSSPU members responded to the Incident Command Post at Longmire, Rainier National Park to assist the NPS in their rescue efforts to extract four stranded climbers near the summit. We were mentioned by name in the NPS news release that went out to national news sources. <https://www.nps.gov/mora/learn/news/liberty-ridge-sar-6-6-2019.htm>

SSPU Events – Hope to see you in Ellensburg!

- At the June WASAR Conference, Guy Mansfield and Eric Rosenberg (partnering with Kathy Decker, King County Detective) will be presenting sessions on using search theory concepts to support searches for human remains as well as Search Tactics to Find Human Remains.
- Eric Rosenberg and others will present an "Introducing SSPU" session at the WASAR Conference on Sunday, June 23.

Recruiting – We are continuing our efforts to recruit new members from regions throughout the State of Washington. If you, or someone you know, is a good team player, has a talent for or aptitude to learn about search theory and planning, please visit <http://www.wasspu.org/membership/> to learn more.