



SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



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Media Release Search and Rescue K-9 Team Training March 25, 2017

Hayden, Idaho: The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office and The Kootenai County Volunteer Search and Rescue Unit (VSAR) would like to extend an invitation to members of the media to attend a regional Search and Rescue K-9 team training and testing held in Hayden, ID.

K-9 teams will be present and available for interviews and K-9 demonstrations on Sunday March 26, 2017 between 1:00 and 2:00p.m. at the Kootenai County Search and Rescue building located at 10885 N. Ramsey Rd. Hayden, ID.

This weekend, VSAR is pleased to be hosting Roy and JoMay Pescador of Stevensville, Mt. They are certified to train and certify Search and Rescue dogs through the National Search Dog Alliance (NADA) and the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR). There are approximately ten K-9 search teams who will be attending this training and certification from around the local region.

The Kootenai County Volunteer Search and Rescue unit is comprised entirely of dedicated volunteers. They are always ready and willing to search for those who are lost and or injured in the backcountry and urban settings. Their dedication and professionalism provides an invaluable resource to our community by promoting safety to those recreating in the backcountry of North Idaho. For more information about this organization, special teams, wilderness education, and how to become a volunteer, you can visit their website at www.kcsovsar.org

Thank you in advance to all of you who can attend. The volunteers of this group appreciate your all your support and recognition. They are a great asset to our community who routinely go unnoticed.

For any other information regarding this event, you can email your questions to sopio.kcgov.us or call 208-758-1045.

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