

NEW ZEALAND SEARCH AND RESCUE

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Tips for writing NZSAR Awards nominations

The New Zealand Search and Rescue (NZSAR) Council has established the NZSAR Awards as an annual national award programme to recognise worthy achievements in the field of search and rescue (SAR) in the New Zealand Search and Rescue Region.

This document should be read in conjunction with the NZSAR Awards Policy and the NZSAR Awards Nomination Form, both of which are available on the NZSAR website nzsar.govt.nz/awards

Operational Activity

This category is for nominations relating to a specific SAR operation(s) that have occurred during the year.

Some things to consider when writing an Operational Activity nomination:

- Check the operation was coordinated by either Police or the Rescue Coordination Centre
- List all the agencies involved in the operation
- Facts and figures help the Awards subcommittee understand the circumstances of the rescue. What was the temperature or wind speed at the time of the rescue? What altitude were they rescued from? What was the approximate angle of the snow slope? How high were the waves?
- Focus on how the rescue unfolded, not the experience of the person who was rescued
- Highlight the action that had the most impact on how the rescue unfolded. What would have been the outcome if this action had not happened when it did?

Support Activity

This category is for nominations that do not relate to specific SAR operation(s) but to the wider range of SAR related activities (for example training, prevention, and long-service).

Some things to consider when writing a Support Activity nomination:

- If nominating an individual, include a short biography detailing when their involvement in SAR began, and their length of service
- If nominating an organisation or a particular initiative, a short history of the organisation or initiative is useful
- Clearly convey the impact the person, organisation or initiative has had
- If you are nominating an individual who does not sit within your agency (e.g. Police nominating a LandSAR member) consider a joint nomination with their home agency. NZSAR can facilitate this process if needed.

Assistance

Please feel free to get in touch if you'd like some assistance with writing a nomination.

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Nominations close 31 January 2022.