

Mine Rescue Team

The Mine Rescue Team (MRT) is looking for a few good men, and women too!! The MRT is a dedicated group of CC&V Team Members who give their time for training, and various medical and rescue missions on and off of the CC&V site. Right now the team consists of 10 permanent members and 3 or 4 alternates. According to Team Captain Jeff Roberts, ideally the team would like to have 14 permanent members.

Prospective members begin in the group as alternates. Alternates earn volunteer hours for their time spent with the MRT. The alternate membership on the team is intended to give the member the opportunity to train and to learn about the group to decide if they want to invest the time and energy to become a permanent member. Alternates learn about the work of the MRT and the demands placed up the members.

The MRT is divided into two groups, who participate in training every other month. The training sessions are conducted over a 10 hour shift. Permanent members of the MRT are paid for their training time. The team members conduct some of the training, and often outside trainers are used. The team travels to Idaho Springs for underground training, and members of the team took EMT courses in Divide with the Fire District. There are currently 6 active EMT's on the MRT.

The MRT responds to emergencies on the site, ranging from overturned trucks and incidents involving old mine workings, to medical emergencies involving CC&V Team Members such as shortness of breath and falls. The team is called for all Code 90 incidents. The team has also been called for incidents off site as well. The MRT has helped rescue climbers on the Shelf Road, and have also assisted with overturned trucks on Highway 67.

CC&V Team Members who are interested in joining the Mine Rescue Team should discuss the time commitment with their supervisor. After supervisor approval, contact Team Captain Jeff Roberts or Team Coordinator Craig Stephens if you are interested in participating.