

Citizen Resolution # 711422

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Search and Rescue Costs

Local, county, and state search and rescue resources can be taxed significantly when unfavorable conditions arise, and you have numerous outdoor activities going on. This February, a snow squall on the Winnebago System resulted in over 25 needing assistance from search and rescue in one day. While their life saving efforts were successful, multiple pieces of equipment were damaged. Unfortunately, these types of events are happening across different outdoor activities and parts of the state. Even in cases where it is one person, this can tie up multiple fire departments, first responders, police officers, dive team members, and dispatchers. Many of these voluntary departments need expensive and specialized equipment to aid in these efforts and the general public is always asking who is paying for these efforts. Some western states have created a voluntary search and rescue permit. The small fee creates a funding mechanism to help search and rescue departments purchase the equipment needed for different local situations.

Would you support the WCC working with the legislature to create a voluntary \$5 search and rescue fee that would help support and maintain rescue equipment (airboat, snowmobile, ATV, etc.)?

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