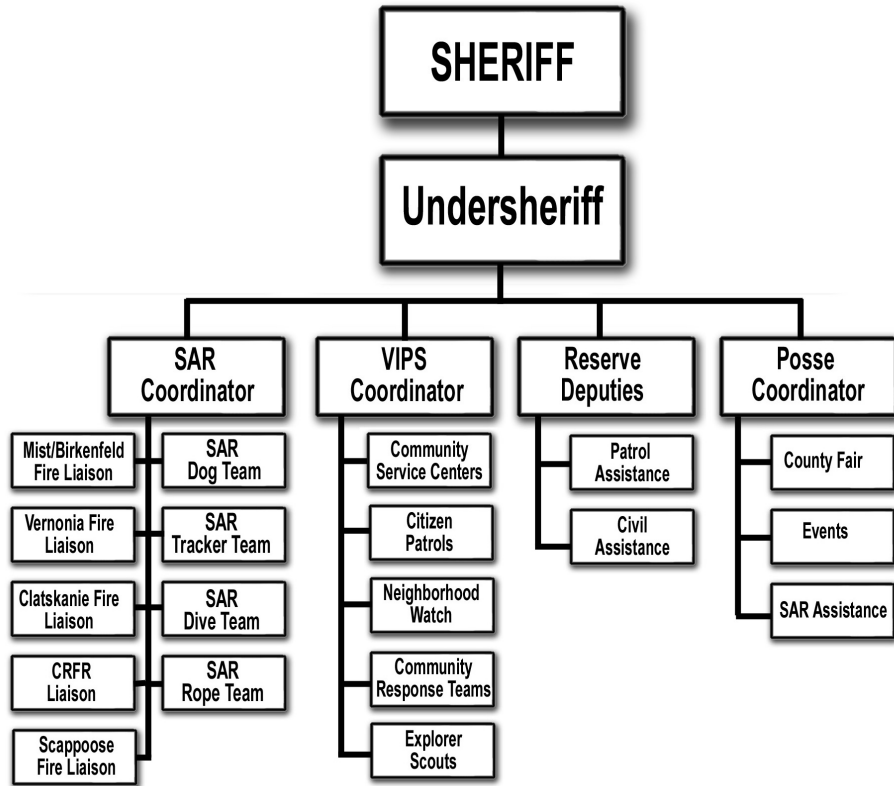


Columbia County Sheriff Volunteer Services



Volunteer Services are a vital part of the outreach of the Sheriff to our communities.

SEARCH and RESCUE (SAR) members are volunteers committed to assisting the sheriff in his responsibility to provide search and rescue capabilities and responses to emergency situations and missing persons

VOLUNTEERS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SHERIFF (VIPS) members assist Sheriff's Office classified staff and sworn deputies by providing relief for routine functions that can be handled by volunteers. VIPS members also provide services to the community through Community Service Centers, Citizen Patrols and Community Response Teams.

RESERVE DEPUTIES are specially trained volunteers who serve in a sworn law enforcement capacity and must pass the same vigorous background investigation and training as those of regular sworn deputies. They assist the regular cadre of deputies by performing law enforcement functions as designated by their supervisors.

MOUNTED POSSE members are volunteers who serve by employing their equestrian skills. Mounted Posse members make special appearances at parades, and other community events. Some Mounted Posse members may assist with Search and Rescue Activities, as well.