

# New SAR Truck for Coast

The Sunshine Coast Emergency Program was pleased to present their new Search and Rescue Mobile Command Unit last Friday August 17th at the SCR D office on Field Road. This 2007 F550 4X4 replaces the small, converted 1972 van that served the coast for many years.

Primary use for this vehicle will be as an operations base during search and rescue missions. It will also be available for deployment as an Incident Command Post during disasters.

Communication capabilities include VHF and UHF radios, cell phone, and computers. The truck carries various back-country first aid and rescue equipment, maps, global positioning devices and recently acquired Swiftwater rescue gear. Future plans include an auto positioning satellite receiver.

Funding for this project came about through

the combined efforts of the Federal-Provincial Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP), Regional District contributions and Sunshine Coast Search and Rescue Society.

Hundreds of hours were donated by SAR volunteers and HAM Radio Club volunteers toward the design and installation of interior equipment. Sunshine Coast Search and Rescue Society was formed approximately 25 years ago by a small group of back-country enthusiasts and has evolved into a highly trained organization with 25 members.

Search and Rescue's mandate is land based and inland water search and rescue under the direction of the RCMP. New members are always welcome and free training is provided.

For more information on joining this group of dedicated volunteers call Harry Almond at 604-885-3484

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*Photo Duane Burnett for The Local*

The Sunshine Coast Search and Rescue received their new Mobile command truck on Friday August 17th. Seen here at the 'unveiling' are left to right: Gerald Shaffer (SC Search & Rescue) and Max Shaffer, Bill Elsner (Emergency Program Coordinator); Ed Steeves (Chair SCR D), Jim Janke (SC Search & Rescue); Robert Allen (SC Search & Rescue); Harry Almond (SC Search & Rescue Search Manager); Bob Stubbings (PEP Manager Lower Mainland).