



## 47th Annual Summit County Rescue Group Avalanche Seminar Call for

### Presentations

**When:** Saturday & Sunday, January 30–31, 2027

**Where:** Summit County, Colorado. Saturday classroom sessions and Sunday hands-on field day

For 47 years, the Summit County Rescue Group (SCRG) Avalanche Seminar has been a dedicated continuing education forum focused entirely on avalanche rescue: how SAR teams find, extricate, treat, and evacuate those caught in avalanches. We welcome the world's most accomplished rescuers and the avalanche thinkers (educators, researchers, analysts, and clinicians) whose work translates directly to the next call-out. **We are soliciting proposals for the 2027 program and actively seeking the most experienced and most thoughtful voices in avalanche rescue today.**

#### 2027 Core Themes

- **Decision-Making Under Uncertainty** – Making go/no-go calls and managing risk during live rescues.
- **Technical Evacuation & Rigging in Avalanche Terrain** – Field-tested ropework, anchors, and extrication methods.
- **Medical Considerations in Winter SAR** – Avalanche resuscitation, hypothermia and asphyxia management, and prolonged field care.
- **Mission & Site Command (ICS)** – Running ICS on an avalanche incident: mission command, site command, and multi-agency coordination.

**Session Formats & The Multi-Session Arc:** We are building the 2027 program primarily from this open call and strongly encourage presenters to propose a **multi-session arc** that pairs a classroom talk with hands-on field practice the same weekend, taking a topic from concept to muscle memory.

- **Classroom Talk** (30–60 min): lecture, case study, or moderated discussion.
- **Field Practice Station** (Saturday afternoon, 30–60 min): a short outdoor station that lets attendees drill the skill from your talk.
- **Field Exercise Station** (Sunday, half- or full-day): lead your own station at the Sunday field day, built around your topic.
- **Keynote** (one slot).

In a recent arc, one visiting presenter built a weekend around winter rope rescue: a Saturday morning lecture (Winter Rope Rescue Techniques & Considerations), a 30-minute afternoon practice station (Technical & Rope Skills), and a full Sunday field-exercise station (Patient Evacuation and Winter Rope Evacuation). Concept, drill, and live scenario on one thread. We want more presenters who will commit at this depth.

**Audience:** Active SAR team members, wilderness medical responders, technical rescue specialists, and avalanche professionals from across North America. Submissions from outside Colorado are strongly encouraged.

**Presenter Travel:** Accepted multi-session arcs will be covered for travel and accommodations. Scholarships for shorter talks will also be considered on a case by case basis. Do not let cost deter submitting a proposal.

**How to Submit:** Email [seminar@scrg.org](mailto:seminar@scrg.org) with: a 200–300 word session abstract, three to five specific takeaways, a short presenter bio highlighting relevant rescue and teaching experience, the format(s) you would like to lead (talk, field practice station, full field-exercise station, or a multi-session arc), where you would be traveling from, and the names and roles of any co-presenters.

**Deadline:** August 15, 2026.