

# VOLUNTEERING

SJRC has volunteering opportunities for everyone from firefighting, high-angle rescue and beach lifesaving services to administrative duties and helping 'behind the scenes'.

We are always looking for bright and enthusiastic people, irrespective of age, who are willing to give up some of their free time to assist our organisation.

## Operational Rescue Volunteers

Volunteers aiming to perform operational duties during community events and emergencies should fulfil these requirements:

- Over 18 years old;
- Physically fit for the rigours of rescue work;
- Committed to follow weekly training (held every Saturday 1400-1800hrs);
- Willing to help others; and
- Committed to volunteer during community events (e.g. concerts, sports events & festivals) and emergencies.

## Other Volunteers

We also require volunteers to assist 'behind the scenes' in various areas including: public relations, fundraising, logistics, ICT and administrative duties.

Youths between the age of 14 and 18 years are invited to join the Cadet Programme.



## Benefits of volunteering with us...

- *Free access to a wide range of rescue training courses*
- *Experience personal growth*
- *Learn how to work in a team*
- *Meet other volunteers who are contributing to a noble cause - saving lives*
- *Help people in your community*
- *Enhance your Curriculum Vitae*



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# St John Rescue Corps

## Our Mission

*...to provide a uniformed voluntary corps of organised and fully trained adults, able to carry out rescue operations and first aid efficiently whenever required.*

St John Rescue Corps (SJRC) is a voluntary organisation founded in 1986 to meet the need in Malta of a support civil defence unit consisting of adult volunteers fully trained in rescue and first aid.

We provide rescue services during community events and emergency operations. Our unpaid volunteers come from all walks of life including: university, sixth form and MCAST students; electricians; engineers; teachers and managers.

SJRC, together with St John Ambulance First Aid & Nursing and St John Ambulance Training Branch, forms part of St John Malta which operates under the auspices of the Order of St John, of which Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is the Sovereign Head.



## EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Over the past 30 years, our volunteers have assisted in many emergency and community services.

In 1995, SJRC was involved in its first major deployment, when the Libyan tanker *Um El-Faroud* exploded in the then Malta Drydocks. Since that time SJRC assisted in many emergencies including various industrial fires, searches for missing persons and fireworks factory explosions.

Today, SJRC provides backup rescue services to the Civil Protection Department (CPD). Through its fleet of fire trucks and trained volunteers, the Corps assists the CPD: to combat large fires and fireworks factory explosions and to rescue people and salvage property during floods.

Our rescue teams regularly cover community events including: national festivals & concerts, sports events, and village feasts. Additionally, our high-angle rescue team is regularly involved in initiatives aimed at preserving Malta's national heritage. These initiatives involve clean-up operations of our fortifications and bastions. Our volunteers are also involved in pool and beach lifeguarding duties.



## TRAINING

Over the years, SJRC trained hundreds of volunteers, some of whom are still actively involved in the Corps. Many of our volunteers have pursued a career in the rescue sector with the CPD, the Armed Forces of Malta and the Malta Police Force. All our volunteers use the knowledge and skills they have learned with us when they encounter emergencies at home, on the road, or at their place of work.

### Rescue Volunteer Class I Training

All volunteers are required to follow the Rescue Volunteer Class I (RV1) training programme. This training provides recruits with a solid foundation of basic rescue techniques and team work.

The modules covered during the RV1 training programme include: first aid; compass & mapping; light rescue (rope work, carrying methods, stretcher & ladder handling); foot drill; radio voice procedure; basic fire awareness and health & safety.

### Intermediate & Advanced Training

After qualifying as RV1, our volunteers follow intermediate and advanced training including: high-angle rescue; firefighting; urban search & rescue; water lifesaving; incident command; emergency fire appliance driving; and train the trainers.

As part of their training, volunteers regularly participate in rescue exercises organised by the Corps. Our volunteers also participate in national rescue exercises involving the CPD, the Government Medical Health Services, the Malta Police Force and the Armed Forces of Malta.

Committed volunteers are routinely offered training opportunities with professional rescue organisations overseas such as Germany, Sweden, Austria and the United Kingdom.

Our volunteers meet for weekly training at St John Rescue Corps Headquarters & Training School based at the historic Fort Madalena, Mdliena. Training is held on Saturday afternoon from 1400hrs onwards.

