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About the Presenters

Ken Phillips currently serves as the Chief of Emergency Services at Grand Canyon National Park, AZ, where he has worked for twenty-three years. The 1900 square miles of Grand Canyon National Park provide one of the highest volumes of backcountry SAR incidents in the National Park Service with nearly 350 missions annually. Ken is a law-enforcement commissioned U.S. Park Ranger, paramedic and Helicopter Manager. He is an active member of the Interagency Helicopter Short Haul Working Group, has coordinated the National Park Service Basic Technical Rescue School at Canyonlands National Park and serves as a U.S. delegate to the Air Rescue Commission of IKAR (International Commission for Alpine Rescue).

Dale Atkins is the vice president of the IKAR Avalanche Rescue Commission and has been active in IKAR since 1995. He currently chairs the glossary work group that just finished updating the 1988 avalanche glossary. Dale is a 30+ year member of Alpine Rescue Team (MRA), ski patrolled for 20 years, and for nearly 20 years he worked as an avalanche forecaster/researcher for the state of Colorado. Today he works for RECCO AB and lives in Boulder, Colorado.

Dan Hourihan is a past president of the Mountain Rescue Association (MRA). He worked twenty-eight years as a law enforcement commissioned Park Ranger for the state of Alaska and retired in 2006. He now teaches search management and SAR technician series courses for the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR). He currently serves as the NASAR President and on the special operations committee of the National Sheriff's Association (NSA). Dan has been an active member of the Alaska Mountain Rescue Group for thirty-two years and serves as a U.S. delegate to the Terrestrial Rescue Commission of IKAR (International Commission for Alpine Rescue).