

## *About the Presenters*

**Gordon Smith** has been with Seattle Mountain Rescue for over 15 years and has been climbing for over 30 years. He is currently Vice Chairman of Seattle Mountain Rescue, and Rigging Committee Co-Chair. He has been Training Chair and Rescue Chair. He has summited the highest peaks in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, climbed in the Nepal Himalaya, summited every peak over 9,000' in Washington State, and summited numerous other peaks in Washington, Alaska, Oregon, California, Wyoming, British Columbia and Alberta. He has first ascents of new climbing routes, including a route on the highest peak in the Chugach Range of Alaska. His paying work focuses on designing quantification methods that allow statistically valid conclusions from variable systems, for extrapolation to real-life situations, including optimizing sampling designs for quantifying forest carbon stock change, soil carbon stock change, and manure methane emissions. He tests rescue rigging systems to inform Seattle Mountain Rescue decisions about what practices to use on missions.

**Stephen Allen** has been involved in volunteer Search and Rescue since 2001. He is a member of Seattle Mountain Rescue and King County Explorer Search and Rescue. He is currently the Rescue Chair for Seattle Mountain Rescue and a member of the Seattle Mountain Rescue Board. During his free time he enjoys climbing and hiking in the Washington Cascades. His regular paying job is an Electrical Engineer with Puget Sound Energy.