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Biography: Richard Smith

Richard Smith has an extensive background spanning over 30 years in the fields of ground search and rescue as well as emergency and disaster management. During his 23 years with the RCMP, he was involved in ground search and rescue at all levels both as a practitioner and in the development of policies and training standards. Richard worked for Clearwater County Public Safety and Clearwater Emergency Management Agency for seven years as well as being an active member of both Rocky Mountain House Volunteer Search and Rescue and Nordegg Volunteer Fire Service. He teaches extensively for ERI Canada Inc. world wide in a variety of programs including Search Management (Urban and Wilderness), Incident Command System, Emergency Management, and Instructors Courses. Richard's extensive actual experience in searches, rescues, disasters, and emergency management situations combine with his backcountry experience (including solo, unsupported backcountry expeditions in remote areas of Canada) to provide others with an expertise that is practical, comprehensive, and relevant to a wide variety of situations. Richard has co authored four search and rescue books since 1999.

Richard has been the recipient of numerous provincial and national awards.