

Monterey County Sheriff's Advisory Council
SEARCH & RESCUE



Required Tests for Applicants

Individuals who desire to become a member of the Monterey County SAR team must schedule and pass the following tests. These tests are typically done at the same time as the interview with the selection board.

Pack Test

Hike at least 3 miles in less than an hour carrying a 25 lbs pack with a ~1000 ft of elevation gain.

Knot Test:

Be able to demonstrate 3 knots (figure 8, prussic, water knots).

Applicants are expected to independently learn these knots prior to scheduling the test. Instructions on how to do the knots will not be provided. There are many resources online that applicants can access for free to learn these knots, such as <https://www.animatedknots.com/basic-knots> and various YouTube videos.