

Volunteer Role: EPRR Lead

Emergency Planning, Resilience and Response

About Us

Berkshire Lowland Search & Rescue (BLSAR) is a volunteer-run emergency service supporting the police in finding high-risk missing people. Our team of around 80 trained volunteers also plays a vital secondary role — standing ready to support the wider community in a crisis.

The Role at a Glance

Role Title: EPRR Lead (Emergency Planning, Resilience and Response)

Where: Home-based, with occasional meetings in Bracknell

Time Required: Around 2–3 hours a week, flexible

Reports To: Unit Lead (Leadership Team)

Why This Role Matters

When the unexpected happens — floods, power cuts, severe weather — communities need organisations like BLSAR to step in. This role helps us stay prepared. You'll build partnerships with local emergency planners and make sure BLSAR is ready to assist when called.

What You Might Be Doing

- Liaising with local emergency planning officers and forums
- Representing BLSAR at Local Resilience Forum (LRF) meetings
- Identifying how BLSAR can support regional emergency plans
- Helping plan and deliver relevant training exercises
- Developing simple, scalable processes for emergency activation
- Building resilience plans to keep BLSAR operational during a crisis
- Maintaining awareness of local risks and response needs

This role is strategic, but not isolated — you'll be supported by the Leadership Team and other operational leads.

Skills You'll Need

- Confident communicator and relationship builder
- Calm under pressure and comfortable planning for uncertainty
- Organised and methodical, with good attention to detail
- Able to influence and collaborate with external agencies

- Familiarity within an operational SAR environment or previous experience with emergency services is desirable.

What You'll Get

- A strategic role where you shape how we support our community in a crisis
- The chance to build local partnerships and represent BLSAR
- A flexible volunteer role with high impact
- Support from an experienced and friendly leadership team
- The satisfaction of building resilience and readiness in your community

How to Apply

If you're calm, collaborative and good in a crisis, this could be your perfect role.

To apply, send a short email to recruitment@berkshirerescue.org.uk telling us a bit about yourself and what draws you to the role.

We're happy to have a conversation first — no formal CV needed to start.