



# Tom Chapel



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**LOCATION:** Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive, room 3

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## Avalanche Awareness Presentation By Tom Chapel

This presentation is an introductory summary of avalanche safety and snow science assembled by Tom based on NSP Level 1 and AAIRE Level 2 avalanche courses, his experience as a 12 year SAR veteran, and his backcountry experiences as a snowshoer, skier, hiker and climber. It is intended to provide basic avalanche awareness skills and an introduction to snow science. Anyone with an interest in exploring the Colorado backcountry is encouraged to attend. Hopefully the course will encourage those interested to seek out more in depth education such as a Level 1 Avalanche Class.

We will cover the following topics:

- Larimer County SAR background
- Types of Avalanches
- Recognizing the hazard
- Terrain and snow travel
- Avalanche triggers
- Route selection and crossing avalanche terrain
- Preparation and gear-
- Companion Rescue.