



Search & Rescue Council, Inc.

Southern Arizona Rescue Association
Pima County Search & Recovery Divers
Pima County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, and
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NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS, PRACTICES & TRAININGS:

August, 1984

Regular meeting times and places: (see calendar for true ones)

- CAP Mondays, 7:00 p.m. at ALETA, Trail's End.
- SARA First Friday, 7:30 p.m., St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. 3rd St.
- * DIVERS First Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
- SARCI Third Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at Coco's Restaurant, 2990 N. Campbell.
- POSSE Last Thursday, 7:00 p.m., FOP Lodge.

Other meetings, practices and trainings:

- Mon. July 30: CAP - ELT exercise.
- Fri. August 3: SARA General meeting. Program will be "Search at Black Mt."
- Sat. August 4: Night search training. Rendezvous at 5:00 p.m. at the NW corner of Mission and Ajo. The practice will cover tracking, sign cutting and border checking. Show and share what you know or come and learn.
- Sun. August 5: Divers' training at Amphi Pool at 9:00 a.m.
- Mon. August 6: CAP Cadet meeting.
- Mon. August 13: CAP Senior meeting.
- Wed. August 15: 7:30 p.m. SARCI Board meeting at Coco's Restaurant.
- Mon. August 20: CAP ES meeting. Topic is "Woodsmanship".
- Mon. August 27: CAP ES meeting. Topic is "River Rescue".
- Thu. August 30: SARA Board meeting at the Palmer's, 4935 N. Calle Esquina.

LOOKING AHEAD.....

- Sat. Sept. 8: SARA Cave Rescue Training.
- Sat. Sept. 22: SARA Basic Rescue Training for new trainees. Rendezvous at 7:00 a.m. at the home of Rich Kunz for all-day training. Saturday evening will be SARCI Orientation.
- Sun. Sept. 23: Continuation of SARA Basic Training. Rendezvous at 8:00 a.m. at Catalina Highway and Tanque Verde.

SARCI NEWS:

The Posse Board and General meetings will resume in September, the last Tuesday and Thursday of each month respectively.

An Advanced First Aid class will be taught sometime after September 8th. Anyone interested in either taking or teaching this course please contact Jim Gilbreath (792-0775).

Also, as indicated on the calendar above, please note that SARA Basic Training will be taught the weekend of Sept. 22-23. Be sure to save Saturday night (the 22nd) for SARCI Orientation.

The SARA Training Committee is interested in any videotapes anyone may have relating to search and rescue situations. Your videotapes may be of help in teaching new trainees as well as wising up some oldtimers, so please call Rich Kunz (886-2216) if you're willing to share them.

SARA extends many thanks to Bob Birkett for his time and effort in building new back boards. Much appreciated, Bob.

The Divers would like you to save any one-gallon plastic bottles with screw-on caps (e.g. Clorox bottles). Call Fran Kunz (886-2216) if you can make a donation in this area.

CALL OUTS:

- 6-29-84 Two people were stranded on their vehicle in a wash at Ina Rd and the Santa Cruz River. Twenty-two volunteers responded to the call escorting them out after the water subsided.
- 7-15-84 Rendezvous for a missing 11-yr-old at Rose Canyon. Found before search ensued.
- 7-22-84 Missing 13-yr-old girl last seen at Little Dam in Rose Canyon. Thirty people responded to the call (135 total man hours) and found her about a 1/2 mile into Willow Canyon.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
129 July	130	131	11 August	12	13 SARA	14 NIGHT
					GENERAL MEETINGS	SEARCH TRAINING
15 DIVERS	16 CAP	17	18	19	110	111
AMPHI POOL	CADET					
112	113 CAP	114	115	116	117	118
	SENIOR					
119	120 CAP	121	122	123	124	125
	ES					
126	127 CAP	128	129	130 SARA BOARD	131	11 September
	ES			POSSE GENERAL		

RIVER RESCUE PRACTICE

Those who attended the river rescue training on Saturday were given an opportunity to participate and observe some very good training. First we were given a swift water rescue situation and told to write out a "game plan" for implementing our thoughts and ideas on rescuing the victims as quickly and safely as possible. This gave people a chance to really think and the papers turned in at the end of the session were very good. Next we had DPS Ranger 32 arrive for a joint training session. We were given an opportunity to view the helicopter and some of the new devices implemented for river rescue. We then set up a situation and DPS ferried people across the river in preparation for rescuing two victims stranded in the middle of the Santa Cruz River. It was thrilling for those who rode in the helicopter and they now know what to expect under actual conditions. DPS attempted to drop "PFD's" (life jackets) to our victims stranded in the wash. Two methods were used, 1) dropping the jackets from the helicopter, and 2) lowering the jackets by use of webbing. It was decided the latter method was best as it gave more control and less chance of the jacket being lost downstream. Finally with the DPS paramedic on the skid, they lowered the "horse collar" to one of the victims, who put it on and lifted him to the bank. This was an excellent practice for both groups. Our thanks go to DPS for a joint effort and an excellent training session.

A few items of general comment and safety tips:

1. Please use extreme caution around the helicopter. Keep your head down when approaching or exiting the helicopter and keep within the pilot's sight at all times. (We have this on video tape!)
2. A loud hailer would be preferable for DPS helicopter as well as all rescue vehicles.
3. Perform a rigid safety check on all persons entering the water, i.e. life jacket, wet suit, communications, etc.
4. Team of people to check water conditions by entering the water at a safe area to work their way toward the victims with a handline. Handline should be on a small reel.

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