

# SEARCH & RESCUE COUNCIL, INC.

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## MEETINGS, PRACTICES & TRAININGS:

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

CAP Sundays, 7:00 p.m., ranch house behind Elk's Lodge on River Rd.  
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 of July, Oct., Jan., and April, 7:30 p.m., Coco's, 2990 N. Campbell.  
POSSE Last Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Mountain Oyster Club.

- Tue. Sept. 02: Posse Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. @ 4775 N. 1st Ave.
- Wed. Sept. 03: SARA Basics Module: Knots. 7-8:00 p.m. @ Pantano Park.
- Fri. Sept. 05: SARA General Meeting. Topic: Probability of Detection and Search Management Strategies by Dave Lovelock.
- Sat. Sept. 06: Tanque Verde Falls Disaster Training. Rendezvous @ Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway, 7:30 a.m. Also Mountain Rescue Recertification. (People needed!!!)
- Sun. Sept. 07: Diver's Practice: Tow Patterns @ Kennedy Park Lake Boat Ramp @ 9:00 a.m.
- Sun. Sept. 07: CAP--Annual banquet. Same time & place.
- Wed. Sept. 10: SARA Basics Module. 7-8:00 p.m. @ Pantano Park.
- Sun. Sept. 14: CAP--Senior Meeting.
- Wed. Sept. 17: SARA Basics Module: Helicopter Procedures. 7:00 p.m. @ TMC South helipad. Call Nate for directions (298-5780).
- Sun. Sept. 21: CAP--Tour of Titan Missile Base in Green Valley. Time TBA.
- Mon. Sept. 22: October newsletter goes to press. Call Darlene Schacht (299-2475 or 299-0651) or Karen Hansen (749-9007) with information for publication.
- Wed. Sept. 24: SARA Basics Module. 7-8:00 p.m. @ Pantano Park.
- Thu. Sept. 25: SARA Board Meeting @ 1329 S. Marc Oak Park Drive (Kunz' home), 7:30 p.m.
- Thu. Sept. 25: Posse General Meeting.
- Sat. Sept. 27: Vertical Mini-Mile. Rendezvous @ Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway, 7:30 a.m.
- Sun. Sept. 28: CAP--Emergency Services Training: Radiological Monitoring.
- Wed. Oct. 01: SARA Basics Module. 7-8:00 p.m. @ Pantano Park.
- Sat. Oct. 04: SARA Training: Tracking Practice. Rendezvous @ Sabino Canyon Visitors' Center @ 8:30 a.m.
- Mon. Oct. 6-8: Divers Rescue Training in Phoenix. For more info call Nate (298-5780) by Sept. 19.
- Fri. Oct. 10: Presentation of Lorance X15 Depth Finder to Divers from K. C. Johnson Rescue & Recovery Foundation.
- Fri-Sun. Oct. 11-13: Diver's trip to Mexico. Confirmation must be in with Nate (298-5780) by Sept. 12.
- Sat. Oct. 18: Vertical Mile Climb. Rendezvous 6:30 a.m. @ Oracle and Magee.
- Sat.-Sun. Oct. 25-26: SARA Basics.

## **SARCI NEWS:**

### **POSSE...**

Meetings have resumed and preparations will soon be underway for the fall horse show.

### **DIVERS ARE THE HAPPY RECIPIENTS...**

...of the Lorange X15 Depth Finder which will be presented on October 10 thanks to the K.C. Johnson Rescue and Recovery Foundation. Good work!

Also, Divers will receive nominations beginning at the September meeting for the board elections taking place in November.

### **CONGRATULATIONS...**

...to Danny Wallace and Vince Wilson who recently were promoted from SARA trainee to member status. And Mary Moran and Barbara & Robert Westerman are now field qualified trainees. Welcome !

### **TWO MORE GOOD TRAININGS...**

...took place in August. The volunteer victims and their rescuers learned a great deal from the Peppersauce Cave evacuation practice and had fun along the way. And the River Rescue training last weekend on the Gila gave quality practice time to a quality group.

### **ABLE MINDS AND BODIES NEEDED...**

...for the September Tanque Verde Falls Disaster Training on the 6th. Mountain Rescue Recertification. Don't miss the opportunity for some good training and the chance to help your organization show its "stuff".

### **A SUCCESSFUL AND MOST ENJOYABLE WEEKEND...**

...took place for the 5 SARA members who went up to Ganado, AZ to teach all phases of SARA training and techniques to local Volunteer Fire Department and medical personnel. Many thanks to those who made the long trek.

### **ONLY 49 TRAINING DAYS LEFT...**

...until the October Vertical Mile Climb. And even less than that for the September Mini-Mile. Check front calendar for dates, rendezvous times and locations. Come join the fun and test your athletic prowess, if you dare.

### **SARA BASICS...**

...is still being taught in modules every Wednesday evening at Pantano Park from 7-8 p.m. Check the calendar for specific listings if you need the practice. (Who doesn't???) Also, a weekend of SARA Basics will be coming up October 25-26 for any newly accepted applicants who have completed First Aid requirements. (Of course, oldtimers are always welcome too!)

### **SARA BOARD PLEASE NOTE...**

...change of Sept. meeting location to Kunz home.

## **CALL OUTS:**

- #47-49 7/20-23/86 Overdue suicidal person in San Pedro Vista area. 25 people, 176 hrs.
- #50 7/27/86 26 yr old male hiker overdue at Catalina State Park. 12 people, 52 hrs.
- #51-52 7/29-30/86 Drowning victim at Angostura Lake, Sonora. 7 people, 140 hrs.
- #53 8/03/86 Fall victim with dislocated ankle at Campbell Cliffs. 24 people, 24 hours.
- #54 8/10/86 Two hikers stranded in flooded area of Sabino Canyon. 12 people, 23 hours.
- #55 8/15/86 Three overdue backpackers in Sabino Canyon area. 19 people, 124 hours.
- #56 8/17/86 Four overdue backpackers in Sabino Canyon area. 15 people, 84 hours.
- #57 8/17/86 Car over side of Mt. Lemmon Highway at MP 9.5. 21 people, 138 hours.
- #58 8/17/86 Two hikers missing in Willow Canyon. 13 people, 51 hours.

## DEALING WITH EXTERNAL INFLUENCES ON MISSIONS

Thanks to a recent article in the Tacoma Mountain Rescue Unit newsletter, we have become aware of the need for our group to be instructed on how to deal with the presence of the news media at callout missions. We particularly need to remember that anything we say may be used, in and out of context, by the news media and that careless statements can adversely affect a crime scene investigation.

Sometimes friction can unnecessarily result from improper handling of publicity. Ordinarily only the sheriff or a deputy should make news releases. On any well-organized search, one person will be designated as the media liaison and, hopefully, the media will be confined to one location. This will not be the case on mountain rescues, where the news media will probably not be any place other than the trailhead or the hospital. Media personnel may try to get statements from tired rescuers after a mission and in many cases they may wind up talking to the least qualified person on a team who may give a false impression. It is best to refer all questions to the person in authority, such as the sheriff or the operation leader. However, a denial of information will usually turn reporters to an unreliable source and they may distort or slant information to make it more interesting to the public. Talk as little as possible, be very accurate and factual, do not conjecture or give opinions, and be prepared to be misquoted. The same goes for idle comments by searchers or radio messages that can be overheard by the media or even relatives of victims. Team briefings and debriefings must be held out of hearing of the news media and next of kin. In the case of a crime search, or a search that turns into a crime scene, imagine the effect any careless statements can have on the investigation. When a crime has been committed, any and all observations must be treated as "confidential" information and may only be conveyed to the law enforcement agency in charge. Keep your eyes and ears open and your mouth shut while on a crime search.

If you are authorized to represent our organization to make any statements to and for the media, think of what you are going to say before you say it and use good judgement and common sense.

Bob Birkett  
SARA President



PEANUTS / Charles Schulz



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SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		POSSE BD			SARA GEN	SARA TRNG
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
CAP BANQ DIVERS			SARA BASICS MOD			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
CAP			SARA BASICS MOD			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
CAP TOUR			SARA BASICS MOD	SARA BD POSSE GEN		VERTICAL MINI-MILE
28	29	30				
CAP EST						

**WATCH WHERE YOU SEND IT!!**

All SARA business conducted by mail should be sent to P.O. Box 12892, Tucson 85732-2892. Please do NOT send it to the SARCI address nor to the PCSD as this only slows down the process. Addresses for the individual SARCI organizations are listed on the front of this newsletter.

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