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SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

by Mykle Raymond, n7jzt@sarci2.org

The SARCI Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of January, April, July, and October.

SARCI Records

by Joe Barr, records@sarci2.org

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Remember: please send all records updates or requests to:

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ECAP

by Rob Offerle, rofferle@cox.net

Both the Pima County Search & Recovery Divers and the Southern Arizona Rescue Association are in the 2005 – 2006 Employee Combined Appeal Program (ECAP), the United Way for city and county employees. The ECAP agency codes for DIVERS and SARA are:

Pima County Search & Recovery Divers – 9842

Southern Arizona Rescue Association – 9883

Ask your friends employed by the City of Tucson and Pima County governments to contribute to SARA and DIVERS through ECAP.

CFC

by Rob Offerle, rofferle@cox.net

Both the Pima County Search & Recovery Divers and the Southern Arizona Rescue Association are in the 2005 – 2006 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the United Way for federal employees. The CFC agency codes for DIVERS and SARA are:

Pima County Search & Recovery Divers – 4067

Southern Arizona Rescue Association – 4084

Please ask your friends employed by the federal government (military, Border Patrol, VA Hospital) to contribute to SARA and DIVERS through the CFC.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Cindy Cusack, posse@sarci2.org

POSSE CALENDAR

Dec 03 ??:?? Sat **Christmas Party** Contact Pat for details

No Board Meeting or General Meeting will be held in December. Wishing everyone a very happy and safe holiday

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by Robert McCord, cap@sarci2.org

CAP CALENDAR

Sundays 15:30-18:00 **Location: Oro Valley Library** 1305 W. Naranja Dr, corner of La Canada and Naranja

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Tonya Moore, k9@sarci2.org

SRDI CALENDAR

No submission for December.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Fran Kunz, 886-2216, divers@sarci2.org

DIVER'S CALENDAR

| | | | |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>Dec 11</u> | <u>09:00 Sun</u> | Altitude Tables | SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd. |
| <u>Jan 08</u> | <u>08:30 Sun</u> | Ft. Lowell Pool | Ft. Lowell Pool |

Congratulations to new/current Board members: President: Richard Kunz, Vice President: Rob Offerle, Secretary: Fran Kunz, Treasurer: Joe Barr, Members-at-Large: Ray Gundy and John Millard. We are looking forward to the start of another year of training. December's training will be Altitude Tables and will be held at the SARA House on Sunday, December 11th. January's training will be at Ft. Lowell Pool and will include swim qualifications and beginning pool work. (Depending on availability - pool location may be moved)

Dues have been raised this year to \$25. Reminder - They are due and payable now and become delinquent after the January meeting.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA CALENDAR

| | | | |
|---------------|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| <u>Dec 02</u> | <u>19:30 Fri</u> | SARA Monthly Meeting | SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd |
| <u>Dec 13</u> | <u>19:00 Tue</u> | Orientation Meeting #1 | SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd |
| <u>Dec 15</u> | <u>19:00 Thurs</u> | SARA Board Meeting | SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd |
| <u>Dec 20</u> | <u>19:00 Tue</u> | Basic Training Instructors Trng | SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd |

SARA FIELD SKILLS CHANGE

by Henry Schneiker, saraboard@sarci2.org

The SARA Board of Directors has changed what happens when your SARA Field Skills certification expires. The 90-day grace period is gone. The Basic training requirement after the grace period is gone. In short, if your Field Skills certification lapses for any period of time, you are simply not field qualified during that period and there is no penalty associated with reacquiring your Field Skills certification. To regain your Field Skills certification, take the test, pass the test and file the paperwork with Records.

Field Skills testing is offered on the last Saturday of the first month of each quarter - the Field Skills dates for 2006 are: January 28, April 29, July 29, and October 28. Members may also certify during the Field Skills test which is part of Basic 4. Please remember the Field Skills testing is done individually and is a closed book test.

The Basic Training committee will be offering training to assist people who are rusty on their Field Skills and would like to brush up prior to taking the test. These trainings are optional. Your SARA Field Skills certification remains valid for three years when you certify wearing an "orange shirt;" one year when you certify as a "candidate." No change here.

MEMBER ADVOCATES

by Deb Heilig, advocates@sarci2.org

Please join me in congratulating Grant Rogers as the latest "Orange Shirt". Grant's orange card was submitted to the SARA BoD at the November 17, 2005 meeting and was approved. We hope to present Grant's "Orange Shirt" at the December 2, 2005 general meeting.

And remember, your member advocates, (Manny, Elizabeth and Deb), can always be contacted with an email to advocates@sarci2.org.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

by John Perchorowicz, rct2jtp@aol.com

We have had an excellent fundraising month. We look forward to seeing you at the December monthly meeting where we will run through the presentation made at a recent fundraising luncheon and share the success of the event.

The committee and your fellow members thank you for your pledges and their fulfillment. We have close to 100%. This commitment by the membership is a vital part of our fundraising efforts and, as you will see at the monthly meeting, is paying off.

SARA TRAINING

by Brian Duffy, bduffy@email.arizona.edu

Throughout the past year, many members have worked tirelessly to provide monthly training covering a wide range of SAR Skills to our teammates. We would like to thank all those who participated in these trainings, both as instructors and students.

Training Recap:

October began with a technical training well attended by candidates and members. Those who attended received a class on the life cycle of a technical rescue and then enjoyed the opportunity to hone basic skills building anchors in unfamiliar terrain and more advanced concepts involving the Static System Safety Factor.

October ended with a dozen of our teammates breathing new life into the Vertical Mile! 14.6 miles, 5300 foot gain in elevation and a lot of Gatorade! Congratulations to all who participated, and many thanks to a wonderful support crew! See you next year!

November Monthly training was a new addition. Rob Offerle ran a great class on Medical Equipment, Walter Pickett gave an outstanding presentation on the pulse oximeter. If you don't know how to use the pulse ox, or know where it's stored, we'll see you next time.

There is no monthly training scheduled for December 2005.

A quick look at Training, 1st Quarter of 2006:

Training in 2006 will kick off with two trainings on January 7th. Map and Compass is designed specifically for candidates as an orange card sign off. At the same time, an advanced class on GPS use in SAR will be conducted for our more experienced members who desire a more in depth knowledge of the GPS.

February's monthly training will be Winter Skills Orientation and is based on the National Ski Patrol's (NSP) curriculum for their excellent Mountain Travel and Rescue Course (MTR). If you think there is nothing you can learn in this course, please contact me. We need additional instructors!

March training will contain two separate modules. The Tanque Verde Falls orientation will be combined with a technical rescue practice at TVF using the trolley system. This will be only the second time in ten years that the trolley system has been set up and operational, so come and see how it works.



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CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Mykle Raymond, 793-2303, sarnews@sarci2.org

| <i>Call</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i># Hrs</i> | <i>Problem</i> | <i>Location</i> | <i>Resources</i> |
|---|-------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 5.075 | 051022 Sat | 0 0 | Impaired person walk away | NE Tucson | Tucson Ranger |
| 18:16 – 18:26 Dog team was requested to assist search for an impaired person near Catalina Hwy and Tanque Verde. He was found shortly after the pages were made. | | | | | |
| 5.076 | 051024 Mon | 8 8 | ??yf hiker knee injury | Soldier's Trail, Catalinas | Tucson Ranger |
| 15:59 – 16:44 A female hiking down Soldier's Trail was unable to continue on a knee that became more and more painful. One of her companions continued ahead to request assistance from their vehicles at the trailhead. Meanwhile, other companions assisted her down trail, and they were almost out by the time the initial team started up, wrapped her knee, and continued to the road. | | | | | |
| 5.077 | 051030 Sun | 0 0 | 5ym missing | SW Tucson | TPD |
| 20:15 – 21:13 NO MISSION LOG Dog team was requested to assist search for a young boy who was spooked by Halloween masks, and ran from his residence. As teams were meeting, the boy was found crying in a wash a couple miles from home. | | | | | |
| 5.078 | 051103 Thu | 9 36 | ??ym hiker missing | Windy Point, Catalinas | Tucson Ranger |
| 21:48 - Two climbers visiting from New Hampshire were scouting routes on Windy Point. One started back to the parking area, and could not be found by his companion (a S&R volunteer back home!), and called for assistance after dark. The subject had a flashlight quickly spotted by Tucson Ranger, and coordinates plotted him in Willow Canyon at the confluence of the Geology and Main forks. One team dropped down the steep ridge and met the subject, then headed out the Geology fork, meeting the second team scouting the route towards them. | | | | | |
| 5.079 | 051112 Sat | 4 4 | 2f hikers disoriented | Oracle Ridge Trail, Catalinas | |
| 17:38 – 18:15 Two women hiked down Red Ridge, up to Dan Saddle, and were returning on the Oracle Ridge Trail when they became disoriented. They were instructed to remain where they were, but continued poking up the ridge, arriving at the trailhead as teams were getting ready at rendezvous. | | | | | |
| 5.080 | 051115 Tue | 16 56 | ??yf climber fall victim | Windy Point, Catalinas | Phx Ranger, MLFD, RMFD |
| 12:10 – 15:54 Two women from British Columbia were climbing near Windy Point. The lead climber (a S&R volunteer back home, sound familiar?) fell about twenty feet, the belay caught her, then she swung into the rock injuring her pelvis. She was lowered another twenty feet to the ground, then her companion ran to find a second group of climbers at Windy Point, and called for help. MLFD and RMFD had her packaged at the scene when S&R people arrived. Phoenix Ranger was requested while a route was prepared for an evacuation by ground. Due to her status when Ranger arrived, a short-haul was requested from the scene to the LZ at Geology Vista, and then she was transported by the RMFD paramedic ambulance down the mountain. | | | | | |
| 5.081 | 051117 Thu | 9 9 | 30yf hiker disoriented | Lemmon Rock Trail, Catalinas | Tucson Ranger, MLFD |
| 16:40 – 17:33 A woman hiked down the Mt. Lemmon Trail, then across the Wilderness of Rocks, and up the Lemmon Rock Trail. The trail zigged, she zagged and lost it, calling for help before it got dark. While she talked on her cell phone, Tucson Ranger was directed to her location, near the bottom of the switchbacks. Ranger landed at Sabino Canyon, removed excess equipment, then dropped Medic Angela near the hiker. When the two were ready, Ranger picked them up and dropped the hiker off with MLFD at Ski Valley, then returned to Sabino to retrieve the equipment. | | | | | |
| 5.082 | 051119 Sat | 12 23 | 24yf hiker disoriented | Brush Corral Trail, Catalinas | Tucson Ranger |
| 19:18 – 20:50 A woman hiked down the Brush Corral Trail after mis-copying the posted map at the trailhead, thinking that was the way to Maverick Spring. But that does not explain why she continued down trail while thinking it was the way back to her vehicle. She called her roommate at dusk, reporting that she was seriously off trail. Tucson Ranger took care of some guys flashing a light on Golden Gate Peak near Old Tucson (they were goofing off), then came over to help our search. Her cell phone was dead, she didn't have a flashlight, but used her camera strobe to attract the helicopter. She was just off trail at the point a half-mile below the link trail, where it starts steeply down to the east. Hunter got close enough to the ground for Geoff to get out, retrieve the hiker, and fly her out. | | | | | |
| 2005 Totals: | | People: 897 | Hours: 3322 | Hours per person: 3.7 | |



SARCI Calendar

| <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> | <i>Sunday</i> |
|---------------|--|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Nov 28</i> | <i>Nov 29</i> Posse GV Parade | <i>Nov 30</i> | <i>Dec 01</i> | <i>Dec 02</i> SARA General Mtg | <i>Dec 03</i> | <i>Dec 04</i> SRDI Training |
| <i>Dec 05</i> | <i>Dec 06</i> | <i>Dec 07</i> SRDI Board Mtg | <i>Dec 08</i> Posse Board Mtg | <i>Dec 09</i> | <i>Dec 10</i> | <i>Dec 11</i> Divers Training |
| <i>Dec 12</i> | <i>Dec 13</i> SARA New Member Orientation | <i>Dec 14</i> SRDI General Mtg | <i>Dec 15</i> SARA Board Mtg | <i>Dec 16</i> | <i>Dec 17</i> | <i>Dec 18</i> SRDI Training |
| <i>Dec 19</i> | <i>Dec 20</i> Basic Training Instructor Training | <i>Dec 21</i> SARA Fundraising Mtg | <i>Dec 22</i> | <i>Dec 23</i> | <i>Dec 24</i> | <i>Dec 25</i> Merry Christmas |
| <i>Dec 26</i> | <i>Dec 27</i> | <i>Dec 28</i> SRDI Training | <i>Dec 29</i> | <i>Dec 30</i> | <i>Dec 31</i> | <i>Jan 01</i> Happy New Year SRDI Training |
| <i>Jan 02</i> | <i>Jan 03</i> | <i>Jan 04</i> SRDI Board Mtg | <i>Jan 05</i> | <i>Jan 06</i> SARA General Mtg | <i>Jan 07</i> SARA Training Map Compass & GPS | <i>Jan 08</i> Divers Training |
| <i>Jan 09</i> | <i>Jan 10</i> | <i>Jan 11</i> SRDI General Mtg | <i>Jan 12</i> Posse Board Mtg | <i>Jan 13</i> | <i>Jan 14</i> | <i>Jan 15</i> Posse Gymkana |
| <i>Jan 16</i> | <i>Jan 17</i> | <i>Jan 18</i> SARCI General Mtg | <i>Jan 19</i> SARA Board Mtg | <i>Jan 20</i> MRA Business Mtg | <i>Jan 21</i> MRA Business Mtg | <i>Jan 22</i> MRA Business Mtg |
| <i>Jan 23</i> | <i>Jan 24</i> SARA New Member Orientation | <i>Jan 25</i> SRDI Training Comm Mtg | <i>Jan 26</i> Posse General Mtg | <i>Jan 27</i> | <i>Jan 28</i> SARA Field Skills Recert SARA New Member Hike | <i>Jan 29</i> |
| <i>Jan 30</i> | <i>Jan 31</i> | <i>Feb 01</i> SRDI Board Mtg | <i>Feb 02</i> | <i>Feb 03</i> SARA General Mtg | <i>Feb 04</i> SARA Training Winter Skills | <i>Feb 05</i> SRDI Training |

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