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## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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### SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

by SARNews, [sarnews@sarci.org](mailto:sarnews@sarci.org)

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

### NIMS CERTIFICATION

by SARNews, [sarnews@sarci.org](mailto:sarnews@sarci.org)

Effective October 01, 2008, NIMS IS-0100 and IS-0700 certificates will be required as part of SARCI Field Qualification minimums. Statistics below are as of 14 August 08:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Field Qualified</u>	<u>NIMS Certified</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
SARCI	112	53	47%
SRDI	14	9	64%
Posse	21	16	76%
SARA	74	29	39%
Divers	12	5	42%
CAP	0	0	0%

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Fran Kunz, 886-2216, [divers8@sarci2.org](mailto:divers8@sarci2.org)

### DIVERS CALENDAR

Sept 14 08:00 Sun Lakeside Lake (cont.) Meet: Kunz's

Last month's training was the first use/training using the new side scan sonar. In the first couple minutes, while the boat crew was just beginning to learn how the unit operates, one of the crew remarked that a submerged contact looked like an automobile. It was, and turned out to have been reported stolen in November 2007. We contacted Tucson Police Department and assisted with the recovery of the vehicle from the lake. We also were able to save about 250 crawdads (some the size of small lobsters) which had taken up residence in the vehicle. Next month we want to examine the remainder of the lake with the sonar and recover whatever we find...and also check out the remaining aerators. Please advise if you will not be attending the training. Meet at the Kunzes at 8:00 am to load gear so we can promptly start at 9:00 am at the lake.

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, [kpaquette1@comcast.net](mailto:kpaquette1@comcast.net)

### SRDI CALENDAR

No input for September.

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, [posse6@sarci2.org](mailto:posse6@sarci2.org)

### POSSE CALENDAR

No input for September.

## NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by Robert McCord, [cap@sarci2.org](mailto:cap@sarci2.org)

### CAP CALENDAR

Sundays 15:30-18:00

**Location: Oro Valley Library**

1305 W. Naranja Dr, corner of La Canada and Naranja

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

[SARA@sarci2.org](mailto:SARA@sarci2.org)

### SARA CALENDAR

<u>Sept 05</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	<b>SARA General Meeting</b>	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Sept 06</u>	<u>08:00 Sat</u>	<b>Training: Personal Rope Skills</b>	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Sept 07</u>	<u>08:00 Sun</u>	<b>New Candidate Hike</b>	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Sept 13</u>	<u>TBA Sat</u>	<b>OEC Cycle A Refresher</b>	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Sept 27</u>	<u>12:00 Sat</u>	<b>SARA Fundraising BBQ</b>	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Oct 03</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	<b>SARA General Meeting</b>	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd

### SARA NEW CANDIDATE HIKE

by Jim Holmes, [jrh\\_home@yahoo.com](mailto:jrh_home@yahoo.com)

The 2008 SARA New Candidate hike is scheduled for Sunday, September 7. Potential candidates will be instructed to rendezvous at 106 at 8AM. We'd like as many yellow and orange shirts as possible to help out with the hike, so please come on out. We'll be using the same hike location as we have the past two years and should be finished and back to 106 by 2PM.

### 2008 VERTICAL MILE

by Jim Holmes, [jrh\\_home@yahoo.com](mailto:jrh_home@yahoo.com)

If going out on a stroll of 15+ miles with 5,280+' of elevation gain, while carrying a pack that weights 20% of your body weight at the finish sounds like fun then you have a strange idea of what fun is....nonetheless, please set aside October 25 on your calendars for the 2008 Vertical Mile. Route, rendezvous and transport details are still be worked out, but you can count a challenging hike that finishes with a great picnic in the Pines.

### OEC CORNER

by John Gorski, [rescue161@att.net](mailto:rescue161@att.net)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - OEC refresher dates for 2008 are Saturday, September 13th, and Sunday, November 2nd. Just a reminder that the Mt. Lemmon Ski Patrol will be joining us at the SARA house for a joint refresher again this year. This means there is one less refresher offered. The Cycle A refresher study guide has been posted on the NSP website, [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org)

### SEPTEMBER TRAINING

by Cathy Wasmann, [cwasmann@cals.arizona.edu](mailto:cwasmann@cals.arizona.edu)

Personal Rope Skills

Date: 06 September 2008

Rendezvous: SARA House, 08:00

Instructors: Cathy Wasmann (cell 784-1784), Henry Schneiker, and others

Target Audience: All members and candidates who want to improve their personal rope skills. This training is an Orange Card sign off

Topics and What to Bring: This training will focus on personal safety at edges and on low angle slopes. Participants will be introduced to rappelling, ascending (self belay), and changeovers. If time permits, the application of these skills to vertical (free) terrain will be introduced. This is a hands-on training. Please bring a helmet, gloves, harness (optional), and two Purcell Prusiks. If you already have locking carabineers and mechanical ascenders, bring them. If you need a set of personal Purcells, please bring 10m (33ft) of 6mm nylon accessory cord. The tying of a Purcell Prusik and a Swiss Seat will be taught. Participants will use their Purcells and may use a self-tied Swiss Seat (using SARA webbing) in place of a harness for this training.

## CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Mykle Raymond, [SAARnews @ sarci.org](mailto:SAARnews@sarci.org)

<u>Call</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Vol/</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Problem</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Resources</u>
<b>8.053</b>	<b>Sun, 20 Jul 22</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>29ym</b>	<b>missing in floodwater</b>	<b>Santa Cruz River, Tucson</b>	<b>TucsonRanger and others</b>
09:38 – 15:00 A vehicle was stranded in floodwater, the driver got out and was swept away. Search teams along the sides of the river covered from Speedway downstream to Sunset without results.						
<b>8.054</b>	<b>Mon, 21 Jul 2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Hikers</b>	<b>lost</b>	<b>Cactus Forest, Saguaro Park, Rincons</b>	
13:26 – 13:49 Two hikers were unable to identify the trail that would return them to their vehicle. They walked towards the siren of the first deputy to arrive, and were out as first search teams arrived. 911 Cellphone coordinates were good, showing them a short distance on the Cactus Forest Trail.						
<b>8.055</b>	<b>Wed, 23 Jul 0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>86ym</b>	<b>missing</b>	<b>Green Valley</b>	
21:44 – 21:49 A disoriented male was missing from his residence. As dog teams were paged, he was located at a hospital.						
<b>8.056</b>	<b>Sat, 26 Jul 0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>??ym</b>	<b>missing</b>	<b>Arivaca Lake</b>	<b>TucsonRanger</b>
05:38 – 05:55 A male wandered from his camp at Arivaca Lake and had not returned by morning. Calls for help were heard across the lake. Search teams were enroute, and TucsonRanger was just landing at the lake, when people with a canoe retrieved the person.						
<b>8.057</b>	<b>Sat, 26 Jul 14</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>22yf</b>	<b>fall victim</b>	<b>Tanque Verde Falls, Rincons</b>	<b>TucsonRanger</b>
11:56 – 14:51 Two people were swept over the lower Turkey Falls, injuring one of them. The scene was located, and the patient was packaged for a short-haul to a MEDS helicopter waiting on the road.						
<b>8.058</b>	<b>Fri, 01 Aug 12</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>49ym</b>	<b>missing</b>	<b>Helmet Peak, Sierritas</b>	<b>TucsonRanger</b>
15:38 – 19:02 A male was missing from his residence in a rural area. He had possibly been last seen about 21:00 the previous evening, walking on the road nearby. TucsonRanger spent several hours in the area, and deputies checked mine shafts in the area, then requested dog teams and assist people. The subject had been despondent, and walked a couple miles towards a peak in the Sierritas, and walked back to a nearby residence. He was being returned by ATV to his house as teams were being deployed. MEDS was requested and transported the dehydrated and exhausted patient.						
<b>8.059</b>	<b>Sat, 02 Aug 22</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>39yf</b>	<b>knee injury</b>	<b>Tanque Verde Falls, Rincons</b>	<b>TucsonRanger</b>
10:50 – 13:06 One of a group of hikers injured her knee a short distance below the Main Falls. Teams reached the scene from the Main Falls Chute and from the base of the SARA Trail. TucsonRanger landed on a beach that has been used before and ferried the patient to an ambulance waiting on the road.						
<b>8.060</b>	<b>Sat, 02 Aug 0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Cadaver</b>	<b>search</b>	<b>Safford, Graham County</b>	<b>TucsonRanger</b>
Sat 15:56 – Sun 13:55 Cadaver dogs were requested to assist with a search in the Safford area.						
<b>8.061</b>	<b>Fri, 08 Aug 11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>48ym</b>	<b>knee injury</b>	<b>Finger Rock Trail, Catalinas</b>	<b>TucsonRanger</b>
14:02 – 15:47 A hiker injured his knee while traversing a slippery and inclined part of the trail. The Hasty Team was passing the spring as TucsonRanger arrived, spotted the subject at coordinates that he estimated from his map, landed on the trail at “The Corner”. The patient was assisted a short distance to the helicopter and flown to the trailhead.						
<b>8.062</b>	<b>Sun, 10 Aug 17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Exhausted</b>	<b>hikers</b>	<b>Esperero Trail, Catalinas</b>	<b>RMFD</b>
15:24 – 16:50 A group of four hikers returning from BridalVeil Falls became exhausted. One hiked ahead to call for help, and teams started in from Sabino and Bird Canyons. The hikers had continued from where they were left and were met a short distance from the Cactus Group Area. One of the hikers required medical attention, and was carried to an ambulance.						
<b>8.063</b>	<b>Sat, 16 Aug 21</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>??yf</b>	<b>fall injury</b>	<b>Tanque Verde Falls, Rincons</b>	<b>RMFD TucsonRanger</b>
14:45 – 18:29 A woman jumped into the middle Turkey Pool, hitting a rock ledge just under water and injuring both ankles. RMFD and SARA treated and packaged the patient, and the Turkey Chute was prepared for a ground evac. TucsonRanger returned from training and calls in Cochise County, and short-hauled the patient to a LifeNet helicopter parked at the SARA Parking Lot.						
<b>8.064</b>	<b>Tue, 19 Aug 22</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>76yf</b>	<b>missing</b>	<b>E end Speedway, Rincons</b>	<b>TPD NPS Customs</b>
10:22 – 21:00 Search for missing woman who left a suicidal note in her car found at the end of Speedway. Teams covered on and off trail within a few miles, then her body was found near the trail register on the Douglas Spring Trail.						
<b>8.065</b>	<b>Thu, 21 Aug 13</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>20ym</b>	<b>hiker lost</b>	<b>Ventana Canyon, Catalinas</b>	
10:29 – 17:27 A hiker reported himself lost, injured, and exhausted. His cellphone coordinates were close, so the search was minimal. A couple of hours were spent rehydrating while teams scouted routes up to the trail, and all walked out without problems.						
<b>8.066</b>	<b>Sat, 23 Aug 14</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16ym</b>	<b>injured</b>	<b>Rams Field Canyon, Catalinas</b>	<b>TucsonRanger, GRFD</b>
10:08 – 12:17 A group of teens were hiking near Catalina State Park, under Table Mountain, a couple of miles above Oracle Hiway. They disturbed bees, and while running one fell with a head laceration and ankle injury. Initial details were misdirecting, but the cellphone coordinates were close. TucsonRanger located the group and dropped a couple of rescuers at the scene. Additional teams scouted access to a social trailhead about halfway to the scene. The teens were flown out and the teams hiked out.						
<b>2008 Totals:</b> People: 668 Hours: 2209 Hours per person: 3.3						

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sep 01 .	Sep 02 .	Sep 03 SRDI Board Mtg	Sep 04 .	Sep 05 SARA General Mtg	Sep 06 SARA Training "Personal Rope Skills"	Sep 07 SARA Recruiting Orientation SRDI Training
Sep 08 .	Sep 09 .	Sep 10 SRDI General Mtg	Sep 11 Posse Board Mtg	Sep 12 .	Sep 13 OEC Refresher	Sep 14 Divers Training
Sep 15 .	Sep 16 .	Sep 17 .	Sep 18 SARA Board Mtg	Sep 19 .	Sep 20 .	Sep 21 SRDI Training Posse Gymkana
Sep 22 .	Sep 23 .	Sep 24 .	Sep 25 Posse General Mtg	Sep 26 .	Sep 27 SARA Basic 1 SARA Fundraising Barbeque	Sep 28 .
Sep 29 .	Sep 30 .	Oct 01 SRDI Board Mtg	Oct 02 .	Oct 03 SARA General Mtg	Oct 04 SARA Training "Tech Skills Beyond Basic 4"	Oct 05 SRDI Training



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P.O.Box 44231, Tucson AZ 85733  
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### **PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE**

8987-309 E. Tanque Verde, Box 232, Tucson AZ 85749  
Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Thu 19:00  
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

### **SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION**

P.O.Box 12892, Tucson AZ 85732-2892  
Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Fri 19:30, SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

### **PIMA COUNTY SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS**

P.O.Box 13961, Tucson AZ 85732  
Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun 09:00, details inside.

### **NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.**

4933 N. Sunrise Avenue, Tucson AZ 85705  
Meet each Sunday 15:30-18:00, details inside

### **SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS**

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