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SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

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

NIMS CERTIFICATION

by SARNews, 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 12 September 08:

| <u>Organization</u> | <u>Field Qualified</u> | <u>NIMS Certified</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| SARCI | 117 | 73 | 62% |
| SRDI | 14 | 10 | 71% |
| Posse | 26 | 22 | 85% |
| SARA | 76 | 42 | 55% |
| Divers | 12 | 5 | 42% |
| CAP | 0 | 0 | 0% |

Posse and SRDI are pulling up the average for us! In just over 2 weeks, we will lose a THIRD of our Field Qualified folks.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, kpaquette1@comcast.net

SRDI CALENDAR

| | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Oct. 01</u> | <u>19:00 Wed.</u> | Board Meeting | SARA House |
| <u>Oct. 05</u> | <u>08:00 Sun.</u> | Bear Wallow/all dogs | Rendezvous @ 106 |
| <u>Oct. 08</u> | <u>19:00 Wed.</u> | General Meeting | SARA House |
| <u>Oct. 15</u> | <u>18:00 Wed.</u> | Catalina State Park/all dogs | Tracking/Air Scent |
| <u>Oct.18/19</u> | <u>08:00 Sa/Su</u> | Empire Cienega/MR dogs | Rendezvous I-10/83 |
| <u>Nov. 02</u> | <u>09:00 Sun</u> | Lakeside Park/all dogs | Tracking/Evidence/Air Scent |

All SARCI members are welcome to attend our trainings. Check the Event calendar on our website for training updates: www.sarci.org/SRDI.htm.

SRDI is very proud of their cadaver dogs for locating a suicide subject in Graham County in early August. After the dogs took us to the gentleman's location, SRDI folks helped Graham County law enforcement package the gentleman for return to his family. The dogs did a tremendous job representing Pima County and SARCI.

On a happier note, SRDI members had a fantastic time this last weekend at the annual land circle hike and field requalification. The scenery around Parker Canyon Lake was outstanding and the weather was more than could be hoped for – much drier than the last time we were there. The 2009 land circle will likely be scheduled for May, and the water circle likely in June.

The annual SRDI Fundraising Yard Sale is scheduled for October 10 & 11 from 07:00 a.m. until late afternoon each day. If you have items you are willing to donate to the yard sale, please contact a member of the dog team. We'd also love to see you stop by and purchase an item or two during the sale.

Best wishes are extended to Janelle Wilt and James Litel on their upcoming marriage!

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

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, posse6@sarci2.org

POSSE CALENDAR

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <u>Oct. 04</u> | <u>09:00 Sat</u> | Horse Hauling Training | Prison Camp |
| <u>Oct. 05</u> | <u>14:00 Sun.</u> | Knots & GPS Training | Tanque Verde Stables (Coles Place) |
| <u>Oct. 09</u> | <u>19:00 Thu</u> | Posse Board Meeting | Sheriff's Substation 106 |
| <u>Oct. 11</u> | <u>TBD Sat</u> | Rescue Training with SARA | Tucson Mountain Park |
| <u>Oct. 19</u> | <u>12:00 Sun</u> | Gymkhana | Vail Feed Store |
| <u>Oct. 23</u> | <u>19:00 Thu</u> | Posse General Meeting | Sheriff's Substation 106 |
| <u>Oct. 25</u> | <u>10:00 Sat</u> | Green Valley Parade | Green Valley |

Congratulations to Colleen Leon for qualifying and receiving her Search and Rescue Field qualification for Posse S & R. This takes time, patience, training and work.

This will make Mykle and Dan happy. There is another Ham class in October for a bunch of the Posse and Yes Mykle and Dan; I will take the class and the test. (Jerry S) Sorry Fran, too much harassment to hold out any longer.(19yrs) Ha.

For all of Search and Rescue People: **DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR NIMS TEST OUT OF THE WAY!**

Park Patrol is still working. Still looking for additional posse members.

OFC training: The new approved Outdoor First Care class for (24 to 32 hrs) worked out excellent. My first class was 42 hours. This was the 2nd best OFC class because of the time that was approved by NSP. Thanks again to Dave Brown, Pam Phillips and my training buddy, George Herget. They did a excellent job and so did our excellent students. I should have gotten the additional hours approved at the start (1996). However regular training updates will advance all who take them. Learn as I go!! Thanks to Rich Kunz for the computer and set up instructions. Thanks to Cathy Wasmann for the excellent class on Snakes, spiders and plants. Thanks to Dave Brown for the class on KNOTS. And also a big thanks to all the posse members, either in class on behind the scenes to make this class possible. Yep, even the Captain was there (as Usual).

A professional Note: Since SARCI is an all volunteer organization. For any special SARCI events, such as fund raisers or garage sales that you are inviting the public to attend. Send an E-mail to me. Jerry@simmonsautorepair.com and I will put it out on the airways on my car care show on 104.1 FM Saturdays between 7 & 8 am, at no charge to the organization. I can even set up a special call in time for YOU to run it live.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Fran Kunz, 886-2216, divers8@sarci2.org

DIVERS CALENDAR

| | | | |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Oct 12</u> | <u>0800 Sunday</u> | Meet Kunzes | Lakeside Lake - Cont. |
| <u>Nov 09</u> | <u>0900 Sunday</u> | Meet SARA House | Potluck & Elections |

This will be the last lake training of our fiscal year and we will conclude at Lakeside with continued training on the side scan sonar. Last month we took pictures of various objects and divers. We want to give everyone a chance to operate and the sonar. Meet at Kunzes at 8:00 am to load gear so we can promptly start at 9:00 am at the lake. November's training will be our annual potluck and elections. Please submit your nominations to the board. Bring your favorite breakfast/brunch dish to share.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA@sarci2.org

SARA CALENDAR

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|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>Oct. 03</u> | <u>19:30 Fri</u> | SARA General Meeting | SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd |
| <u>Oct. 04</u> | <u>08:00 Sat</u> | Training: Beyond Basic 4 | TBD |
| <u>Oct. 18</u> | <u>TBD Sat</u> | Training: Basic 2 | TBD |
| <u>Oct. 25</u> | <u>TBD Sat</u> | Vertical Mile | TBD |
| <u>Nov. 01</u> | <u>TBD Sat/Sun</u> | Training: Basic 3 | TBD |
| <u>Nov 07</u> | <u>19:30 Fri</u> | SARA General Meeting | SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd |

2008 VERTICAL MILE

by Jim Holmes, 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 being 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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – The last OEC refresher date for 2008 is 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

OCTOBER TRAINING

by Cathy Wasmann, cwasmann@cals.arizona.edu

No input for October

ECAP

by Rob Offerle, rofferle@cox.net

Both the Pima County Search & Recovery Divers and the Southern Arizona Rescue Association are in the 2008 – 2009 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

Please ask your friends employed by the City of Tucson and Pima County governments (police, sheriff, fire) to contribute to SARA and DIVERS through ECAP.

CFC

Both the Pima County Search & Recovery Divers and the Southern Arizona Rescue Association are in the 2008 – 2009 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the United Way for federal employees. The CFC agency codes for DIVERS and SARA are:

Pima County Search & Recovery Divers - 36412

Southern Arizona Rescue Association – 15475

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

SARA Policy Concerning Friends and Family at Calls

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15. Call-outs

- a. Non-SARA personal, non-field qualified SARA members and non-base camp support SARA members are not considered part of a SARA operation and shall be treated as by-standers unless specifically invited to participate by the Sheriff.
- b. Only the Sheriff is authorized to invite other people or groups to the scene of an operation.
- c. No SARA member shall bring non-member friends, relatives or family to a call-out.

As the Sheriff's Department has made clear to us in the past, involving others in a call is not acceptable. This applies to any activity with a State Mission Number. We should not attempt to participate on a call with friends or family present. There are obvious dangers involved in SAR operations, and when trying to split our attention between the call and friends or family, one of the two will inevitably suffer. These are situations which should immediately send up a red flag. Only field qualified members are covered by the Sheriff's Department and Workman's Compensation if something bad happens.

That being said, we must make allowances for car pooling. Gas has gotten expensive, and sometimes driving home to drop off family or friends and then returning to a call is both cost and time prohibitive. To avoid the perception of non-compliance with our policies, those dropping you off should leave the area at their earliest convenience. If they must wait for you, they need to be in a safe place away from the action. That way they are just members of the public, and there should be no perception of non-compliance. However, those consistently showing up with non-SAR friends in attendance are sure to attract attention, so it would be best to avoid this situation. Whenever you have a choice, don't bring anyone with you, unless they are field qualified.

Please brief those you car pool with on the policies so they understand how to avoid the perception of being "on the call" or too close to the action.

CALLOUT REVIEWS

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

Call Date Vol/ Hrs Problem Location Resources

8.067 Mon, 01 Sep 16 80 47yf hiker ill Pine Creek Crossing, Catalinas TucsonRanger
 16:05 – 20:30 Four hikers hiked to Hutch's Pool, one felt ill and rested until rest returned. She was unable to continue past Pine Creek, so two continued to call for help. Her condition did not improve after teams arrived, so Ranger landed in the streambed and flew her to the hospital. Diagnosis: Hyponatremia.

8.068 Tue, 02 Sep 11 78 Recovery Harts Butte, Santa Ritas
 16:22 – 19:59 Aircraft wreckage and remains were high on the rock a couple weeks after the crash. The rock was cleaned, and we moved the remains from the base, by running several lower systems down the west side to old mine roads.

8.069 Sat, 06 Sep 14 45 Welfare check, loose mule Box Camp Trail, Catalinas
 16:35 – 20:33 A mule with saddle was reported along the trail. We started to search for a rider possibly injured. Once all of the details were accumulated, a hunter was camping along the trail about a mile from the trailhead. He was off on a walk, and hikers going by the camp noticed the mule's front hooves were tangled in harness, so they removed it, not realizing that they had removed hobbles purposefully tied to give the mule some freedom to move around camp. The mule was wearing a halter and lead rope, and soon escaped from being left tied up and headed for the trailhead.

8.070 Sun, 07 Sep 9 9 69ym hiker exhausted Pink Hill Trail, Rincons NPS, TucsonRanger
 10:29 – 11:18 Two hikers were a couple of miles east of the Broadway gate when one was reported to be having a heat related emergency. As teams started towards the scene, Ranger arrived, promptly locating the patient, landing in the wash nearby, and ferried both to the end of Broadway where an ambulance was waiting.

8.071 Sun, 07 Sep 20 33 ??ym climber fell Windy Point, Catalinas MLFD, RMFD, USFS, DPS
 15:42 – 17:06 A climber was reported to be rappelling on Hitchcock Rock and fell to the base, injuring his feet and back. We provided a short lower system to get the litter to the parking lot. He was ferried to Ranger at Geology Vista, then to the hospital.

8.072 Sun, 07 Sep 15 58 38yf hiker exhausted Mt.Lemmon Trail, Catalinas
 17:20 – 20:11 Two hikers were heading up the Mt.Lemmon Trail when one became exhausted. They asked for help, realizing that it would be dark before they would be able to return. We had just finished with the Windy Point call, and the Power Line road had been cleared of downfall, so it didn't take long for teams to start down trail and soon reaching the pair. All were able to move up trail to the vehicles.

8.073 Sun, 14 Sep 11 19 43yf hiker lost Babad Do'Ag Trail, Catalinas
 17:50 – 19:41 A hiker was unable to follow the trail, due to overgrowth. Her cellphone coordinates were near the trail, about a mile up, and she was quickly located and retrieved without problems.

8.074 Thu, 18 Sep 0 0 Evidence Search Broadway & Euclid, Tucson TPD
 (Wed) 13:09 – (Thu) 05:30 – 10:02 TPD requested assistance from cadaver dogs. "Stuff" was found, but nothing relevant. *NO ROSTER RECEIVED.*

2008 Totals: People: 764 Hours: 2531 Hours per person: 3.3

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SARCI Calendar

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------------|--------------|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| Sept 29 . | Sept 30 . | Oct 01 SRDI Board Mtg | Oct 02 . | Oct 03 SARA General Mtg | Oct 04 Posse Training SARA Race Support SARA Training "Beyond Basic 4" | Oct 05 Posse Training SRDI Training |
| Oct 06 . | Oct 07 . | Oct 08 SRDI General Mtg | Oct 09 Posse Board Mtg | Oct 10 . | Oct 11 Posse/SARA Training "Joint Training -w- Posse" | Oct 12 Divers Training |
| Oct 13 . | Oct 14 . | Oct 15 SRDI Training SARCI General Mtg | Oct 16 SARA Board Mtg | Oct 17 . | Oct 18 SRDI Training SARA Basic 2 | Oct 19 SRDI Training Posse Gymkanna |
| Oct 20 . | Oct 21 . | Oct 22 . | Oct 23 Posse General Mtg | Oct 24 . | Oct 25 Posse GV Parade SARA Vertical Mile SARA Field Skills Recert | Oct 26 . |
| Oct 27 . | Oct 28 . | Oct 29 . | Oct 30 . | Oct 31 . | Nov 01 SARA Basic 3 Classroom | Nov 02 OEC Refresher SRDI Training |
| Nov 03 . | Nov 04 . | Nov 05 SRDI Board Mtg | Nov 06 . | Nov 07 SARA General Mtg | Nov 08 SARA 50th Anniversary Doubletree | Nov 09 Divers Training |
| Nov 10 . | Nov 11 . | Nov 12 SRDI General Mtg | Nov 13 Posse Board Mtg | Nov 14 . | Nov 15 SARA Basic 3 | Nov 16 SARA Basic 3 SRDI Training Posse Gymkanna |
| Nov 17 . | Nov 18 . | Nov 19 . | Nov 20 SARA Board Mtg | Nov 21 . | Nov 22 . | Nov 23 . |
| Nov 24 . | Nov 25 . | Nov 26 . | Nov 27 Posse General Mtg | Nov 28 . | Nov 29 . | Nov 30 . |

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Meet 4th Thu 19:00
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

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NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

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Meet each Sunday 15:30-18:00, details inside

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