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SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci.org

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

SARCI FIELD QUALIFICATIONS STANDARD

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci.org

On 1/21/2009 Search And Rescue Council Inc (SARCI) adopted the following minimum Field Qualification standard:

Effective July 01, 2009, the SARCI Field Qualification minimum shall include:

- 1) SARCI Orientation and
- 2) Wilderness First Aid as certified by ASHI, or equivalent and
- 3) CPR for the Professional Rescuer as certified by ARC or AHA, or equivalent and
- 4) National Incident Management System (NIMS) IS-100 and IS-700, or equivalent.

This will replace older policies that cited courses which have not been available for many, many years.

SABINO HOUSE PARKING

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci.org

SARA has been issued a Special Use Permit for the Sabino House (formerly known as the Rod and Gun Club). The road to the area is posted "805", so we may refer to it by that name as well.

The Assistant District Ranger has requested that, whenever possible, we park our vehicles on the 805 road instead of outside the Administrative Gate. And during construction, we will need to use extra care when parking outside of the gate. The vegetation is making the 805 road narrower, so we will need to be more careful to park so room is available for passing (large) vehicles, and this means parking on the right side as you drive in.

Later, our parking will move into the Sabino House area and leave the 805 road clear. If you are going to drive into the canyon, please be sensitive to people who may need rides from the parking area.

SARCI INSTRUCTORS

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci.org

SARCI Special Activities coordinates our safety presentations to the public. Specifically the "Hug-A-Tree" and "Lost but Found Safe and Sound" programs that are presented to school age kids. Before advertising these presentations this year, we need to identify trained instructors. If you have been trained in either program, please send a note to Laura at ncsljm @ aol.com. Each component group is asked to designate a coordinator to work with Laura as needed.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

DIVERS CALENDAR

Mar 08 1000 Sun

Patterns and Grid Searches

Kino Pool (Ajo Way)

March's training will cover basic basic pool patterns and grid searches. We hope to do the swim test, equipment check, blackout skills, buoyancy check and knots. This is a mandatory session for diver trainees and auxiliary surface support trainees. We will also introduce hand and rope signals and knots.

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by Robert McCord, cap @ sarci2.org

CAP CALENDAR

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

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jean Ebbert, jbbrt @ comcast.net

POSSE CALENDAR

<u>Mar 08</u>	<u>11:00 Sun</u>	Posse Gymkhana (NEW LOCATION)	Tanque Verde Stables, 11099 E Glenn
Mar 12	<u>19:00 Thu</u>	Posse Board Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Mar 26</u>	<u>19:00 Thu</u>	General Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

No input for March

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, kpaquette1 @ comcast.net

SRDI CALENDAR

<u>Mar 01</u>	<u>10:00 Sun</u>	All Dog Training	Rdv: I-10 and SR 83
Mar 04	19:00 Wed	Board Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
Mar 11	19:00 Wed	General Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd_
Mar 14	09:00 Sat	Land Circle/Skills	Parker Canyon Lake
Mar 18	18:00 Wed	All Dog Training	Karen's House
Apr 01	19:00 Wed	Board Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd

All SARCI members are welcome to attend any of our trainings. Please check the Event Calendar on our website or call Vi Brown (762-0165) for training updates: www.sarci.org/SRDI.htm

Paul Cartter is home! He is supposed to be recuperating, but managed to make a few appearances at the 24HOP this last weekend. This year was a lot drier and, again, a tremendous amount of fun! Folks should make plans to help out with next year's event.

March is going to be a very busy month! SRDI has many dog/handler tests and recertifications scheduled in addition to the annual land circle hike and skills check. The spring land circle will be held on Saturday, March 14, and the fall land circle will be held on a Sunday. SRDI will also be giving demonstrations at this year's Pima County Fair in April. Make sure to let Jennifer or Diana know when you'll be available to help out with these PRs. Also, SRDI has offered to provide "patients" for OEC on March 3. Let Mark know if you will help.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA @ sarci2.org

SARA CALENDAR

Mar 06	19:30 Fri	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd_
Mar 07	08:00 Sat	Tanque Verde Falls Orientation	Rdv: Circle K, Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop
Mar 19	19:30 Wed	SARA Board Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
Apr 03	19:30 Fri	SARA Annual Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd

24 HOURS IN THE OLD PUEBLO

by Owen Watson, SARNews @ sarci2.org

We really got a workout this weekend!! We had good experience with learning to package people up in the field (I will be using these experiences as scenarios in OEC).

As far as improvements for next year:

Communications was a bit snarled up on Saturday when we had the multiple patient packages but eventually worked out. Bill was really in a pickle when the SARA vehicle was stuck in a less than stellar com location.

As I see it, there was no "base station" backup at the SARA tent. The best radios were in the SARA vehicle and the mobile gear therein was being pushed to the limits (talk to Bill for further input there). I highly recommend that SARA do one of two things for next year:

- Option 1) Set up a "base" station (i.e. radio with full power no handhelds)and with a "base antenna" (i.e. antenna with gain) for all of the meds, rescue, and non-Amateur stuff as a backup for the SARA vehicle in the field. I will be happy to personally provide the masts and antennas and coax if SARA will provide a radio(s). SARA also needs to keep someone that is trained on com for MEDS and RESCUE
- Option 2) Bring a "base radio" to Net-Control and Net-Control can furnish a 20ft mast and antenna to ensure you have backup. I will be happy to do this and to provide earphones to the Amateur Radio guys and to SARA so that there is less bedlam to deal with when multiple radios are being used at the same time.

NOTE: Yes, I meant 20ft mast as a minimum!! Net-Control had intermed problems because of a nearby BUS with the antenna base that was at 10ft. Net-Control will be bumping up their antennas by 10 feet next year (30ft and 20ft, respectively).

SARA POLICY INFORMATION

by SARNews, SARNews @ sarci2.org

Members of the Board of Directors will be at the March general meeting to explain the proposed revision of SARA's membership policy. The current policy and the revised policy were printed in full in the January SARCI newsletter.

OEC CORNER by John Gorski, tucmj @ att.net

OEC class 2009 has started and is in a great need of helpers on a daily basis to assist with the hands-on part of the class. Patients will be needed on the following dates: March 3, March 27, April 2, 18, 30, and May 21. Remember this is a chance to have your orange card signed. If you are interested please contact Frances Walker or Pam Phillips.

It is never too early to make your plans to attend our yearly refresher(s). The first one will be on Saturday September 12th and the second one will be on November 1st. Both refreshers will be held at the SARA house. Look for updates in upcoming newsletters.

ANNUAL AWARDS by John Gorski, tucmj @ att.net

SARA is looking for nominations for member of the year.

Also, please do not forget to pass along the gag-type awards with a explanation/story behind the award.

MARCH TRAINING by Brian Duffy, bduffy @ as.arizona.edu

Subject;: Tanque Verde Falls Orientation Hike

Date: March 7

Rendezvous: 0800, Tanque Verde Falls and Tanque Verde Loop

Instructor: Mykle Raymond

Purpose: Familiarization Hike to Tanque Verde Falls area, trails ,overlooks anchor points, LZ's

2009 TRAINING SCHEDULE

by Brian Duffy, bduffy @ as.arizona.edu

March 7, -TV Falls Orientation

April 4 - Mine Rescue

May 2 - Swift Water Rescue

June 6, Intro to Sonoran Desert Summer

July 4, Truck and Equipment., Base Camp Operations

August 8 Basic Rock - Intro to off trail movement with Stokes

September 5 - Personal Rope Skills

October 3 - Technical Skills - Beyond Basic 4

November 7 - Technical Rescue

December 5 - Medical/Technical Equipment





Resources

Call Date Vol/ Hrs Problem Location

9.011 Mon, 19 Jan 11/ 20/ 65yf ankle injury

7 Falls Trail, Catalinas

11:02 – 14:32 A hiker twisted her ankle and was carried by stokes to the trailhead.

9.012 Sun, 25 Jan 14/42/56ym hiker chest pains

East of Bear Canyon, Catalinas

TucsonRanger RMFD

17:00 – 19:49 A hiker reported chest pains while hiking off trail above the Arizona National Golf Course. Rescue teams carried the patient to a point cleared for the helicopter to get close enough to the ground.

9.013 Tue, 27 Jan 8/ 13/62ym missing

Agua Caliente Hill

TucsonRanger

18:56 – 21:50 A male was reported missing from a residence at the base of Agua Caliente Hill. Initial teams looked near the house on a ridge and valley, without results.

9.014 Tue, 27 Jan 20/124/ 62ym missing

Agua Caliente Hill

TucsonRanger

21:41 – 14:46 Continuation of search. Teams covered main trails and drainages, without results. Search suspended.

9.015 Fri, 30 Jan 14/42/75ym ATV injury

Lopez Pass, Santa Ritas

TucsonRanger RMFD

14:53 – 18:20 A male was injured in a vehicular accident on the Gunsight Pass Road, under Lopez Pass. Responders covered both east and west approaches until patient was located on the west side. The helicopter landed on the roadway a half-mile down hill. Medical people were ferried up the rough road to the scene. Technical systems were required to move the patient to the vehicles.

9.016 Fri, 30 Jan 14/78/19ym hiker lost

Cathedral Rock, Catalinas

Tuccon Ranger

16:47 – 01:20 A hiker reported not being able to follow the Cathedral Trail in West Fork Sabino. Teams hiked and flew to the area, without finding him. A team moving up Esperero Canyon was spotted by the helicopter, then noticing a light source from the canyon bottom near the first crossing. He was retrieved and walked out in good condition.

9.017 Sun, 01 Feb 12/33/? ym hiker stranded by dark Esperero Trail, Catalinas

19:17 – 21:49 A hiker reported not being able to continue down trail after dark, and described his location as Cardiac Gap. Teams found him where advertised and walked out without problems.

9.018 Sat, 07 Feb 18/40/??ym hiker fall victim

Romero Trail, Catalinas

TucsonRanger GRFD

15:52 – 18:31 A hiker lost his footing while scrambling near the trail in the saddle area west of the pools. The helicopter ferried people and equipment to a nearby regularly used helispot while additional people and gear hiked in. The patient was carried to the helispot, and family hiked down with rescue teams.

9.019 Fri, 13 Feb 0/ 0/ ??ym horse rider fell

Sasabe Hwy south of 3 Points

TucsonRanger 3PFD

15:42 – 16:09 A rider fell from a horse, reportedly with serious injuries. We were cancelled after he was found at the ranch house.

9.020 Sun, 15 Feb 16/ 46/ 73ym hiker shoulder injury

X7, 7 Falls Trail, Catalinas

TucsonRanger RMFD

13:26 – 16:57 A hiker slipped while crossing the stream, falling in the water and injuring his shoulder. He was short-hauled.

9.021 Sat, 21 Feb <u>14/14/</u> 55yf hiker ankle injury

7 Falls Trail, Catalinas

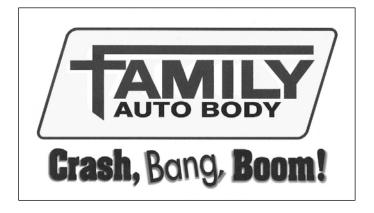
11:31 – 12:18 A hiker twisted her ankle at about X5. We met her a short distance from the old trailhead and assisted her out.

9.022 Sat, 21 Feb 13/74/19ym 22ym lost

Marshall Gulch, Catalinas

20:22-02:30 Two brothers hiked up Marshall Gulch for an hour, and lost the trail on their return, and soon lost daylight. Their cellphone provided coordinates well off trail but a short distance from the saddle, in the Wilderness of Rocks. They couldn't hear our shouts until we were almost with them. They were in good condition and walked out with teams.

2009 Totals: People: 255 Hours: 805 Hours per person: 3.2



SARCI Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	Mar 01
Posse Rodeo Parade	OEC Class		OEC Class Posse General Mtg			SRDI Training
Mar 02	Mar 03	Mar 04	Mar 05	Mar 06	Mar 07	Mar 08
·	OEC Class	SRDI Board Mtg	OEC Class	SARA General Mtg	SARA Training "Tanque Verde Falls"	Divers Training
Mar 09	Mar 10	Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15
	OEC Class	SRDI General Mtg	OEC Class Posse Board Mtg		SRDI Training	Posse Gymkanna
Mar 16	Mar 17	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22
	OEC Class	SRDI Training	OEC Class SARA Board Mtg		OEC Saturday	•
Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29
	OEC Class		OEC Class Posse General Mtg			
Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 01	Apr 02	Apr 03	Apr 04	Apr 05
	OEC Class	SRDI Board Mtg	OEC Class	SARA General Mtg	SARA Training "Mine Rescue"	SRDI Training
Apr 06	Apr 07	Apr 08	Apr 09	Apr 10	Apr 11	Apr 12
	OEC Class	SRDI General Mtg	OEC Class Posse Board Mtg			Divers Training
Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 15	Apr 16	Apr 17	Apr 18	Apr 19
	OEC Class	SARCI Board Mtg	OEC Class SARA Board Mtg		OEC In the Field	SRDI Training Posse Gymkanna
Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22	Apr 23	Apr 24	Apr 25	Apr 26
	OEC Class		OEC Class Posse General Mtg	•	SARA Field Skills	•
Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 01	May 02	May 03
	OEC Class		OEC Class	SARA General Mtg	SARA Training "Swiftwater Rescue"	SRDI Training



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PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

8987-309 E.Tanque Verde, Box 232, Tucson AZ 85749 Meet 4th Thu 19:00

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

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

PIMA COUNTY SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

P.O.Box 13961, Tucson AZ 85732 Meet 2nd 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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