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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 BACK GATE PARKING

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci.org

When appropriate (during weekday working hours), we will park in the new parking area at the end of the road as it approaches the Sabino House. If you are going to drive into the canyon, please be sensitive to people who may need rides from the parking area.

BULLETIN BOARD USAGE

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci.org

If you are organizing an event for your SARCI group, please remember to write it in on the calendar in the board room. This will help prevent conflicting events

EMPLOYEE COMBINED APPEAL PROGRAM (ECAP)

by Rob Offerle, rofferle @ cox.net

Both the Pima County Search & Recovery Divers and the Southern Arizona Rescue Association are in the 2009 – 2010 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.

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN (CFC)

by Rob Offerle, rofferle @ cox.net

Both the Pima County Search & Recovery Divers and the Southern Arizona Rescue Association are in the 2009 – 2010 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

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. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

DIVERS CALENDAR

Dec 13 09:00 Sun Altitude Tables SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd

Jan 11 09:00 Sun Pool Session Location TBA

Congratulations on the new Diver's Board:

President - Richard Kunz Vice President - Rob Offerle

Treasurer - Joe Barr Secretary - Fran Kunz

Members at Large - John Millard and Deanna Grimstead

December's training will go over Altitude Tables and callout paperwork at the current SARA House. January pool training may change depending on availability, so make sure to check your email for pool location prior to training.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jean Ebbert, jbbrt @ comcast.net

POSSE CALENDAR

| <u>Dec 06</u> | TBA Sun | Holiday Celebration | Location TBA |
|---------------|-----------|---------------------|---|
| Dec 10 | 19:00 Thu | Posse Board Meeting | Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy |
| Dec 13 | 11:00 Sun | Gvmkhana | Tanque Verde Stables, 11000 E Glenn |

Come join us at our Gymkhana, it is great fun. Books are at 11:00 and games are at noon. If you have any questions call Pat Gallagher at 760-8281. If you would like to know more about us, come to our general meeting. We'd be more than happy to have you.

The holidays are here and we wish everyone well and be safe. There will be no general meeting for the Posse this month.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, kpaquette1 @ comcast.net

SRDI CALENDAR

| Dec 06 | <u>09:00 Sun</u> | All Dogs/GPS/Evidence (qtr) | e (qtr) Sahuarita/Wentworth Rd | |
|--------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Dec 12 | 11:00 Sat | SRDI Christmas Party (no dogs) | Location TBA | |
| Jan 03 | 09:00 Sun | All Dog/Certification Test(s) | Rdv: SR 83 @ Test Area | |
| Jan 17 | 09:00 Sun | MR Dog/Certification Test(s) | Rdv: SR 83 @ Test Area | |

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

Nominations are being accepted for the 2010 SRDI Board of Directors. Please contact Mendy Morrissey if you have a nomination in mind. Plans are in the making for this year's Christmas Party - points of contact are Vi Brown and Jennifer Arnold. Now that we are in the holiday season, all meetings are pretty much rolled into one taking place on the General Meeting Wednesday. Regular meeting schedules will likely resume in January.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA @ sarci2.org

SARA CALENDAR

Dec 04 19:30 Sat SARA General Meeting SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd

TRAINING MANUAL

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci2.org

The updated Basic Training Manual is available from the usual source (ask a Board member if you forget!).

UPDATED SARA POLICIES

The SARA policies have been updated and are now available on SARAdocs. Section 12.h was modified making the Blue Card (Supplemental Medical Training) a one-time requirement for people who have not taken the SARA OEC class. A formal Supplemental Medical Training class is the method to receive a sign-off.

DECEMBER TRAINING

by Brian Janezic, bsjanezic @ gmail.com

This December's training will be a medical supplement training. The skills taught will be blood glucose monitoring, IV securing and monitoring as well as haemostatic agents. Outside instructors from Pima CC will be teaching the classes. There are two classes. You only need to attend one. Each class will be limited to 30 students.

If you want to attend you must preregister with Brian Janezic via email or phone (520.250.2789). Due to limited class size preference will be given to field qualified members and candidates.

Dates and times:

December 12th, 2009 0800-1200 @ the Sabino house December 19th, 2009 0800-1200 @ the Sabino house







Call DateVol/ Hrs/ Problem

Location

Resources

9.114 Mon 12 Oct 21/ 63/ Two hikers overdue

Butterfly Trail, Catalinas

15:30 – 18:37 A Forest Service Officer was checking permits, and found a note in a vehicle stating the occupants were on a hike and due out several days before. As teams were heading up the mountain, investigative efforts determined that the note probably referred to a previous overnight off-trail hike, and that the subjects had returned. The hike on this day was probably unrelated, but a few teams headed down the Butterfly Trail, meeting the hikers near the Crystal Springs Junction and they confirmed our conclusions.

9.115 Fri 16 Oct 00/00/79ym alzheimers missing Shannon & Overton, Tucson

08:25 – 08:52 An alzheimer's patient had been missing since 10pm the previous evening from his residence near Shannon and Overton. As search people were responding, the subject was located on Ina, several miles away.

9.116 Sat 17 Oct 03/ 11/ Two hikers exhausted Rosewood Point, Catalinas

16:50 – 21:30 Two hikers became exhausted on a warmer-than-expected day while returning from Prominent Point. Two companions remained with the two, while the rest of the group returned to the trailhead at N Campbell. The slow group was continuing on their off-trail route, so the SAR team had to figure out how to intercept them from a more convenient starting point on private property. That was successful and the group appreciated the refreshments. Two hikers that had reached their vehicles then returned with several gallons of fluids, meeting the returning group at the base of their descent.

9.117 Wed 21 Oct 07/ 21/79ym alzheimers missing Shannon & Overton, Tucson

TucsonRanger

09:14 – 11:46 An alzheimer's patient had been missing since the previous evening. An initial search was unsuccessful, and additional people were requested. While they were enroute, the subject was located on Ina. This was the same individual that was missing several days before. He was found at a different location along Ina.

9.118 Wed 28 Oct 15/31/48ym missing

Avra Valley

TucsonRanger

14:24-17:03 A $\overline{49}$ ym with medical problems was missing. He had left a party during the previous night, intending to walk a short distance to a bar. Search teams noticed tracks heading south into a desert area at about the same time that TucsonRanger was checking activity near a stock pond to the south, and identified the missing subject.

9.119 Sun 01 Nov 07/ 28/ Vehicle in stock tank

NW of 3-Points, Avra Valley

14:31 – 18:05 A vehicle was found in a stock tank, and divers were requested to investigate. Nothing was found, so they assisted hooking up a tow truck to the vehicle.

9.120 Sun 01 Nov 14/106/ Hikers were stranded after dark Sabino Canyon, Catalinas

TucsonRanger

19:00 – 08:23 A group of hikers was reported stranded after dark in Sabino Canyon. The subjects could not be contacted directly, so details were difficult to find. The group had intended to hike up Rattlesnake Peak, then down into Sabino, and were stranded at about the 3500' level. Teams were sent along their intended route, and others went up the road. As one team was continuing up the switchbacks to look across the canyon from higher upstream, TucsonRanger located the subjects at the top of a waterfall in a side drainage below McFall Crags. Teams attempted to access the group from below, but had difficulty finding a route up the cliffs. Ranger inserted a team above the group, and soon arrived on scene. The group was unwilling to move during the night. A team from below found a route up a gully, and the combined groups spent the night, and started moving at first light, reaching the end of the road about an hour later.

9.121 Sun 01 Nov 13/ 38/ Rider injured by falling horse Linda Vista Trail, Catalinas

MVFD

17:00 – 19:13 A rider was injured by her falling horse, almost a mile up trail. She was treated for pelvic and leg injuries, packaged and carried down trail.

9.122 Wed 11 Nov 16/123/16ym fall victim

Pima Canyon, Catalinas

TucsonRanger, ME20

10:40 – 18:53 A group of teens were hiking up Pima Canyon, heading for Mt.Kimball. A side trail was more visible than the real trail, so they followed it up the drainage between Kimball and Finger Rock. When the side trail ended, they continued up the slope toward the peak, and were making their way around a steep section of rocks when one fell, with serious head, chest, and leg injuries. A team headed up the trail, about 5 miles to the scene. TucsonRanger inserted one rescuer nearby, but due to the terrain it took several minutes to reach the scene. Two more rescuers rappelled to the scene, and equipment was lowered. As the first ground team was arriving, the patient was short-hauled out of the canyon to a waiting medevac helicopter. Additional teams continued into the field with supplies, meeting the rest as they made their way back to and down the trail.

2009 Totals: People: 1210 Hours: 4134 Hours per person: 3.4

SARCI Calendar

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------|---------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Nov 30 | Dec 01 | Dec 02 SARA Bldg Mtg | Dec 03 SRDI Board Mtg | Dec 04 SARA General Mtg | Dec 05 SARA Training "Map & Compass" | Dec 06 SRDI Training |
| Dec 07 | Dec 08 | Dec 09 . Bldg Comm Mtg SRDI General Mtg | Dec 10 Posse Board Mtg | Dec 11 | Dec 12 | Dec 13 . Divers Training |
| Dec 14 | Dec 15 | Dec 16 Bldg Comm Mtg | Dec 17 SARA Board Mtg | Dec 18 | Dec 19 | Dec 20 SRDI Training Posse Gymkhanna |
| Dec 21 | Dec 22 | Dec 23 | Dec 24 Christmas Eve | Dec 25 Christmas Day | Dec 26 | Dec 27 |
| Dec 28 | Dec 29 | Dec 30 | Dec 31 New Years Day | Jan 01 SARA General Mtg | Jan 02 SARA Training "TBD" | Jan 03 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

P.O.Box 64120, Tucson AZ 85728-4120 Meet 2nd Wed 19:00 SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft **SARNEWS** Published monthly by Search and Rescue Council, Inc., a volunteer, non-profit organization. It is distributed free to members of SARCI affiliated groups and other qualified search and rescue organizations.

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