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## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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### SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

by SARNews, [sarnews@sarci2.org](mailto:sarnews@sarci2.org)

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

### CALLOUT DRESS CODE

by SARNews, [sarnews@sarci2.org](mailto:sarnews@sarci2.org)

From Sgt. Economidis, PCSD: Personnel responding to PCSD SAR Missions must wear a "uniform" shirt which has been approved by the member's respective SARCI Group for wear and which clearly identifies the member as a representative of the SAR community. The uniform shirt not only reflects professionalism, it clearly identifies the member to the public and to other responders. Personnel who do not wear appropriate attire will not be allowed to participate in the mission. Thank you.

### ACTIVITY DOCUMENTATION

by Mykle, [mykle@sarci2.org](mailto:mykle@sarci2.org)

The SARCI activity database has been expanded to include all types of activities. All groups are encouraged to complete a Roster for all activities, including Missions, Training, Public Relations, Meetings, Special Events and other Activities. The Rosters can be scanned and sent to Records, or sent to the SARCI mailbox, or placed on the Records desk at the SARA House. Remember that times are important, but can be approximate. Access to the database is available to an authorized representative from each group.

### SABINO CALLOUT PARKING AT THE NORTH END OF SABINO CANYON ROAD

by SARNews, [sarnews@sarci2.org](mailto:sarnews@sarci2.org)

People are continuing to park outside of the SARA gate. Please park AFTER the gate to the SARA House (on the WEST side of the road, or in one of the parking areas). If you are going to drive into the canyon, please be sensitive to people who may need rides from the parking area.

### TREE TRIMMING

by SARNews, [sarnews@sarci2.org](mailto:sarnews@sarci2.org)

Richard Kunz requests the following: Please do NOT trim the trees in the parking lot or around the SARA House.

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

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

### SRDI CALENDAR

<u>May 27</u>	<u>05:00 Sun</u>	<b>Tracking Certification</b>	Test Area
<u>Jun 2-3</u>	<u>10:00 Sat-Sun</u>	<b>Annual Water Skills Circle</b>	Parker Canyon Lake
<u>Jun 13</u>	<u>19:00 Wed</u>	<b>BoD / General Meeting</b>	Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>18:00 Sat</u>	<b>Night Search Tactics</b>	Meet: SR-83
<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>18:00 Wed</u>	<b>Training / Team Photos</b>	Reid Park

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

Team Zac/Angel are ready to challenge SRDI's tracking certification. Team Craig/Layla continue training in tracking, and Team Kari/Peeps have transitioned to air scent. Team Tracy/Oreo passed SRDI obedience tests, both on and off lead, and are training in air scent. SRDI candidates are rapidly completing requirements that permit their dogs to begin socializing within the group. We currently have two certified dogs, one very near to certifying, three dogs in training, and two dogs beginning socialization. Go, Team, Go!

Karen got a call from former member Dave Perl letting us know that he and Lucky achieved national certification through American Work Dog Association (AWDA)! He and Lucky certified in Wilderness Area Search by successfully locating a subject in a night search as well as a large area day search. Congratulations, Dave and Lucky! Dave wanted to convey his thanks to SRDI members for their help in building Lucky's solid foundation.

The last couple of months have been more active for SRDI.

### Upcoming Events:

NASAR 2012 Conference, June 7-10, 2012 at Lake Tahoe.

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Alex Hodge, [gummhodge1 @ msn.com](mailto:gummhodge1@msn.com)

### **POSSE CALENDAR**

<u>Jun 09</u>	<u>16:00 Sat</u>	<b>Gymkhana</b>	Vail Arena. Books at 16:00. Events at 17:00
<u>Jun 28</u>	<u>18:30 Fri</u>	<b>General Meeting</b>	Tanque Verde Library

The next General Meeting will be at the Tanque Verde Library in the conference room behind the information desk.

## SOUTHERN AZ. MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Jerry Simmons, [jerry @ simmonsautorepair.com](mailto:jerry@simmonsautorepair.com)

### **SAMSAR CALENDAR**

<u>Jun 19</u>	<u>19:00 Tues</u>	<b>General Meeting</b>	Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
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Pre-hospital Continuing Education Training. "Helicopter Down Hazmat Response and Safety". May 21, Tucson Airport Fire Department. Fire Department Bay 0830-1030. Presented by Troy Boonstra.

Public relations: SAMSAR is getting busy with requests for Trail Safety talks for summer programs. Love the kids and enjoy educating kids of all ages the importance of being prepared for the harsh desert.

S & R Colleen Leon:

Call outs keeping the mounted unit busy. Very glad to assist the Sheriff in any way we can, whether it is on foot (hard on us equine folk), or in the saddle with equipment, or with the injured in the saddle.

Haul training:

Went well, we have some great prospects to assist hauling equipment in and out of the field as well as taking good care of injured people. We did find out which horses would prefer to haul equipment AND not people. That's why we train. SAMSAR has excellent "teams" and we continue to train to put the very best in the field for search and rescue.

Party:

Thanks to Charlotte and Quinton for an excellent Kentucky Derby - Samsar and Cinco de Mayo party. Food absolutely fantastic. If you left without a full stomach, it was your choice! Lots and lots of everything. Did a lottery pull, "for winner take all" in the Derby. Herget had it until the last 100 yards. Charlotte won the pot!!! Sorry George better luck on the draw next time.

New members: Always on the lookout for new dedicated members for Search and Rescue. Any inquires refer over to [info @ SAMSARaz.org](mailto:info@SAMSARaz.org) or call any SAMSAR member.

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

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

### **SARA CALENDAR**

<u>May 30</u>	<u>19:00 Wed</u>	<b>Summer Survival, Classroom</b>	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Jun 01</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	<b>SARA Monthly Meeting</b>	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Jun 02</u>	<u>09:00 Sat</u>	<b>Summer Survival, Field session</b>	East end of Speedway, Saguaro Park East
<u>Jun 07</u>	<u>18:00 Thur</u>	<b>OEC Graduation Party</b>	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>19:00 Thur</u>	<b>SARA Board Meeting</b>	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Jul 06</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	<b>SARA Monthly Meeting</b>	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

## **OPERATIONS IN THE HEAT**

by Scott Clemans, [sbclemans @ cox.net](mailto:sbclemans@cox.net)

Just as SARA members would not think of going out alone on a call in snowy or rainy weather, we should not go out alone on a call in extreme heat. Extreme heat is generally considered to be temperatures near and above 100 degrees F. In cold, wet weather, we keep an eye on each other in order to catch the onset of hypothermia and frostbite. In extremes of heat, we must watch each other for signs of heat illness. If necessary, we must slow down, rest periodically in the shade, and carefully maintain fluids and electrolytes.

We can't take care of each other in weather extremes if the team does not stay together. Although we can sometimes pair team members with others of similar hiking speed, the call and the order in which people arrive really dictates how teams are populated. Hiking with your team means staying together. In fact, SARA has a policy stating that solo hiking is not allowed unless operationally required. What is operationally required is up to the IC and/or Operations, not the person desiring to continue ahead alone.

SAR is a team sport. We can each go out as individuals and complete the job, but working as a team means we can achieve more. In fact, what we can achieve as a team can be spectacular. We know it's a great call where we make the whole process look easy. Only a team can accomplish that. In fact, it is not the speed you hike that determines the speed or efficiency of a call. What is more important is the well thought out logistics and teamwork - the right people, at the right place, at the right time, with the right equipment - so there is no delay in the operation.

Another safety issue that has had a lot of discussion lately is when to wear helmets in the field. Whenever we're in a situation that increases the risk of falls or rock fall from above for our rescuers, we should be wearing helmets. That might include moving across rocky slopes off trail, working below cliffs and rocky slopes, or carrying a stokes basket along narrow trails that have dropoffs or difficult footing on the sides - Phoneline, Finger Rock, Romero, and many others. Our training is to wear helmets when the tasks we

are performing and the terrain we are in dictate their use. We can't control rock fall or a fall from a trail, but we can control how we deal with the heat, as I discussed earlier. Therefore, in the presence of more immediate threats, we should all be wearing helmets regardless of the temperature. If it's hot, slow down and cool off. Removing a helmet simply because of concerns about heat is not a solution. It's the responsibility of every rescuer on a call to ensure that they adequately protect themselves, and that their teammates do the same.

Throughout our training and OEC we teach all our rescuers that our first responsibility is our own safety. Second is the safety of the team, and third is the safety of the victim. Of course, when the evacuation begins, the victim becomes part of the team. However, sometimes we don't stress sufficiently the reason that personal safety is so important. It's simple: if we don't keep ourselves safe, we are not keeping the team safe. If team safety is compromised, the call may be compromised. The choices we make on our own personal hikes may be different from that on a call, simply because the risks we choose to take as individuals affect primarily ourselves. However, on a call, we must err on the side of caution to maintain the integrity of the operation. As an old friend once told me, "control what you can; the rest is up to the universe". Risk management is about just that – evaluating the risk and then controlling what you can (risk reduction) in order to make decisions that are in the collective best interest.

Thank you for being safe out there. Any questions? Call Brian Duffy or Scott Clemans.

## **JUNE TRAINING**

*by Jason Bowman, [jrbowman@email.arizona.edu](mailto:jrbowman@email.arizona.edu)*

Summer Survival Training will start at 09:00 on Saturday, 02 June at the east end of Speedway, with an optional classroom session at 19:00 on Wednesday, 30 May at the SARA House. Training will cover desert survival topics, including shelter building, finding and conserving water, signaling, and treatment of heat-related emergencies. We will conclude with a mock rescue of a patient suffering heat related problems. This exercise purposefully starts late so we get to experience the full power of an Arizona summer afternoon.

## **SARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*by Gordon Chapell, [gchapell@msn.com](mailto:gchapell@msn.com)*

The following Board of Directors was assembled at the April meeting.

Scott Clemans – President	Brian Duffy
Manny Montano – Vice President	Tom O'Neil
Gordon Chapell – Secretary	Jay Salo
Bill Florence – Treasurer	Jason Bowman
	Richard Kunz

Congratulations to Jody Blaylock and David Salzer. The Board moved Jody to Full Member and she was awarded an Orange Shirt. David Salzer was awarded a Green Shirt for Support membership after Board acceptance.

## **OEC 2012 GRADUATION PARTY**

*by Lee Ryan, [ryant@email.arizona.edu](mailto:ryant@email.arizona.edu)*

All SARA members are invited to a BBQ at SARA house on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, to celebrate with the graduating class of OEC 2012. Twelve terrific new candidates will graduate from OEC and will be presented with their Yellow Shirts. SAMSAR and SRDI members who volunteered their time to support OEC are also welcome. Please bring dishes and drinks to share, and we'll have the BBQ's going as well. The graduating candidates are:

"John Che" Damaschke-Che	Michael Cardella	Katie Marascio
Lindsey Carlson	Linda Rhomberg	Kevin High
Decker French	"Johnny B" Bechman	Chris Gabriel
Carlos Torrejon	"Miri" Angelova	James Hoiby

## **OEC CORNER**

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

It is never too early to make your plans to attend our yearly refresher(s). The first one will be on Sunday August 19, and the second one will be on Saturday September 22. Look for updates in upcoming newsletters.

Check the NSP website at <http://www.nsp.org> starting June 1 to download this year's OEC Cycle "B" refresher study guide.

## **4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE**

*by John Perchorowicz, [jmail@perchorowicz.com](mailto:jmail@perchorowicz.com)*

SARA has participated in the 4th of July Parade in Summerhaven for a number of years and has an entry in this year's parade. We'll meet at John Perchorowicz' cabin (email for directions) by 11 AM and proceed to our lineup spot. Parade begins at noon. Like last year, the parade is dependent on fire closures, although the residents of Mt. Lemmon are determined to proceed regardless. Hope you'll join us. Feel free to stick around afterward. If there's interest, a charcoal barbeque will be available, fire restrictions permitting.

## **BASIC TRAINING**

*by Henry Jacobs, [hjacob@simplybits.net](mailto:hjacobs@simplybits.net)*

SARA Basic Training is seeking entry level instructors for the 2012-2013 training season. New Orange Shirts are especially encouraged to participate, and this is a great way to fine tune in your basic technical skills. Field Qualified Candidate members are also encouraged to participate in Basic Training as assistant instructors. Interested members should contact Henry Jacobs at [hjacob@simplybits.net](mailto:hjacobs@simplybits.net)

[simplybits.net](http://simplybits.net). Anyone providing instruction at Basic Training needs to attend a one-time Instructor Orientation session, contact Henry Jacobs for details.

Also, C1 Candidate members from prior years are welcome to complete Basic Training this year in order to become field qualified, contact Henry Jacobs at [hjacobson@simplybits.net](mailto:hjacobs@simplybits.net) to discuss your individual situation."

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

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

**CAP CALENDAR**

Sundays 15:30-18:00 Northwest Fire District Training Facility 8165 N. Wade Rd, Marana, AZ

**PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS**

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

**DIVERS CALENDAR**

No input for June

**SARCI Calendar**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 28 Memorial Day	May 29 OEC Class	May 30 SARA Training	May 31 NO OEC	June 01 SARA Meeting	June 02 SRDI Training  SARA Training "Summer Survival"	June 03 SRDI Training
June 04	June 05 OEC Testing	June 06	June 07 OEC BBQ OEC is DONE!	June 08	June 09 Posse Gymkhana	June 10 Divers Training
June 11	June 12	June 13 SRDI Meeting	June 14	June 15	June 16 SRDI Training	June 17
June 18	June 19 SAMSAR Meet	June 20 SRDI Training	June 21 SARA Board	June 22	June 23	June 24
June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28 Posse Meeting	June 29	June 30	July 01
July 02	July 03	July 04 Independence Day Summerhaven Parade	July 05	July 06 SARA Meeting	July 07 SARA Training	July 08 SRDI Training

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# CALLOUT REVIEWS

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

Date	Vol/Hrs/ Problem	Location	Resources
<i>Tue 24 Apr</i> 03:00 – 09:00	<u>8/ 48/</u> <i>Cadaver search</i> Buried remains of an infant were located by the dog teams.	<i>I-10 &amp; Toltec Road, Pinal County</i>	
<i>Thu 26 Apr</i> 16:30 – 20:45	<u>8/ 36/</u> <i>Divers search</i> The lake was searched by boat with sonar for information related to 6yf Isabel Celis. Nothing found.	<i>Lakeside Lake, Tucson</i>	<i>TPD</i>
<i>Fri 27 Apr</i> 12:00 – 15:30	<u>7/ 24/</u> <i>70yf fall injury</i> At 7 Falls, a female hiker fell backwards, injuring her shoulder. As initial ground teams approached, Phoenix Ranger picked up the patient and flew her to the hospital.	<i>7 Falls, Bear Canyon, Catalinas</i>	<i>PhxRanger RMFD</i>
<i>Sun 27 Apr</i> 18:05 – 19:45	<u>14/ 25/</u> <i>27ym fall injury</i> A male had been in the Upper Falls area for a couple of days and became impaired. He was reported to have fallen and was marginally responsive, and became aggressive. As he became better oriented, he was able to respond appropriately to officers who determined that he would be able to walk at least a short ways. He followed teams out of the field without problems, and was checked out by ambulance personnel, then transported.	<i>Upper Tanque Verde Falls, Rincons</i>	<i>USFS RMFD</i>
<i>Mon 07 May</i> 15:35 – 16:50	<u>11/ 11/</u> <i>63ym walkaway</i> A male with a recent stroke history walked away from a care facility. As teams started searching the neighborhood, a maintenance worker from the facility was heading home and noticed the missing person near an intersection about four miles north. He was returned without problems.	<i>La Canada south of Ina, Tucson</i>	<i>SAV</i>
<i>Tue 15 May</i> 08:30 – 15:00	<u>7/ 47/</u> <i>Cadaver search</i> Search by dog teams and officers of an area that had been previously searched for information about 6yf Isabel Celis. Nothing found.	<i>Golf Links &amp; Swan, Tucson</i>	<i>TPD</i>
<i>Sat 19 May</i> 13:45 – 15:00	<u>13/ 13/</u> <i>23yf hiker heat illness (recovery)</i> A group of hikers was about three miles up Wild Burro Canyon when one became ill. The initial call from a 911-only phone didn't provide much detail. A Northwest Fire hasty team located the scene after companions had started CPR, and worked on her for a while before pronouncing. We had been requested to assist, staging at the old trailhead off Dove Mtn Blvd, arriving about the same time as the hasty team went on scene. A Customs helicopter arrived as the patient was pronounced, and ferried companions out and Marana PD personnel to a point near the scene. Their investigation was going to take time, so we were released.	<i>Wild Burro Trail, Tortollitas</i>	<i>NWFD MPD O02Y LL2</i>
<i>Sat 19 May</i> 19:55 – 06:45	<u>9/ 82/</u> <i>25ym, 22yf hikers lost</i> Two hikers climbed Kimball from Finger Rock, then lost the trail while dropping into Pima. They headed down the drainage they were in, and when it became too steep, traversed into a second drainage and continued until it became too steep, then called for help at dusk. Their location was in question until Survey2 spotted their flashlight and provided coordinates that were perfect. The hasty team left the trail at the stream crossing below Pima Spring and climbed the slope and traversed to meet the hikers. All returned by the same route without problems, arriving just after the sun rose.	<i>Pima Canyon, Catalinas</i>	<i>Survey2</i>
<i>Mon 21 May</i> 14:30 – 17:50	<u>8/ 19/</u> <i>35yf hiker heat illness (recovery)</i> A German couple started hiking at 07:00 on a five-mile hike to Wasson Peak, starting back from the peak at 10:30. About a mile from the trailhead, they were out of water and she was stumbling. He caught her as she finally fell, left her in a bit of shade, then went for help since they had left cellphones in their car. He drove to the Visitors Center to report the problem (in German), then returned to the scene with a ranger, followed by a Picture Rocks Fire team, then by a SAR Hasty team. The trail climbs 700 ft on a steep west-facing slope that is broiling on an early summer afternoon. Phoenix Ranger short-hauled her body to the LZ near the Visitors Center.	<i>Hugh Norris Trail, Tucson Mtns.</i>	<i>NPS PRFD PhxRanger</i>

**2012 Totals: People: 522 Hours: 1891 Hours per person: 3.6 Total calls: 53 Last12Mos: 119**  
**Additional Rosters Received: Training: 58 Meeting: 5 Public Relations: 3 Special Events: 19**

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**PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.**  
**Search and Rescue**  
**1750 E. Benson Hwy**  
**Tucson, Arizona 85714-1758**

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P.O.Box 44231, Tucson AZ 85733  
Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 19:30 (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct), details inside.

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

11665 N. Derringer Rd., Marana, AZ 85653  
Meet each Sunday 15:30-18:00, details inside

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

P.O.Box 13961, Tucson AZ 85732-3961  
Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun 09:00, details inside.

### **PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE**

8987-309 E.Tanque Verde, Box 232, Tucson AZ 85749  
Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Thu 19:00, details inside.

### **SOUTHERN ARIZONA MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE**

Details inside.

### **SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION**

P.O.Box 12892, Tucson AZ 85732-2892  
Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Fri 19:30, SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd.

### **SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS**

P.O.Box 64120, Tucson AZ 85728-4120  
Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 19:00  
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

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