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SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci2.org

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

SABINO CALLOUT PARKING AT THE SARA HOUSE GATE

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci2.org

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.

ACTIVITY DOCUMENTATION

by Mykle, 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.

ROCKS AND ROPES DISCOUNT

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci2.org

Rocks and Ropes: **Downtown** and **the BLOC climbing+fitness** have agreed to offer SARCI members their "corporate rate" for the current calendar year. To receive this discount, members need to identify themselves as such when applying for a Rock and Ropes membership. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Holmes at *prodeals* @ sarci2.org

SOUTHERN AZ. MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Colleen Leon, sraleon @ aol.com

SAMSAR CALENDAR

Nov 19 19:00 Tue

General Meeting

Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy

For information on joining go to http://www.samsaraz.org

Happy trails!

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

DIVERS CALENDAR

Nov 10 09:00 Sun

Annual Meeting and Elections

SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

Divers annual elections will be held at the SARA House. This will also be a potluck breakfast where we will discuss training for the coming year.

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by LtCol Robert McCord, cap @ sarci2.org

CAP CALENDAR

Sundays 15:30-18:00 Northwest Fire Station #38

8475 N. Stargrass Drive, Marana, AZ 85742

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Alex Hodge, gummhodge1 @ msn.com

POSSE CALENDAR

 Nov 10
 11:00 Sun
 Gymkhana

 Nov 21
 18:00 Thur
 General Meeting

Vail Arena. Books at 11:00. Events at 12:00 Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy

Everyone enjoyed a ride and cookout at Alex's.

This Sunday, October 20, six of us are riding in the Tombstone Parade.

Rillito Riders' 4H club continues to be an enormous help and lots of fun to work with at the Gymkhana.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

SRDI CALENDAR

Nov 03	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Radio / Navigation	Prison Camp
Nov 06	18:00 Wed	Training Committee Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
Nov 06	19:00 Wed	Board of Directors Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
Nov 13	19:00 Wed	General Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
Nov 17	09:00 Sun	TBD	Location TBD

Thanks to Debee for organizing the K-Mart PR, and thanks to Debee, Mike, Dave, and Mark for representing SRDI. Mid-point evaluations of current tracking/trailing dogs were accomplished at our last training, and a few more recertifications are needed for our Mission Ready teams. SRDI documentation is in update mode with all test protocols in all disciplines next for review and update. Each SRDI member will be issued a flash drive containing current SRDI documentation, and a Team Document Binder containing a hard copy of each document will be maintained. However, it is the responsibility of each member to maintain individual copies of SRDI documents.

When training informally, please ensure you work on established public lands/parks, follow all leash laws, clean up after your dog, and "IN TRAINING" insignia are visibly attached to your in-training dog. Stay mindful that you represent SRDI and PCSD even when training on your own time.

All SARCI members are welcome to attend any of our trainings. Please check the Event Calendar on our website (<u>www.sarci.org/SRDI.htm</u>), email <u>K9 @ sarci2.org</u> or call Vi Brown (762-0165) for training updates or changes.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AZSAR K9 Conference, May 1-4, 2014 in Flagstaff, AZ. NASAR Conference, June 5-7, 2014 in Woodcliffe Lake, NJ

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA @ sarci2.org

SARA CALENDAR

Nov 01	19:30 Fri	SARA Monthly Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Nov 09	08:00 Sat	SARA Basic IIIa	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Nov 21	19:00 Thu	SARA Board Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Dec 06	19:30 Fri	SARA Monthly Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

SARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

by SARA BoD, saraboard @ sarci2.org

MPD TRAINING

The Pima County Sheriff's Department has mandated that our technical rescue systems convert to using the CMC Rescue Multi-Purpose Device (MPD) when operating under their jurisdiction. All SARA Members will be trained in the use of this device and in performing rope rescue on slopes up to 40 degrees. On slopes above 40 degrees, the PCSD will require that these operations be performed by a joint Technical Rescue Group (TRG) consisting of deputies and SARA volunteers that will be trained to a higher level. SARA Technical Rescue Group members are referred to as our "Technical Team" and have been jointly selected by the Board of Directors and PCSD. Their training is underway.

To oversee the transition to the MPD, the Board of Directors has formed the "Technical Conversion Committee," chaired by Dale Mann. They plan to start training the general membership in January 2014 on the MPD and its associated rope systems. The MPD is used for both lowering and raising systems. The MPD's functions will reduce the number of components we carry. SARA members who have used the device have been positive about it and have seen the relative ease in learning the associated systems. However, it takes regular hands-on practice to become proficient in handling the MPD itself.

The current plan is to use the four annual Field Skills Re-cert days for conversion training. Training will consist of a four-hour classroom session on a Friday evening, followed by an eight-hour field session the next day. The maximum number of people for each class will probably be 20, using two stations with two instructors and one deputy for each. More training days may be needed to get everyone certified by December 31, 2014. This training is required to be refreshed annually for all Members (semi-annually for the Technical Team).

All members who are field-qualified as of November 1, 2013, will have their Field Skills Qualification extended through December 31, 2014, regardless of when it actually expires. Qualifications under the old system will not be valid after December 31, 2014.

AWARD

Sean Fawcett is being honored at the Pima County Sheriff's Department Annual Awards Banquet. Sean designed various computer programs for the Sheriff's Department. They said his expertise was invaluable and they are honoring him with a Sherriff's Commendation Certificate. Congratulations, Sean!

SARA-Announce EMAIL LIST

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci2.org

SARA will be using a "new" email list to send announcements to members. SARA-Announce will be the primary method used to communicate non-callout related information to SARA personnel **who choose to be on this list**. This email list is intended for the general distribution of non-callout, SARA-specific information to any/all SARA personnel, from candidates to full members.

Examples of posts that are appropriate for this list include, but are not limited to: information on upcoming trainings, policy changes, special events and meetings.

Sign-up now by visiting http://tinyurl.com/saraannounce. 60 members have already signed up!

To post an announcement to the list, send an email to sara-announce@sarci2.org. Messages are moderated to prevent spam, but will be approved within 24 hours. Active posters can be configured to bypass moderation and have their messages sent immediately.

SARA HOUSE MAINTENANCE

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci2.org

Thanks to Rich, Bill, Mykle, Manny, John P. and Max the rock on the columns at the front entrance of the SARA House are done. We have more of the faux stone and we also have some flagstone out back that is available for members to take. If you want it, get it, as we're trying to clean out the back area and it may disappear quickly.

On that note, the area out back has been taken over by weeds, anyone with some time to spare could do some work cleaning them out.

BEAT CANCER BOOT CAMP

by Deb Heilig, dlheilig @ cox.net

Beat Cancer Boot Camp, a local non- profit exercise and support group for cancer patients, cancer survivors and anyone whose life is affected by cancer. Each year the group's only fundraiser is a race called the Challenge, which is a 5K obstacle course and run. The 2014 Challenge is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 2014 and we are currently looking for volunteers to help man water stations, food booths and check points on the course. Those interested in volunteering can contact Deb Heilig at http://www.beatcancerbootcamp.com.



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SARCI Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Oct 28 :	Oct 29 ·	Oct 30 ·	Oct 31	Nov 01 SARA Meeting	Nov 02 SARA Training "TBD"	Nov 03 SRDI Training
Nov 04	Nov 05 : :	Nov 06 SRDI Board	Nov 07	Nov 08	Nov 09 SARA Candidate Training "Basic 3a"	Nov 10 Posse Gymkhana Divers Training
Nov 11 . Veterans Day	Nov 12 :	Nov 13 SRDI Meeting	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17 SRDI Training
Nov 18	Nov 19 :	Nov 20	Nov 21 . Posse Meeting SARA Board	Nov 22	Nov 23 El Tour de Tucson	Nov 24
Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28 . THANKSGIVING	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 01
Dec 02	Dec 03 :	Dec 04 SRDI Board	Dec 05	Dec 06 SARA Meeting	Dec 07 SARA Training "TBD"	Dec 08 Divers Training
Dec 09	Dec 10	Dec 11 SRDI Meeting	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14 SARA "Blue Card" Class	Dec 15
Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19 SARA Board	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22
Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25 CHRISTMAS	Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28 ·	Dec 29 ·
Dec 30	Dec 31 :	Jan 01, 2014 . NEW YEARS DAY	Jan 02	Jan 03 SARA Meeting	Jan 04 SARA Training "TBD".	Jan 05 SARA Candidate Training "Basic 3b"
COLOR KEY (on-line version is best)	GENERAL MEETING	BOARD MEETING	TRAINING	ACTIVITY	HOLIDAY	



Date

Vol/Hrs/ Problem

Location

Resources

6/ 9ym hiker missing Sat Sep 28

Bowman / Rollins, Catalinas

12:45 - 13:15A boy and his mother were hiking in the northwest corner of Catalina State Park. The two became separated, and mom called for help. The boy returned to their vehicle, then walked a couple of miles home, and called his mom.

10/ 36/ 6 hikers stranded by dark

Pima Canyon, Catalinas

21:10 – 00:50 A group had problems sorting out the trail high in Pima Canyon, and were benighted about the first dam. They were not able to follow the trail, and called for help. They were in the streambed just off trail, and all continued out without problems.

Wed Oct 02 12/ 44/ 65ym climber fall injury

Green Mountain, Catalinas

MLFD RMFD LL1

Two friends met at the parking area below Lizard Rock. One went hiking, the other went climbing nearby. The hiker 13:10 - 16:46returned to find the climber on rope and unresponsive. He was retrieved from the same area that we practice for MRA Tech Recerts. The cause of death has not been determined, but the coroner found no evidence of trauma or a bee attack.

Sat Oct 05 11/ 52/ 23ym motorcycle crash 7 Cataracts Overlook, Catalinas

RMFD

13:05 - 18:50A male left a note at home, then drove his bike at speed into the guardrail adjacent to the 7 Cataracts Overlook. His remains were hauled about 250' back up the embankment.

4/ 31/ 2 hikers stranded by dark Sat Oct 05

Sutherland Trail, Catalinas

Survey2

22:10-08:00Two hikers were doing some research in the foothills of the Sutherland Trail and became disoriented. Two SAR Officers rode ATV's with a couple of SARA passengers most of the way up the powerline road, then hiked up road and trail until they could see the light from the hikers cellphone, then retrieved the pair through dense and aggressive vegetation.

Sun Oct 06

5/ ??yf fall from horse

Catalina State Park, Catalinas

10:40 - 12:00A horse rider fell along a social trail, and was treated and evacuated by Golder Ranch Fire.

Wed Oct 09

4/ 21/ Evidence search

Rillito Vista Park, Marana

09:00 - 14:30Canine teams cleared an area of interest to Marana PD.

Thu Oct 10 7/ 36ym hiker lost Mt.Kimball, Catalinas

TucsonRanger

15:25 - 16:45A hiker lost the trail on Mt.Kimball. Tucson Ranger located him, dropped off a medic nearby, retrieved the hiker, and flew to the trailhead.

Fri Oct 11 8/ 18/ 2 hikers lost

Window Peak, Catalinas

TucsonRanger

Two hikers became disoriented near Window Peak. Tucson Ranger located them, and they were directed to a point 15:25 - 17:45where the helicopter could pick them up for delivery to the SARA House.

13/ 36/ 14ym hiker ankle injury

Marshall Saddle, Catalinas

A boy had injured his ankle several days before going hiking with his grandfather. He was unable to continue from 15:20 - 18:00Marshall Saddle. SAR people wrapped his ankle securely and he was able to walk out behind the stokes and horses.

5/ 10/ 2, 30yf hikers disoriented

Marshall Saddle, Catalinas

As teams were clearing Marshall Gulch, two hikers reported being disoriented. They had continued up the Aspen Trail from Marshall Saddle. They were able to return to the saddle and start down Marshall Gulch to meet a team.

2013 Totals:

People: 815

Hours: 2897

Hours per person: 3.6

Total calls: 82

Last12Mos: 93

Additional Rosters Received: Training: 137

Meeting: 14

Public Relations: 7

Special Events: 17

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

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

8540 N. Wanda Road, Tucson AZ 85704 Meet each Sunday 15:30-18:00, details inside

PIMA COUNTY SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

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

PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

8987-309 E.Tanque Verde, Box 232, Tucson AZ 85749 Meet $4^{\rm th}$ 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 1st Fri 19:30, SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS

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