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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.

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.

SARCI MINIMUM FIELD QUALIFICATION

by Joe Barr, [joe15 @ barrtrust.com](mailto:joe15@barrtrust.com)

SARCI has expanded the minimum field qualification requirements for all groups to include PCSD-NIMS (formerly known as "NIMS-138") and Arizona Basic Search and Rescue training. These requirements will become effective at the end of 2014, so there is time to get anyone missing one or both up to speed. Please refer to the SARCI Field Qual Report (available on line or from Records) to see who needs to complete these classes.

The SARCI Field Qualification minimum requirements shall include all of the following:

- SARCI Orientation
- Wilderness First Aid as certified by ASHL, or equivalent
- CPR for the Professional Rescuer as certified by ARC or AHA, or equivalent
- National Incident Management System (NIMS) IS-100 and IS-700, or equivalent
- *Effective 12/31/2014:* Pima County Sheriff's Department local protocols, commonly referred to as "PCSD-NIMS" (aka NIMS-138)
- *Effective 12/31/2014:* Arizona Basic Search and Rescue as defined by the Arizona Search and Rescue Coordinators Association, or equivalent, commonly referred to as "AZ-Basic"

FIREWOOD

by Joe Barr, [joe15 @ barrtrust.com](mailto:joe15@barrtrust.com)

The days are getting shorter - time to restock the wood pile.

For those that don't mind a trip to Nogales to cut wood, we have mesquite, oak and even some standing dead oak that is ready to burn without curing. We are slowly clearing an area and I would rather the wood go into someone's stove rather than under a bulldozer. This location is inside the City and adjacent to a State highway. 4x4 is convenient but not necessary.

Tune up your chain saw, hook up your biggest trailer (and a friend's trailer) and give me a call for directions. Joe Barr, 331-5666

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

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

POSSE CALENDAR

<u>Dec 14</u>	<u>11:00 Sun</u>	Gymkhana	Rocking K Ranch. Books at 11:00. Events at 12:00
<u>TBA</u>	<u>TBA</u>	Holiday Dinner	King's Crown Restaurant

The Posse has been busy this last month. We helped out at two school Halloween parties and were also asked to help with the Arizona Trails Marathon Races at Colossal Cave Park last weekend.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by John Longhofer, 990-4442, [divers8 @ sarci2.org](mailto:divers8@sarci2.org)

DIVERS CALENDAR

<u>Dec 14</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Monthly Meeting / Potluck Breakfast	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
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We will review Altitude Tables, CPR, AED and O₂ use. We will discuss equipment, gear and sonar needs. Our next meeting will be on Sunday Jan. 11, 2015, at a location still to be determined.

On Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014, we had a dry training and annual elections of officers and board members, discussed our last ERDI training and everyone that attended training received their certification cards. Equipment needs for the future were also discussed.

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by LtCol Robert McCord, cap@sarci2.org

CAP CALENDAR

Sundays 15:30-18:00

Northwest Fire Station #38

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SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, kpaquette1@comcast.net

SRDI CALENDAR

Dec 03 18:00 Wed

Training Committee Meeting

Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy

Dec 03 19:00 Wed

Board of Directors Meeting

Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy

Dec 07 08:00 Sun

All Disciplines

Empire Cienega

Dec 10 19:00 Wed

General Membership Meeting

SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

Dec 17 18:00 Wed

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Patti's House

Dec 21 09:00 Sun

Water / Urban search tactics

Lakeside Park

Our new SRDI members, Nancy and Andrea, appreciated the opportunity to participate in the SALT trainings and enjoyed meeting other SAR people. Congratulations to Zac Palmer/Angel for their successful tracking certification test. SRDI certified dogs: Angel in Tracking/Trailing, Dexter in Area/Air Scent, Matilda in HRD and Article/Evidence. SRDI has four dogs in training, and two puppies eager to join.

If anyone is interested in pursuing or challenging NASAR's SARTech II, please contact us (email & phone number below). SRDI members are planning with Coconino County SAR and Pinal County SAR folks to get this all organized. A few more participants would help the NASAR Evaluator form a class.

All SARCI members are welcome to attend any of our trainings. Please check the Event Calendar on our website (www.sarci.org/SRDI.htm), email us K9@sarci2.org or call Karen Paquette (275-2074) for training updates or changes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AZ SAR Conference, May 1-3, 2015 in Heber, AZ

SOUTHERN AZ. MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Jerry Simmons, jerry@simmonsautorepair.com

SAMSAR CALENDAR

Dec 03 19:00 Wed

PCSD NIMS

Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy

Dec 18 19:00 Thu

General Meeting

Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy

Public Relations:

Corpus Christi Catholic Church: Oct 22. Gave a talk for kids about what we do and why, and the adults asked if they could stay too. Well received and asked to come back to give a trail safety talk. Thanks, Colleen and Frank Leon.

Emily Gray First Responders Day: Nov 12. Thank you, Chris Massimi, for working with Colleen. Junior high kids are a tough audience. Colleen and helpers will be doing Collier First Responders Day on Nov 24.

Training:

7 Falls Trail familiarization - conditioning ride for new candidate Kathy Wade. Good team of horse and rider. Had to trim a little. Clear now.

Prison Camp conditioning ride: Man that trail is steep! The bottom was soggy and the trail needs trimming. Slip sliding away, good trail for a mule or goat. That's the reason we need to ride and find out. Know your limits.

November 16: Training with SARA candidates. Topic: How to act around a SAMSAR horse, mule, or equine in general. Information used was what Colleen, Larry, Kay, Joe, and Jerry have come up against out on actual calls with their animals. Also, how to load and unload a patient who is being transported by equine out of the field. Thanks to Rick for tending horse. I do have film. Thanks to Deputy Boll for helping us out. He is our assigned representative to the Sheriff's Office and he attends ninety nine percent of the training we have. Someday we'll get him trained. Good professional to have with us. Thanks to Colleen and Larry for leading the training and bringing their animals which were perfect for the subjects covered. Weather was nice.

For the rest of search and rescue personnel: If you need a checkup from the neck up on the do's and don'ts around a working equine in search and rescue, we will be happy to assist you. Just call us. We have stepped up the in-field training. TBA

Membership:

As our newest member Kathy Wade did an excellent job on the helicopter safety presentation at the meeting on Nov. 18. She is a flight nurse. Thanks Kathy.

Always looking for good committed people with good horse or mule for mounted search and rescue. Please refer to web site <http://www.SAMSARaz.org> or contact anyone with a SAMSAR I.D.

SAMSAR wishing you the best for the holiday season. Be Safe.

SARA CALENDAR

<u>Dec 05</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA Monthly Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Dec 06</u>	<u>08:00 Fri</u>	Training: Land Navigation Field	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Dec 07</u>	<u>TBA</u>	Tech Awareness Classroom	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Dec 09</u>	<u>18:00 Tue</u>	Sheriff-1 Awareness Training	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Dec 14</u>	<u>08:00 Sun</u>	Tech Awareness Field	Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>19:00 Thu</u>	SARA Board Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Jan 02</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA Monthly Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

SARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCEMENTS*by SARA BoD, [SARABoard @ sarci2.org](mailto:SARABoard@sarci2.org)*

The SARA Board of Directors recently became aware that changes in training were in conflict with the policies of SARA. While recognizing that the policies should have been addressed prior to making changes to the training program, the best solution was determined to be an update to the policies per protocols in the current policies. At the November SARA Board Meeting, the Board of Directors voted to move forward with a revised set of policies. Per the protocols, these new policies must be presented to the membership, and comments must be taken into account. Accordingly, all members will be receiving a copy of the new policies by mail, and both the old and the new versions are also available at <http://www.sarci2.org/saradocs/> for review. Comments may be sent to [janelarkindale @ gmail.com](mailto:janelarkindale@gmail.com) before December 2nd, and the revised policies will be discussed at the December 5th general meeting. We appreciate your comments and thoughts on this matter.

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

The monthly training for December will be Land Navigation. This is a sign-off on the old Orange Card, and is one of the ways (also the most relevant way) to get the Land Navigation sign-off on the training records issued to our most recent candidate class.

A classroom session will be on Wed. 03 December, at 19:00 at the SARA House. Material to be covered includes topographic map reading, using a map with a compass, and the basics of GPS usage. At the end of the classroom session there will be a couple of short field exercises so please come prepared with appropriate footwear/clothing and your rescue pack. The classroom session is not mandatory, but will be beneficial particularly to newer people as the field session will not have much instruction.

The field session will be on Sat. 06 December, at 09:00 at the SARA House. The training will consist of a land navigation course around the Sabino Canyon area, with each leg of the course designed to test a specific skill. Candidates and members alike are encouraged to attend; experienced rescuers will be very helpful assisting teams. Those who attended previous years are also encouraged to participate and can help guide the newer candidates. The course is designed to utilize various navigation skills, including using various functions of your GPS unit that could be helpful on a SAR mission.

Those of you who own a GPS should bring it, and make sure you have read (or at least skimmed) the owners manual.

An RSVP for the field session is requested no later than the night of the classroom so that we can pre-plan teams. If you have a GPS unit that you can bring, please indicate such in your RSVP.

SHERIFF-1 HELICOPTER AWARENESS LEVEL TRAINING*by Jim Holmes, [jholmes01 @ gmail.com](mailto:jholmes01@gmail.com)*

This training is a non-mandatory (although attendance is highly encouraged) awareness level class for all SARA members. The training will introduce Sheriff-1's operational capabilities and procedures through a two hour class room session and a static helicopter demonstration. As with all Helo training, it is dependent upon the helicopter's mission load. They may be called away at any time!

Please contact Jim Holmes (520-762-6688) if you have any questions

FIELD QUALIFICATION TRAINING*by Dale Mann, [dale1947sailor @ gmail.com](mailto:dale1947sailor@gmail.com)*

In order to remain field-qualified, you must keep up-to-date on your medical, CPR, and technical skills qualifications. It is your responsibility to make sure that SARCI Records has your latest information.

The SARCI Field Qualification Report is found on the website at <http://www.sarci2.org/data/SARCI%20NIMS%20FO%20Rpt.pdf>. The expiration dates for the medical and CPR qualifications are given in normal notation, e.g., 6/7/2015 is June 7, 2015. Dates in red have expired; dates in yellow are getting close to expiration.

There are three entries under SARA Rope Systems: **Aware**, **Oper**, and **Tech**. A check mark in the **Aware** box indicates that you have seen the Awareness Level PowerPoint presentation, which must be viewed only once. The date under **Oper**[ator] is the year and month that your annual technical skills qualification will expire, e.g., 1412 is December 2014 and 1507 is July 2015. The same is true for the **Tech**[nician] column.

This report is updated frequently, so please keep track of these important dates. You will not be notified individually when these qualifications must be renewed. It's up to you.

If you have questions about the FQ report, send an email to [records @ sarci2.org](mailto:records@sarci2.org)

SARCI Calendar – 2014 - 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Dec 01 .	Dec 02 .	Dec 03 SRDI Board SARA Training "Land Nav Class"	Dec 04 .	Dec 05 SARA Meeting	Dec 06 SARA Training "Land Nav Field"	Dec 07 SRDI Training SARA Tech Awareness Classroom
Dec 08 .	Dec 09 SARA Training "Sheriff-1 Orient."	Dec 10 SRDI Meeting	Dec 11 .	Dec 12 EGI Meeting	Dec 13 .	Dec 14 Divers Meeting Posse Gymkhana SARA Tech Awareness Field
Dec 15 .	Dec 16 .	Dec 17 SRDI Potluck	Dec 18 SAMSAR Meeting SARA Board	Dec 19 .	Dec 20 .	Dec 21 SRDI Training
Dec 22 .	Dec 23 .	Dec 24 .	Dec 25 Christmas Day	Dec 26 .	Dec 27 .	Dec 28 .
Dec 29 .	Dec 30 .	Dec 31 New Year's Eve	Jan 01, 2015 New Year's Day	Jan 02 SARA Meeting	Jan 03 SARA Training "TBD"	Jan 04 .



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CALLOUT REVIEWSby Mykle Raymond, SARnews@sarci.org

Date	Vol/Hrs/ Problem	Location	Resources
Sun Oct 12	<u>10/ 59/ 21</u>ym hiker exhausted	Romero Trail, Catalinas	
18:40 – 01:20	Two hikers started on Mt.Lemmon. One was experienced and fit, the other wasn't and pooped out just below Romero Spring. They continued down trail in the dark, stopping and making a fire at the 3rd crossing. The hasty team found them, fed and watered the hiker, ankles taped for support, and hiking poles provided. He had lots of company for the slow hike down.		
Sun Oct 19	<u>0/ 0/ 34</u>ym missing	Campground, Catalina St.Pk, Catalinas	
02:40 – 03:10	A male was missing from a family group. He was located by family before volunteers arrived. A second call was brewing in Molino Canyon, but the missing subject appeared while the investigation was in progress. Go back to bed.		
Sun Oct 19	<u>11/ 34/ 47</u>ym depressed	Linda Vista, Catalinas	Survey1
23:00 – 03:15	Oro Valley PD found the vehicle of a male reported missing. Survey 1 found the subject about a mile up the Pusch Peak Trail. As the lights of officers approached, a gunshot was heard. A team of SAR volunteers was requested to help recover him.		
Mon Oct 20	<u>11/ 22/ 58</u>yf hiker ankle injury	7 Falls Trail, Catalinas	
11:55 – 14:15	A female hiker injured her ankle at crossing 5 on the 7 Falls Trail. She was carried out by horse.		
Fri Oct 24	<u>8/ 43/ Hunters</u> lost	Turkey Creek, Rincons	
15:10 – 21:00	Two hunters were lost in the Turkey Creek, Happy Valley area. They had been without food and water. The hasty team found them at their cellphone coordinates. A daughter had been heard hollering in the area, but uncertain whether she was also lost. The second team ran into her on the trail a short distance from the trailhead. After rehab, they were able to hike to the trail to join other teams and hike out.		
Sat Oct 25	<u>8/ 41/ Hikers</u> without water	Gibbon Mtn, Catalinas	Survey1
20:45 – 02:00	Three hikers climbed the canyon above milepost 0.5. Two called for help when the third returned to their start without telling the others, and we met him at their vehicles. Teams hiked from the Prison Camp to the two near Gibbon Mtn. They appreciated the warmies and refreshments and walked out without problems.		
Wed Oct 29	<u>1/ 15/ 68</u>yf hiker missing	White Tanks Mtns, Maricopa Co.	
04:05 – 19:15	A hiker did not return from a hike on the east side of the mountains and resources from other counties were requested as the search continued. On Wednesday a team from several agencies was flown to the area where track had been lost, and followed them onto a ridge overlooking the western slopes before losing them. The following day, a Dept of Corrections team picked up the track and followed them to the remains of the hiker.		
Sat Nov 15	<u>5/ 10/ 16</u>ym dirt bike crash	Empire Ranch, Sonoita	Sheriff1 C&BP SonoitaFire
13:20 – 15:00	A bike rider crashed. Customs & Border Patrol and Sonoita Fire located and treated the patient. A route was found for an ambulance to reach the scene, so additional resources were not required. His condition deteriorated, so he was transferred to a medical helicopter at the Border Patrol check station.		
Sat Nov 15	<u>7/ 16/ Hikers</u> separated	Bear Canyon, Catalinas	
18:45 – 21:05	Three hikers in Bear Canyon became separated. The one farthest up canyon called for help. His companions returned separately to their vehicle shortly after the call was received. The hasty team rounded up the third from just upstream from crossing seven.		
Sun Nov 16	<u>10/ 23/ 21</u>yf hiker ankle injury	Romero Canyon, Catalinas	Sheriff1
15:30 – 17:55	A hiker rolled her ankle a short distance from Romero Pools and a stokes ride was planned. Due to sunset getting close and in consideration of patient comfort, Sheriff 1 was requested and landed at the LZ next to the trail at the pools. As teams returned to the original scene, the next call was received.		
Sun Nov 16	<u>19/ 46/ Hikers</u> lost	Montrose Canyon, Catalinas	Survey1
17:55 – 20:50	Two hikers dropped a vehicle at Catalina State Park, then drove to Pima Canyon. They intended to hike up Pima and down Alamo, but were unable to find that canyon (it's not easy) and continued down Montrose. After dark they were not close to being out, and weren't sure of their location and called for help (a helicopter flying by may have had an effect). SAR teams were just returning to the previous scene, and lights were visible up Montrose Canyon. A team dropped into the canyon bottom and met the pair a short distance upstream. All walked back to the trail and down to the trailhead without problems. Our new yellow shirts got to play!		
Mon Nov 17	<u>11/ 25/ 63</u>ym hiker lost	Pima Canyon, Catalinas	
15:50 – 18:15	A hiker was unable to follow the trail (probably at the exposed rock at the first dam) and called for help. Other hikers passing by pointed out the trail and accompanied him down to meet the hasty team. All walked out without problems.		

2014 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last12Mos	
Missions	94	872	2952	3.4	102	
Trainings	188	2498	12855	5.1	204	
Meetings	61	603	1541	2.6	64	
Public Relations	12	56	285	5.1	12	
Special Events	19	197	1805	9.2	19	20141122

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