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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.

### 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 (forms are available on-line). 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 pairs of times for each person 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 became effective at the end of 2014. 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"

### AZ SAR Conference: May 1-3, 2015 Heber, AZ

Day Use / Tent / Dry Camp: \$7.00 per day  
 Dorms: \$16.00 per day  
 Registration Fee: \$60.00  
 K9 Registration Fee: \$30.00 (\$90.00 total)  
 Registration Open: TBD Will be via telephone call to ADEM

Meal Costs:  
 Breakfast: \$5.50  
 Lunch: \$6.50  
 Dinner: \$8.00  
 Saturday Steak Fry Dinner: \$17.50

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

### DIVERS CALENDAR

Feb 15 08:30 Sun **Monthly Training**  
 Mar 15 08:30 Sun **Monthly Training**

Saguaro Aquatics Pool  
 Black Mountain Reservoir

In January, we had a dry training session: practiced knot tying, setting and configuring buoy and search lines, full face mask use and care, and worked with different cutting tools to determine use of their pros and cons.

In February, we are planning to work on new air blocks; underwater knot tying; practicing and refining the Jackstay & Arc patterns with seeded objects; line tender operations; distressed diver scenario.

On December 28-29, 2014 the team was called to Lakeside Park, to help recover a stolen vehicle. In attendance were Joe Barr, Cathy Wasmann, Rob Offerle, Jeri Herr, and John Longhofer.

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

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

### CAP CALENDAR

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

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## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

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

### POSSE CALENDAR

Feb 08 11:00 Sun **Gymkhana**  
Feb 26 18:30 Thu **General Meeting**

Rocking K Ranch. Books at 11:00. Events at 12:00  
Tanque Verde Library, 8959 E Tanque Verde Rd

Great Brunch at La Paloma! Special thanks to TJ and Terri Price for our two classes.

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

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

### SRDI CALENDAR

Feb 04 18:00 Wed **Training Committee**  
Feb 04 19:00 Wed **Board of Directors Meeting**  
Feb 11 19:00 Wed **General Membership Meeting**

Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy  
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SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

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

## SOUTHERN AZ. MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

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

### SAMSAR CALENDAR

Feb 17 18:00 Tue **Board Meeting**  
Feb 17 19:00 Tue **General Meeting**

Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy  
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The new board for SAMSAR for 2015:

Jerry Simmons: President	George Herget (Sgt of Arms)
Frank Leon: Vice President	Debi Mitchell
Colleen Leon: Secretary	Larry Caugh
Kay Cagle: Treasurer	Joe Beckman

### TRAINING

In-field training is being planned by Colleen Leon "Search and Rescue Coordinator" and George Herget OEC Tech. and OFC instructor. I will make sure Joe Barr is made aware of our plans so he can get the word out. Thanks Joe. Yep, we will be asking for patients and assistance from SARA members like Mykle Raymond for maps, update on the communication system he has in the truck, etc. and Cathy Wasmann for her presentation of the venomous critters in the Desert, critical to all Search and Rescue personnel playing in this environment. We have three nurses as members and we will be doing medical moments at our meeting starting in Feb. 2015. Any division that has people needing an OFC class, check in with your contact info at [Jerry @ simmonsautorepair.com](mailto:Jerry@simmonsautorepair.com). I will list you and contact you with the class date. Need 10 to 15 students. Cost approx. \$30.00 for book and room at SARA House. Also reviewing the new information on SAR training from C.A.P. at the recent SARCI meeting (Good stuff).

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Currently working two locations to set up "Meet Southern Arizona Mounted Search and Rescue". Educate the public about Mounted Search and Rescue. We also promote all divisions. It is also a membership drive. Colleen has been contacted by a mounted group in Idaho who wants to set up a S & R group. Colleen is assisting with this set up. This person also is coming out in March to ride with SAMSAR and see what we do.

### SEARCH AND RESCUE

Added four names to call-out log at last meeting: John Bogers, Chris Massimi, Kathryn Wade and Rick Corral. Removed Bill Moore, who moved to Tennessee. Adding more links to our chain of S & R field people.

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.

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**SARA CALENDAR**

<u>Feb 06</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	<b>SARA Monthly Meeting</b>	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Feb 07</u>	<u>08:30 Sat</u>	<b>Technical Training</b>	Substation 108, Irvington & Houghton
<u>Feb 13-15</u>	<u>Fri-Sun</u>	<b>24 Hours in the Old Pueblo Support</b>	Willow Springs Ranch
<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>19:00 Thu</u>	<b>SARA Board Meeting</b>	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Mar 06</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	<b>SARA Monthly Meeting</b>	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

**AWARDS COMMITTEE**

*by John Gorski, [rescue161 @ att.net](mailto:rescue161@att.net)*

The awards committee is now accepting nominations for SAR Person of the Year (for excellence in the field) and Support Person of the Year (for outstanding help behind the scenes). Also in need of any gag awards for that memorable outing during a rescue or training that put a smile on your face. You can contact Dale Mann, Rich Kunz, or John Gorski with your nominations. Nominations will be closed after the March Monthly Meeting.

**SARA TRAINING**

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

**Changes to SARA Monthly Trainings**

The topics of many monthly trainings will be gradually changing over the next year. Many basic level trainings that had been targeted mainly at new candidates are going to be phased out (in favor of covering that material in the SALT Program) and replaced by new trainings, or taught with a focus on more advanced topics. A survey was recently sent to all current SARA Candidates to help us make sure those still seeking their Orange Shirt will not be left out.

As part of this shift, many trainings will now require those wishing to participate to sign-up, usually at least a week or two ahead of time. This allows the instructor group to plan to have adequate instructors and equipment, and in some cases to pre-plan assignments -- all with the goal of putting forward a more efficient and valuable training. When a training requires a sign-up, a link to an online survey will be sent out on SARA-Announce at least a week before the deadline. Those who do not sign-up will NOT be allowed to participate in the training. If you sign-up for a training and later become unavailable, please advise the lead instructor as soon as possible.

**February Monthly Training**

The February monthly training will be a technical training, focusing primarily on team-based pick-offs. In practice, many of the skills involved in performing this technique are strictly in the realm of a rope rescue technician, but this training is open to any field qualified SARA member or candidate. Everyone attending will have the chance to participate to a level appropriate for their experience. We intend to perform multiple iterations, so there will be plenty of opportunities to practice various skills.

Members who have interest in learning more about technical rescue or the TRG, and those who may seek to join the TRG in the future, are strongly encouraged to attend.

Rendezvous for the training will be on Saturday Feb 07, 08:30 at PCSO 108, which is roughly the NW corner of Houghton and Irvington (unsigned entrance off Houghton, and signed entrance off Irvington). We will park in the dirt area west of the county fuel pumps (N 32 9.906' W 110 46.460'), then carpool to the training site near Vail.

Everyone should come prepared with their full rescue pack, including sufficient food, water, and clothing for the conditions. Everyone should also wear sturdy boots, and have helmet, gloves and eye protection. Those that have a harness should bring one, particularly those who have been through the Personal Rope Skills training, as you may get to be in a position over the edge.

A sign-up was required for this training, and the deadline will have passed by the time this newsletter is published.

**Upcoming Monthly Trainings**

Tentatively the March monthly training (07 March) will be a steep-angle technical exercise at Tanque Verde Falls, with an Orientation Hike of the area also presented for a sign-off for candidates who need it. The April monthly training will be Swift Water Rescue. The swift water training will be conducted over three sessions; classroom, pool, and river. All three sessions are required components of the training. The classroom and pool sessions will be held in late March, and the river session in early April. Exact dates are still TBD but will be announced shortly.

**OEC CORNER**

*by John Gorski, [rescue161 @ att.net](mailto:rescue161@att.net)*

Please mark your calendar for this year's OEC Cycle "B" refresher dates which are: Saturday August 15 and Sunday September 13.

Now that each OEC card-holder is paying for an associate membership fee to NSP, this would be a good time to verify your home address with NSP to make sure you receive your ski patrol magazine and your associate card and a new OEC card if your three-year cycle ended December 31, 2014. The contact information for NSP is 1-303-988-1111. Ask for the education department.

NSP did upgrade their system this year and they are working out the bugs. If you have a problem with your NSP records please forward any questions to John Gorski.

## SARCI Calendar – 2014 - 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28 SRDI Training	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31 SARA Training “Tech Skills Field”	Feb 01
Feb 02	Feb 03	Feb 04 SRDI Board	Feb 05	Feb 06 SARA Meeting	Feb 07 SARA Training “Technical Training”	Feb 08 Posse Gymkhana
Feb 09	Feb 10	Feb 11 SRDI Meeting	Feb 12	Feb 13 24HOP Support	Feb 14 SRDI SARtechII 24HOP Support	Feb 15 SRDI SARtechII Divers Training 24HOP Support
Feb 16	Feb 17 SAMSAR Meeting	Feb 18	Feb 19 SARA Board	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22
Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26 Posse Meeting	Feb 27	Feb 28	Mar 01
Mar 02	Mar 03	Mar 04 SRDI Board	Mar 05	Mar 06 SARA Meeting	Mar 07 SARA Training “Technical Exercise”	Mar 08 Posse Gymkhana
Mar 09	Mar 10	Mar 11 SRDI Meeting	Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14 SRDI SARtechII	Mar 15 SRDI SARtechII Divers Training
Mar 16	Mar 17 SAMSAR Meeting	Mar 18	Mar 19 SARA Board	Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22
Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25 SARA Training “Swiftwater Class”	Mar 26 Posse Meeting	Mar 27	Mar 28 SRDI SARtechII	Mar 29 SRDI SARtechII SARA Training “Swiftwater Pool”
Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 01 SRDI Board	Apr 02	Apr 03 SARA ANNUAL MEETING	Apr 04	Apr 05

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**CALLOUT REVIEWS**

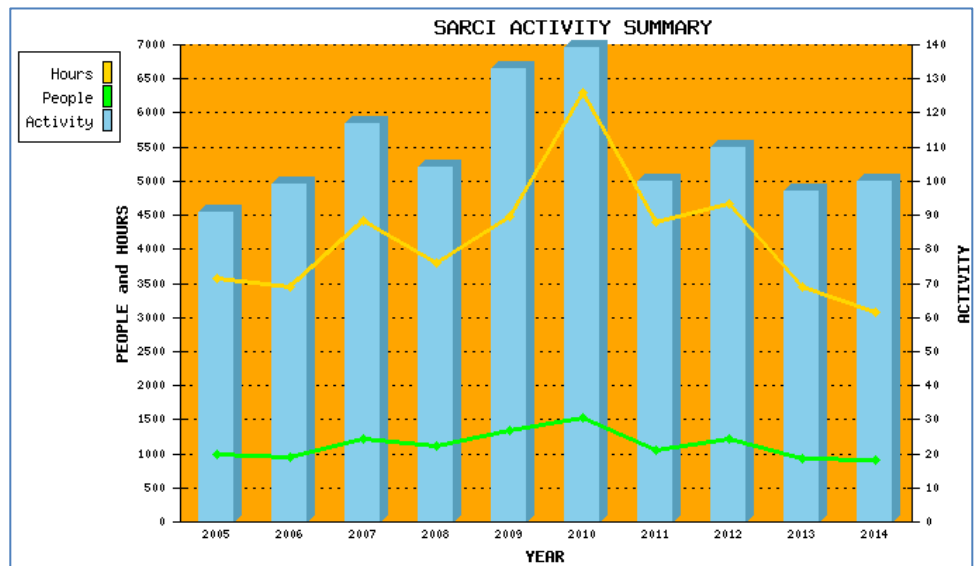
by Mykle Raymond, [SARnews @ sarci.org](mailto:sarnews@sarci.org)

Date	Vol/Hrs/ Problem	Location	Resources
Thu Jan 01	<u>21/ 39/ 67yf hiker fall injury</u> 12:15 – 14:10 A female hiker slipped and fell, striking her head and landing in the stream near the forest boundary. A pair of hikers found her a few minutes later and called for help. She was treated for hypothermia in addition to her injuries, then carried out by litter.	Ventana Canyon Trail, Catalinas	RMFD
Fri Jan 02	<u>20/ 90/ 3 female hikers stranded</u> 16:30 – 22:45 Three hikers intended to hike from Visitors Center via Romero Pass and Wilderness of Rocks to Summerhaven. They were well-prepared for the distance, but not for snow and ice with running shoes. They called for help in the afternoon. Tucson Ranger located them near Romero Pass, picked up one hiker, flew in a team to retrieve the others, then all were flown out.	Romero Pass, Catalinas	R54
Sat Jan 03	<u>15/ 23/ 6 male hikers missing</u> 16:00 – 17:30 The six were reported missing from a family picnic in Bear Canyon. As teams were arriving, the group was found down-canyon on the highway.	Bear Canyon, Catalinas	
Sat Jan 10	<u>20/ 83/ 20yf, 14ym hikers ill</u> 13:40 – 19:00 A female hiker was ill at the falls. Tucson Ranger landed and flew her to the SARA House. While teams were hiking out, they treated a male hiker who was exhausted, and escorted him out.	7 Falls Trail, Catalinas	R54 RMFD
Tue Jan 13	<u>19/ 52/ 72ym hiker muscle injury</u> 15:00 – 18:05 A hiker about 1.5 miles up trail was unable to continue with a muscle injury. He was carried by stokes down trail.	Ventana Trail, Catalinas	
Fri Jan 16	<u>11/ 19/ 71yf hiker muscle strain</u> 16:30 – 18:40 A group rode the tram to Stop 9, hiked up the switchbacks then down the Phoneline and Historic Trails. They were nearly down to the road when one pulled a muscle. She was carried by stokes down a cross drainage to the road.	Historic Trail, Catalinas	
Sat Jan 17	<u>12/ 38/ 17ym hiker lost</u> 18:10 – 21:40 A participant on a group outing wandered off and called for help when he became unable to return. Cellphone coordinates showed him to be below the Aspen Trail above the Gauging Station. The hasty team made voice contact soon after hitting the trail, dressed him more appropriately for the evening temperatures, and joined other teams for the return to the trailhead.	Marshall Gulch, Catalinas	Survey2
Thu Jan 22	<u>9/ 71/ 50ym hiker lost</u> 14:25 – 23:45 A lost hiker was directed to the trail, then started down Pima before getting turned around. The hasty team found him at the South Kimball hill, and all walked out without problems.	Mt. Kimball, Catalinas	Survey2
Sat Jan 24	<u>17/ 47/ 67yf hiker ill</u> 14:25 – 17:25 A hiker felt weak and unable to continue. The hasty team got food and fluids into her, then walked her down to meet the horses, and rode out from there.	Bear Canyon x6-x7, Catalinas	RMFD
Sun Jan 25	<u>14/ 92/ 39ym injured</u> 22:40 – 05:45 A male was disoriented and had aggravated a prior arm injury. He also reported his dog having been injured. He was found near Cardiac Gap, and escorted slowly down trail. His dog was fine.	Cardiac Gap, Esperero Trail, Catalinas	Survey2

2014 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last12Mos
Missions	100	914	3068	3.4	100
Trainings	203	2667	13646	5.1	196
Meetings	71	678	1741	2.6	71
Public Relations	12	56	285	5.1	12
Special Events	19	197	1805	9.2	19
Activities	40	140	666	4.8	41
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>4652</b>	<b>21211</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>438</b>

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**Mission Graph, 2005 - 2014**



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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 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**  
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Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 19:00  
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