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# SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci2.org

SARCI Board meetings are held at the SARA House at 19:30 (7:30 pm) on the third Wednesday of January, April, July, and October.

#### TRAINING ACTIVITIES ARE RESTRICTED

Training activities are limited to members of that group, and others who have registered and/or been approved by the group.

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

by LtCol Robert McCord, cap @ sarci2.org

CAP SQUADRON CALENDAR

Sundays 15:30-18:00 **Mountain View Fire Station #160** 

1175 W. Magee Road, Tucson, AZ 85704

The Civil Air Patrol's Neotoma Squadron actively participates in ongoing search and rescue missions and training exercises at the state, local and national levels. We welcome new members to join the more than 70 members of the nationally recognized emergency services Arizona Wing Ground Team.

Membership: Edward Pound, ejjpound @ gmail.com

Web site: <a href="http://www.neotomasquadron.org">http://www.neotomasquadron.org</a>

# PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Alex Hodge, gummhodge1 @ msn.com

POSSE CALENDAR

Oct 09 16:00 Sun Gymkhana (Books 11:00, Events 12:00) Raven Ranch, 9525 E Graf Lane

Oct 27 18:30 Thur General Meeting Tanque Verde Library, 8959 E Tanque Verde Rd

Gymkhana moves to daytime schedule this month, at Raven Ranch east of Harrison between Irvington and Golf Links.

# SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, kpaquette1 @ comcast.net

SRDI CALENDAR

Oct 05 18:00 Wed SRDI Meeting Night SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

If you are interested in attending one of our trainings, please email us at K9@sarci2.org, or call Karen Paquette (275-2074).

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** 

NAPWDA Certifications Oct 10-15, 2016 Tucson, AZ (pending) FACTS Fall Workshop Oct 28-30, 2016 San Marcos, TX

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by John Longhofer, 990-4442, divers8 @ sarci2.org

**DIVERS CALENDAR** 

Oct 0908:30 SunMonthly TrainingPOPPKiDZ Pool, 2045 W. Omar DrNov 1308:30 SunMonthly TrainingSARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

Our Sept. training involved working with new team members. We continued to refine our dive pattern procedures and surface skills with two divers. We also started testing and worked with adding a third diver to our search patterns.

In October we are planning on returning to POPPKiDZ Pool and continue refining our search patterns with two and three divers.

In November, we will be holding our pot luck and annual meeting at the SARA House. During the meeting we will hold elections for 2016 officers and board members and go over gear setup and storage with new members.

# SOUTHERN AZ. MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Jerry Simmons, jerry @ simmonsautorepair.com

SAMSAR CALENDAR

Oct 18	18:00 Tue	Board / General Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
Oct 23	08:00 Sun	<b>Horse Desensitization Training</b>	Simmons Place, 11670 E Irvington
Nov 06	08:00 Sun	OFC Field Hands-on Training	TBA – Contact Debi Mitchell 331-5500
Nov 09	<u>08:00 Sun</u>	Show and Tell	Emily Gray School
Nov 12-1	3 TBA Sat/Sun	SAMSAR Demo	Raven Ranch

Search and Rescue: SAMSAR has been busy. SAMSAR members very active. The callouts will be covered with the SARA info. Thanks to Mike Massimi for assistance with SAMSAR's upgraded com system.

Fund Raisers: None on going.

Public Relations: Emily Gray School on 11-09-16. Raven Ranch Horse Show event 11-12 & 13 2016.

Membership: Moving new people to training!

As you see, SAMSAR is busy with P/R events and ongoing training, thanks to the dedicated members of SAMSAR, lead by Frank Leon president. We have a stacked deck with nurses, all qualified to teach meds. Yea! All OFC tests and class room training are online. The field training also has a test and skills training in the field before they will certify the student. Hellooooo online training.

I am very proud of the skill level of all SEARCH AND RESCUE personnel. The OFC recertification was a pain. We did however survive.

See ya on the big one. Always looking for good quality members and equine! Please refer to web site <a href="http://www.SAMSARaz.org">http://www.SAMSARaz.org</a> or contact anyone with a SAMSAR I.D.

# SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA @ sarci2.org

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Oct 01	<u>06:00 Sat</u>	Tour of the White Mountains	Pinetop, AZ
Oct 04	19:00 Tue	Classroom: Map and Compass	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Oct 07	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Oct 08	08:00 Sat	Training: Land Navigation	Meet Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
Oct 29	08:00 Sat	Technical Skills Refresher	Meet Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
Nov 04	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

## **SARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

by SARA BoD, SARABoard @ sarci2.org

As you know, SARA and other SARCI components have been involved in large-scale and sometimes stressful calls, in which the end results were circumstances less than ideal. The SARA BoD and PCSD would like to remind all rescuers that the PCSD Peer Support Team services are available whenever needed. The upcoming general meeting will include a presentation by PCSD about the Peer Support Team and how to contact them. Please plan to attend and hear about this critical resource.

#### **Updated SARA Policy**

The Board of Directors has voted for a policy change that requires member review. The purpose of this change is to better define the categories of membership within SARA. This is largely a vocabulary change and a clarification of the existing policy. A quorum of the board will be present at the next two monthly meetings to explain the change. Additionally, the move to a task-book-based field skills certification required that we add the task book to the list of documents controlled by the board, and our anti-discrimination policy was adjusted to reflect current standards. Please review the updated policy document on the SARADocs page: <a href="http://sarci.org/sara-documents/">http://sarci.org/sara-documents/</a> under the "SARA BY-LAWS, POLICIES & PROCEDURES" heading.

#### New TRRG Members and Application Period

We would like to welcome 5 new members of the SARA TRRG team:

John Bechman Eric Jakoby Bill Kelleman Linda Rhomberg Mitch Perley

We will be moving to a semi-annual application model for TRRG, and the next deadline will be January 15th. If you have an interest in technical rope rescue and want to learn more, or if you feel you can contribute to the team, we strongly encourage you to apply. Please see the application located on the SARADocs page: <a href="http://sarci.org/sara-documents/">http://sarci.org/sara-documents/</a>

Completed applications should be submitted to <u>saraTRG @ sarci2.org</u>

#### New Field Qualification Requirements

After much thought, discussion, and deliberation, the Board has decided to phase out the current "Awareness" refreshers. These will be replaced with a task book system that will require all members to demonstrate skills individually and have each skill signed off once every twelve months. This move does a few really good things for our group. First, we are moving back to an individual accountability system for knowing knots, systems, and how to set up anchors. We think everyone will agree that having skilled, practiced rescuers in the field should be our first priority, and moving to individual accountability is a big step in that direction.

Secondly, to reduce the training burden on the TRRG and on everyone else, all of the skills required for the "Awareness" level of certification can be done at the SARA House (this is very similar to our old field skills recert system). Skills can also be demonstrated (and signed off) at any SARA training or mission to which all members have been invited. This would include monthly trainings, TRRG trainings, joint trainings with other agencies (assuming all members have been invited), and callouts. Again, skills must be demonstrated individually and without help or guidance. If a skill must be performed during a callout, those most proficient and experienced will be given preference over those that simply want a sign-off.

The task book system will begin in January 2017, and we will also hold the first two "Awareness" refreshers in January and April just like previous years. Those attending either refresher will have their field skills certified for 12 months from the month they attended. At the beginning of these refreshers, we will hand out task books and provide sign-offs for those skills demonstrated during the refreshers (not every skill will be available for sign off). You will then have 12 months from the date of the first signoff in your task book to complete the other requirements and turn your task book into the TRRG. We will review the dates and signatures and then give the document to Records. This is the same procedure that Candidates use for their orange cards, and we're aiming to make things consistent across the organization.

The current version of the task book is available on the SARADocs page (<a href="http://sarci.org/sara-documents/">http://sarci.org/sara-documents/</a>) and members of the TRRG will be available at each of the remaining monthly meetings to answer questions. You may also reach out to us using <a href="maintenance.saratechskills@sarci2.org">sarci2.org</a>.

#### **SARA TRAINING**

by Dale Mann, dale1947sailor @ gmail.com

#### October Monthly Training: Land Navigation

**Field Exercise:** Meet at 106, 08:00 Saturday, October 8. Training will be in the Prison Camp area. There will be map and compass exercises, as well as navigation by GPS (or possibly cell phone, if you have the right app and/or coverage). Plan to be out for 4 to 6 hours; bring snacks and plenty of water, as well as your GPS, if you have one. We strongly recommend bug spray and long pants for the off-trail exercise.

**Classroom:** Map reading (and compass) on Tuesday, October 4, at the SARA House from 19:00 to 21:00. Please bring a compass and the Green Trails Santa Catalina map. It's not required to attend this class in order to go to the exercise on the following Saturday.

**November:** Class on search and search management, presented by David Lovelock and Eric Johnson. It will be at the SARA House on Saturday, November 5 (Guy Fawkes Day), beginning at 09:00. There will be a Whoozin poll later so that we can print sufficient materials for those attending.

#### October Technical Awareness Refresher

We will hold the next Technical Skills refresher on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 08:00. Rendezvous will be at 106.

All SARA members must attend (and pass) this refresher once every 12 months to be considered field qualified. I've created a Whoozin RSVP page to enable you to RSVP for the event.

RSVP: http://whoozin.com/F93-7VG-KDWQ

It is imperative that you RSVP so that we can be sure to have enough equipment and instructors on hand.

Those who do not RSVP will not be allowed to participate. The deadline to RSVP is Monday, October 24th.

This is the last skills recert of 2016. Our next Awareness refresher will occur on January 28th, 2017. As a reminder, we will also begin the task book program for field skills certification in January.

<u>OEC CORNER</u> by John Gorski, <u>rescue161 @ att.net</u>

Our OEC refreshers were well attended despite the issue with the new NSP website. If you forgot to mark your calendar and you did not read your newsletter in a timely manner, your chance to take an OEC refresher in Tucson has passed. Contact John Gorski and or Richard Kunz for more information on how to attend an OEC refresher at another location, possibly at Sunrise?

Thank you to Joe Barr for printing of the visualization for this year's OEC refresher classes.

The group snack table was filled with the healthy and of course the not so healthy junk food items. Thank you to everyone who provided the group snacks to help make the time pass and provided some needed energy.

Plus every member needs to create a sign-in on the NSP website (www.nsp.org), this will be useful in the future.

Work has already begun on our OEC Cycle "A" refresher for 2017. Watch the newsletter or updates

#### 2016 MUSTANG RAFFLE

by John Perchorowicz, jmail @ perchorowicz.com

Jim Click has again donated a raffle vehicle, a red 2016 Ford Mustang Shelby GT350 (MSRP \$47,000). Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Tickets will be available at the monthly meeting from the SARA Store. For anyone in Tucson wishing to purchase 5 tickets, John Perchorowicz will deliver. As a SARA member please think about buying a ticket and selling one to a supporter that you know. Last year SARA raised about \$2500 from our efforts. To date we have raised \$1050. Tickets must be turned in by 8 December so you only have 3 meetings left for in person purchases.

Date Vol/Hrs/ Problem Location

Resources

Sat Sep 03 10/ 17/ 42yf ill

rehydrated, then all hiked out.

Sabino Dam, Catalinas

RMFD Sheriff1

14:15 - 15:50 An injured person was reported at 7 Falls. She was located at Sabino Dam, complaining of abdominal pain, with a history of medical issues. She was carried by stokes to the pavement and an ambulance. Note two calls were paged at the same time.

Sat Sep 03 5/2 23/2 ??ym hiker exhausted Box Camp Trail, Catalinas TucsonRanger RMFD

14:15 – 19:30 Two hikers went up Bear Canyon, then up Box Camp, and became exhausted. Two teams started from the top, and Tucson Ranger located the hikers and landed in the vicinity. The helicopter transported the hikers to Sabino, while the first team arrived and were ferried to Sollers Point.

8/ 33/ 51ym hiker off trail, out of water

7 Falls, Catalinas

16:20 – 20:35 During the previous calls, a report was received about an overdue hiker. Rather than remain with his group that took the tram to s9, he chose to hike up Sabino and down Bear, and ran out of water, then lost the trail near 7 Falls. Teams found him a short distance down a side drainage, got him back on trail and

Mon Sep 05 19/ 70/ 41yf hiker exhausted

x7, Bear Canyon, Catalinas

RMFD

14:45 – 18:50 A hiker became exhausted while hiking to 7 Falls. She was carried by stokes to the trailhead.

Mon Sep 05 6/ 14/ 49yf hiker ankle injury

TV Canyon, Rincons

Sheriff1 RMFD

17:15 – 19:45 During the previous call, a female hiker with an ankle injury was reported at T.V. Canyon. She was found a short distance upstream from the SARA Trail. Due to the heat and minimal people, she was hoisted by Sheriff1 and delivered to the road.

Tue Sep 06 <u>7/</u> <u>37/</u> 22ym suicidal

Blacketts Ridge, Catalinas

Sheriff1

05:25 - 10:45 A male was missing and believed to have been on Blacketts Ridge. The family had found several belongings of his. The next morning Sheriff1 delivered several deputies to the top of the ridge, where they found a tarp left by the family, and spotted the subject at the base of the cliff. Deputies and SAR teams processed the scene and assisted Sheriff1 to pick up the subject.

Wed Sep 07 22/ 147/ 22ym fall injury

Pima Canyon, Catalinas

USAF R199 R222

16:40 - 02:40 A group were hiking about 1.5 miles up the Pima Canyon Trail. Two left the trail to hike up the steep slope to the east, under Rosewood Point. During their return to the trail, one slipped and fell, resulting in a leg laceration and he was unable to bear weight on his leg. In the rain, teams arrived below the subjects, and worked their way up the loose, brushy, wet slope with cliffs. Two were able to access the subjects, with others supporting from just below. The usual helicopter resources were not available due to weather. Two Air Force helicopters hoisted the subjects and the team.

Sat Sep 10 18/ 52/ 39ym hiker exhausted

Bear Canyon, Catalinas

12:20 – 15:20 A hiker became exhausted near x7 in Bear Canyon. He was carried by stokes to the trailhead.

0/ ??yf hiker exhausted

Romero Trail, Catalinas

GRFD

14:00 - 15:00 While the previous call was in progress, Golder Ranch Fire responded to Catalina State Park for a hiker exhausted a short distance up the Romero Trail, and requested assistance to carry her out. By the time a few people responded, she was out.

9/ 18/ 24yf 25ym hikers exhausted

Bear Canyon, Catalinas

**RMFD** 

15:40 – 18:30 Shortly after the previous calls, two hikers were reported exhausted and off trail in Bear Canyon. They were found near x1. Both were expected to need a stokes carry, but one walked and the other rode out.

19/ 18ym hiker shoulder injury Sat Sep 10 10/

Bear Canyon, Catalinas

16:55 – 18:30 During the previous call, a hiker requested help for a shoulder injury. He tried to climb slippery rock while a companion provided a hand-hold. He slipped and pulled his shoulder. He was found at x5, using the stream to support his shoulder. His arm was sling-and-swathed and he walked out. That could have been a third patient needing a stokes ride, but none was needed.

Sun Sep 11 9/25/53yf hiker bee stings Blacketts Ridge, Catalinas Sheriff1 RMFD
07:30 - 10:35 A hiker became ill after bee stings. A trail runner met the first team and carried Epi-pens up to the scene, where a Physician's Assistant was helping. Sheriff1 arrived as the first team reached the scene. She was assisted to a nearby LZ and flown out.

<u>6/</u> 25/ 34yf 71ym hikers lost

Lemmon Rock Trail, Catalinas

21:15 - 01:40 Two hikers took the Meadow Trail, and without a map continued on the Lemmon, Wilderness of Rocks, and Lemmon Rock Trails. They were unable to continue after sunset. Teams met them about 1 mile down, and slowly walked up.

Sat Sep 17 14/ 40/ 57ym hiker missing

Hugh Norris Trailhead, Tucson Mtns

TucsonRanger NPS

18:40 – 21:45 A hiker left his group to pick up another family member at the airport, but did not appear to have reached his vehicle. Teams searched between the road and about 0.5 miles up trail, and located him deceased.

Sun Sep 18 17/ 49/ 40yf hiker ankle injury

Molino Canyon, Catalinas

RMFD

12:45 - 15:40 A hiker injured her ankle near the first falls abour 0.5 miles upstream from the Molino Basin Trailhead. She was splinted and carried out by stokes along the social trail.

Tue Sep 27 10/ 79/ 34ym missing

Missile Base Rd & CAP Canal, Pinal Co.

Sheriff1 PinalSO

06:40 - 15:30 A male was last seen Friday evening at his residence, east of CAP Canal, northeast of Marana in Pinal County. We searched segmented areas. Nothing was found.

Tue Sep 27 5/2 ??yf hiker overdue Sabino Canyon, Catalinas
22:50 – 23:55 A hiker may have intended to go up Esperero and down West Fork. As we were responding, she called by 911phone to report that she was approaching the end of the road in Sabino, and a hasty team met her on the switchbacks.

Wed Sep 28 8/2 35/34ym missing Missile Base Rd & CAP Canal, Pinal Co. Sheriff1 PinalSO 06:40 – 10:45 Continuation of search, covering more segmented areas. CAP workers met a male who was asking for help, outside of the canal fence east of Picacho. Sheriff1 flew him to an ambulance at the Command area.

2016 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last12Mos
Missions	120	1368	5780	4.2	138
Trainings	123	1325	6142	4.6	168
Meetings	56	439	1064	2.4	72
<b>Public Relation</b>	s 7	32	144	4.5	8
<b>Special Events</b>	10	84	860	10.2	19
Activities	74	254	1353	5.3	105
TOTALS	390	3502	15343	4.4	511

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# SARCI Calendar – 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sep 26	Sep 27 SARA SALT	Sep 28	Sep 29 SARA SALT	Sep 30	Oct 01 SARA SALT TOUR of WHITE MTNS	Oct 02
Oct 03	Oct 04  SARA Classroom Map & Compass	Oct 05  SRDI Meetings (18:00)	Oct 06 SARA SALT	Oct 07  SARA Meeting (19:30)	Oct 08  SARA Training  Land Navigation	Oct 09 Posse Gymkhana Divers Training
Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15 SARA SALT	Oct 16
Oct 17	Oct 18 SARA SALT SAMSAR Meetings (18:00)	Oct 19 SARCI Board (19:30)	Oct 20 SARA Board (19:00)	Oct 21	Oct 22 SARA SALT	Oct 23 SARA SALT SAMSAR Training
Oct 24	Oct 25 SARA SALT	Oct 26	Oct 27 SARA SALT POSSE Meeting (18:30)	Oct 28	Oct 29 SARA Training Tech Skills Refresher	Oct 30 SARA SALT
Oct 31	Nov 01	Nov 02 SRDI Meetings (18:00)	Nov 03	Nov 04 SARA Meeting (19:30)	Nov 05 Guy Fawkes Day SARA Training Search Management	Nov 06  OFC Field Training
Nov 07	Nov 08 Election Day  SARA SALT	Nov 09	Nov 10 SARA SALT	Nov 11	Nov 12 SARA SALT Posse Gymkhana	Nov 13 SARA SALT Divers Training



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#### 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 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  $4^{\rm th}$  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 1<sup>st</sup> Fri 19:30, SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd.

#### **SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS**

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