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SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

by SARNews, sarcinewsletter @ sarci.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.

SABINO CANYON PARKING

The Overflow Parking Lot near the SARA House is now frequently open for public use. Expect two-way traffic, and pedestrians. PARKING ALONG THE ROAD IS NOT APPROPRIATE, DURING CALLS OR OTHERWISE. Park at the SARA House. If you cannot open the gate to the SARA House, or the gate into Sabino during calls, call a Records or Truck person for assistance.

NEW TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

by SARCI Records, records @ sarci.org

This is a reminder of some training requirements that will go into effect soon:

Bloodborne Pathogens Awareness training - needs to be done annually. Check your status on the SARCI Field Qual Report (available on the SARCI Data page) in the "BBP" column. It shows the year and month (YYMM) that your training expires.

If you need this training, contact your team leadership.

AZBasicSAR – must have been done after 2012. Check your status on the SARCI Field Qual Report in the "AZ Basic" Column. If this field is shaded yellow you must take a current version of this training.

If you need this 16 hour training, advise Records of your availability so we can schedule at appropriate times.

Sometime over the next few months these will formally become SARCI Field Qualification requirements. Don't delay!

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by John Longhofer, 990-4442, divers @ sarci.org

DIVERS CALENDAR

Mar 1109:00 SunMonthly TrainingPoppkidz poolApr 0809:00 SunMonthly TrainingTBA

In February, we held training at the Poppkidz pool and practiced diver's underwater skills, line tender communications with two divers and performed in-kind service and pool improvements.

We will hold our March training at the Poppkidz pool, to continue with underwater skills, to respond and communicate with a distressed diver.

April training to be announced.

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by LtCol Robert McCord, cap @ sarci.org

CAP SQUADRON CALENDAR

Sundays 15:30-18:00 Mountain View Fire Station #160 1175 W. Magee Road, Tucson, AZ 85704

ch and rescue missions and training exercises at the

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: http://www.neotomasquadron.org

SOUTHERN AZ. MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Colleen Leon, colleen.leon @ sarci.org

SAMSAR CALENDAR

Mar 20 18:00 Tue **Board and General Meeting** 49^{ers} Country Club, 12000 E. Tanque Verde

All quiet on the horse front ... SAMSAR members continue to ride and every ride is training for both horse and rider. As we ride in all kinds of terrain there is always surprises and learning opportunities along the way.

SAMSAR members are riding and logging trails where recent rescues have been. Looking to see how far up we can go too support our SARA ground teams. This week Dpty Brian Boll (newest cowboy in training) rode with members, Kay Cagle, Chris Massimi and Colleen Leon, on a trail in Milagrosa Canyon. Parking is limited but doable we found. Street is long and we can consolidate and park along the road. The trail we took ... well ... was doable to a point ... then, well, how can I put this delicately ... OH HELL NO! Ask Dpty Brian Boll about it ... he was pretty wide eyed as Chris and I went up and then down the steep rocks! If I wasn't so busy biting my nails getting the two horses down without breaking a leg or two on a horse I would have taken pictures! We are trying a new trail in Milagrosa this coming week.

Seeing a need for certification for Large Animal Rescue, SAMSAR is in full swing raising funds to pay for this clinic being held March 23, 24 &25th. Veterinarians from Adobe and Reatta looking to send teams to this training. If you would like to sponsor a SAMSAR member please contact Jerry Simmons 400-1809 or Colleen Leon 990-7499. We need \$\$\$\$!!!!!

See you on the trails!

Membership: http://www.SAMSARaz.org for any and all information for membership.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, karen.paquette @ sarci.org

SRDI CALENDAR

Mar 14	18:00 Wed	Monthly Meetings	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Mar 21	18:00 Wed	Night Search, Live Find	Craycroft House, 3455 N. Craycroft
Mar 31	18:00 Sat	Air Scent L2 (Night Search)	TBD
Apr 04	18:00 Wed	Monthly Meetings	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

PLEASE NOTE: SRDI's monthly meeting for March is rescheduled (see above). This is also a training opportunity for SRDI K9s.

Session One of our Ann Christensen Workshop was very successful. SRDI expresses special thanks to Deputy Chuk, Deputy Ramirez, and Sgt. Maldonado for their support and assistance throughout this first weekend. Participants loved the locations and the scenarios, and asked that the event be planned again for next year. We'll do our best to convince Ann and Max to come back.

SRDI's webpage is finally up and running. Many thanks to Mark, Mike, Kari and Karen for working to get this done. Thank you, Debi Mitchell, for your help in getting us linked through the SARCI webpage – www.southwestrescuedogs.org

As declared in last month's SARCI newsletter, SRDI is dedicated to providing highly qualified, highly trained dogs and handlers. SRDI is committed to using the most current, science-based training. Bringing nationally recognized instructors is only one way we strive to meet our goal. SRDI's team goal of 100% compliance with Scientific Working Group on Dog and Orthogonal Detector Guidelines (SWGDOG) is well underway. We have created four classroom lectures in compliance with SWGDOG classroom requirements for dog handlers. Many more to come.

SARCI members are invited to join us for training at any time. If you are interested in attending one of our trainings, please email us at <u>K9 @ sarci2.org</u>, or <u>Karen.Paquette @ sarci.org</u>, or call Karen Paquette (275-2074). SRDI's monthly meeting is the first Wednesday of each month at the SARA House.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FACTS Spring Workshop	March 2018	TX
DStaal Detection	May 2018	CO
AZ K9SAR	May 2018	AZ
FIRS Workshop	June 2018	CO

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Alex Hodge, gummhodge1 @ msn.com

POSSE CALENDAR

Mar 2218:30 ThuGeneral MeetingTanque Verde Library, 8959 E Tanque Verde RdMar 2511:00 SunGymkhana (Books 11:00, Events 12:00)Pima County Fairgrounds

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA CALENDAR

Mar 02	19:30 Fri	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Mar 03	08:00 Sat	Personal Rope Skills	Meet: Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
Mar 15	19:00 Thu	SARA Board Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Mar 17	09:00 Sat	Helicopter Ingress/Egress	Missile Site, Old Sonoita Hwy
Apr 06	18:30 Fri	SARA Pot Luck	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Apr 06	20:00 Fri	SARA Annual Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Apr 21-2	22 Sat-Sun	Swift Water Rescue	TBA

SARA Board of Directors

by SARA Board of Directors, sarabod @ sarci.org

The term of the nine-member Board of Directors is two years. In odd-numbered years, five directors are elected, and four in even-numbered years. Members may be nominated (with their permission) at the March meeting. The slate so far includes:

Scott Clemans Jen Dempsey Bernie Futscher

Ed Hartman Chris Yamanaka (incumbent)

SARA ANNUAL MEETING

by SARA Board of Directors, <u>sarabod @ sarci.org</u>

A SARA Pot Luck with food, fun and festivities will start at 18:30 on April 6 at the SARA House. The Annual Meeting will begin at 20:00, including elections. Elections for the SARA Board of Directors will be available on-line for early voting as well as in-person voting at the meeting.

The Awards Committee is looking for recommendations including Rescuer of the year and Administrative member of the year and Mentor of the year, including any highly embarrassing gag awards you can come up with. Please send your submissions to <u>private-saraawards @ sarci.org</u>.

We have been privileged with fantastic financial support from our community allowing us to lower our annual dues to \$20. We've also done away with the sliding late fees (rejoice!) to simplify payment but please, please make our poor treasurer's life simple by paying on time so he doesn't grow grey hair chasing down everyone's dues. (Oops, too late.)

More to follow soon!

SARA TRAINING: Helicopter Ingress/Egress

by Jim Holmes, jim.holmes @ sarci.org

SARA will be conducting an ingress/egress helicopter training with DPS Ranger at 09:00 on March 17. Our most common interaction with DPS Ranger is being inserted or retrieved in the back country and is one of the most hazardous activities a SARA member will experience. The purpose of this training is to provide familiarization with the procedures for getting in and out of a running helicopter safely in varied terrain.

Due to space limitations this training is for field qualified and active candidates / members only. Participation will be limited to 15 individuals and an RSVP is required at: http://whoozin.com/P94-H7N-3P3K

All training participants will need the following: long sleeve shirt and long pants, both of a fire-resistant variety (cotton or wool), a helmet, boots, gloves, eye and ear protection and your rescue pack. In addition, previous attendance at a DPS static helicopter training or the SALT static helicopter training is a mandatory prerequisite. Please email me with any questions.

SARA TRAINING: Tech Skills

by Jen Dempsey, jen.dempsey @ sarci.org

Evaluations for the Technical Skills Task Book may be done at the monthly general meeting or at any meeting, training, activity, or event to which the entire membership has been invited. This includes missions, although opportunities for sign-offs may be limited. A roster must be provided to Records with the names of all evaluators and of the Members being evaluated.

SARA TRAINING: March/April

by Jen Dempsey, jen.dempsey @ sarci.org

The March training will be a continuation of the personal rope skills from last June. This time the emphasis will be on rope-climbing using Purcell Prusiks, since we have introduced rappelling previously. Required equipment will be helmet, gloves, a commercially-sewn seat harness, a chest harness, webbing to connect those two, and several carabiners. You also need a set of Purcell Prusiks that is sized to you (a long and a medium foot Purcell Prusik and two regular short Prusiks).

Meet at 106 no later than 08:00 on Saturday, March 3.

The training for April will be a two-day class on swift water rescue, which will be taught by personnel from Rural/Metro. It will be on April 21-22; both days are required. Rendezvous location and time will be announced later. On completion of this class, you will be eligible for a Swiftwater I certification from the Arizona Center for Fire Service Excellence (ACFSE). The certification is \$25 (not reimbursed by SARA) and requires course registration with ACFSE; details will follow.

The first part of day one is classroom PPT. The remainder of the day is at the pool and consists of a 300-meter swim with a PFD (personal flotation device) AND a 300-meter swim without a PFD. You don't have to be an accomplished swimmer, but you must do this. The remainder of the pool session is treading water, entries, patient approach/escape, throw bags, etc.

Required equipment for the two-day training will be helmet, gloves, shoes or boots, and a PFD. SARA will supply a few PFDs from the truck equipment. You may rent or borrow a shorty wet/dry suit for the river portion of the class, since the water will be cold.

The class is limited to 18 people, and there is a Whoozin sign-up at http://whoozin.com/R64-7EH-DGOG. If more than 18 people respond, priority will be given to those Candidates or Rescuers who are field-qualified and who are currently active on missions.

Date

Vol/Hrs/ Problem

Location

Resources

Mission Hrs will now show total portal-to-portal times (not Rdvs). Mission times will now show Field IN/OUT times (not Rdvs).

Sat Jan 27 14/54/63yf hiker ankle injury Pima Canyon, Catalinas RMFD

13:40 – 16:20 A hiker injured her ankle about 1.5 miles up canyon. She was packaged and carried out by stokes.

Sun Jan 28 17/ 66/ 34ym hiker ankle injury TV Main Falls, Rincons TucsonRanger RMFD

13:55-15:40 A hiker injured his ankle at the Main Falls on a windy day. Tucson Ranger landed on the beach and ferried the patient to the road.

Tue Jan 30 7/ 19/ ??y? mtn bike down 50 Year Trail area, Catalinas GRFD

No field times A bike rider crashed just south of the Catalina State Park boundary, complaining about a hip and other injuries. A Golder Ranch UTV got close, and the patient was packaged and carried the short distance.

Sat Feb 03 20/ 77/ 36yf hiker leg injury Blackett's Ridge Trail, Catalinas RMFD

15:05 – 17:10 A hiker coming down-trail injured her ankle. She was carried by stokes to the trailhead.

Sun Feb 11 11/ 12/ ??yf hiker exhausted Sabino Lake Trail, Catalinas RMFD

No field times A hiker was exhausted and didn't know how to get down to the roadway from a parallel trail. It sounded like more assistance would be needed, but Rural Fire medics got down to the road easily.

Thu Feb 15 11/27/65ym runner stranded x7, Sabino Canyon, Catalinas RMFD

No field times A runner returning from the end of the road was caught by floodwater. He waded a couple of bridges, then was washed off the road and downstream until he was able to crawl onto a rock. Several other walkers were stranded elsewhere. All but the first one were retrieved, and he required assistance to wade out.

2018 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last 12 Mos
Missions	15	183	668	3.7	124
Trainings	28	247	976	4.0	180
Meetings	4	26	64	2.5	48
Public Relations	2	4	14	3.5	17
Special Events	7	78	724	9.3	23
Activities	16	67	330	4.9	109
TOTALS	72	605	2776	4.6	501

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SARCI Calendar – 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	Mar 01	Mar 02 SARA Meeting (19:30)	Mar 03 SARA Training Personal Rope Skills	Mar 04
Mar 05	Mar 06	Mar 07	Mar 08	Mar 09	Mar 10	Mar 11 Divers Training
Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14 SRDI Meetings (18:00)	Mar 15 SARA Board (1900)	Mar 16	Mar 17 SARA Training Helicopter Ingress/Egress	Mar 18
Mar 19	Mar 20 SAMSAR Meetings (18:00)	Mar 21	Mar 22 Posse Meeting (18:30)	Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25 Posse Gymkhana
Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 01
Apr 02	Apr 03	Apr 04 SRDI Meetings (18:00)	Apr 05	Apr 06 SARA Pot Luck and Annual Meeting (18:30)	Apr 07 SARA Training TBA	Apr 08 Divers Training
Apr 09	Apr 10	Apr 11	Apr 12	Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 15
Apr 16	Apr 17 SAMSAR Meetings (18:00)	Apr 18 SARCI Board (1930)	Apr 19 SARA Board (1900)	Apr 20	Apr 21 SARA Training Swift Water Rescue	Apr 22 SARA Training Swift Water Rescue
Apr 23	Apr 24	Apr 25	Apr 26 Posse Meeting (18:30)	Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29
Apr 30	May 01	May 02 SRDI Meetings (18:00)	May 03	May 04 SARA Meeting (19:30)	May 05 SARA Training TBA	May 06





SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL, INC.

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 4th 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

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