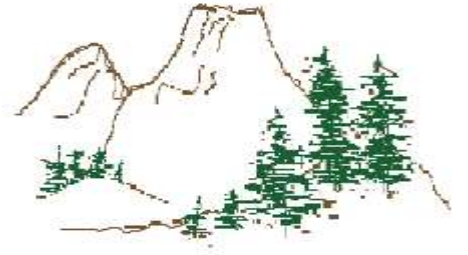


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## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

<http://www.sarci.org>

### SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

by SARNews, [sarcinewsletter @ sarci.org](mailto: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.

### SABINO CANYON PARKING

- With the new electric trams in Sabino, we will NOT be able to leave unattended vehicles at Tram Stop 9. Everyone will need to park at TS-8 and be shuttled to TS-9. The ONLY vehicles at TS-9 will be IC and Ops vehicles attended with drivers so they can move as the tram passes through.
- We are collecting photos for the “My ID” page on the response app (ERM). Photos can be sent to Records and there will be an opportunity to be ‘shot’ at the SARA general meeting. Guidelines: A head and shoulders shot like a passport. Plain light colored background. Wearing your uniform.

### DPS “Screamer Suit” REPLACED

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

DPS Air Rescue has replaced the Bauman “Screamer Suit” with the AVED “A-ved”, Ambulatory Victim Extrication Device from Priority 1 Air Rescue (<https://priority1airrescue.net>). The Screamer and AVED are very similar. Yates and CMC Pro offer similar devices, with very different prices. All of them are rated for up to 400 lb loads. Ms.Bauman has retired, so has the Screamer.

The AVED uses a Cobra quick-release buckle on the waist strap, rather than a plastic buckle. The middle strap (between the legs) is adjustable. Wearing and connecting the AVED to the short-haul line is very similar, but will normally use two carabiners.

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE MANAGER HELP

by Brooke Fawcett, [Brooke.Fawcett @ sarci.org](mailto:Brooke.Fawcett@sarci.org)

“If I’m at one area of the trail and my team mate is up trail from me, how far away is she really?”

“Does anyone know the weather up canyon from us right now?”

“When does my CPR expire?”

“How do I get in touch with another member in the group?”

Questions about how to use all these capabilities - and more - in ERM? Please don't hesitate to contact Brooke Fawcett! (Just open your ERM app, click Contacts, and type in her name.)

### SARCI MEDICAL TRAINING

by Josh Nelson, [josh.nelson @ sarci.org](mailto:josh.nelson@sarci.org)

Medical classes are available to members of all SARCI component groups. A listing of classes is included in the SARA section below.

**NOTE: EFFECTIVE 2020/01/01 AN ANNUAL BBP CLASS IS REQUIRED.**

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by John Longhofer, [divers @ sarci.org](mailto:divers@sarci.org)

### DIVERS CALENDAR

Jan 12 09:00 Sun

Altitude Dive Tables & FFM Annual

SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

Feb 09 09:00 Sun

Water Skills – Pool

TBA

In December, we conducted our annual refresher of Blood Borne Pathogens training and committee review of our SOP for revisions and updates.

In January, we will be doing our annual review of Altitude Diving Tables and Full Face Mask training. We also will be looking at our 2020 Training schedule and locations, and continue committee review of our SOP for revisions and updates at the SARA House.

In February, location is TBA – Water Skills Pool

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

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

### **CAP SQUADRON CALENDAR**

Sundays 15:30-18:00

**Golder Ranch Fire Station #380**

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: Robert McCord, [cap@sarci.org](mailto:cap@sarci.org)

Web site: <http://www.neotomasquadron.org>

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, [karen.paquette@sarci.org](mailto:karen.paquette@sarci.org)

### **SRDI CALENDAR**

Jan 05 07:00 Sun

**HRD L2, Air Scent**

Empire Ranch

Jan 08 18:00 Wed

**Monthly Meetings**

SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

Jan 18 07:00 Sat

**AS/HRD/TrackTrail**

Dead Horse Hill

Jan 22 18:00 Wed

**Urban Training**

Brandi Fenton Park

Feb 05 18:00 Wed

**Monthly Meetings**

SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

Welcome to our newest applicants, Simon Reifel and Alan Cranford!

Almost all of our Mission Qualified K9 teams have updated in-team certifications. Unfortunately, Archie has been diagnosed with anaplasmosis (tick illness) and valley fever and is on medical leave for the next two to three months.

SRDI was unable to send K9 teams to support the recent Tonto Valley search due to travel, work schedules, and illness. We grieve for the families' losses but are grateful that the child was located.

SRDI is busy planning our third Ann Christensen HRD workshops. Additionally, SRDI is responsible for planning the 2020 AZK9 SAR Conference. We've had the pleasure of training several times with Cochise County's K9 team. We've collaborated on HRD testing and tracking/trailing training.

One correction to last month's newsletter: K9 Hagar/Tracy are training in tracking/trailing and HRD. Our candidates are anxious for the upcoming SALT and medical training. We have a large number of candidate members and in-training dogs. SRDI has temporarily closed membership to allow proper time and attention for human and K9 training.

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 [K9@sarci2.org](mailto:K9@sarci2.org), or [Karen.Paquette@sarci.org](mailto:Karen.Paquette@sarci.org), or call Karen Paquette (275-2074). SRDI's monthly meeting is the first Wednesday of each month at the SARA House.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Ann Christensen Workshop

February 2020

Tucson, AZ

FACTS Advanced Seminar

March 2020

TX

AZK9 SARCON

April 2020

TBD

FIRS K9 Conference

May 2020

CO

FACTS Seminar

October 2020

TX

## SOUTHERN AZ MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Colleen Leon, [colleen.leon@sarci.org](mailto:colleen.leon@sarci.org)

### **SAMSAR CALENDAR**

Jan 21 18:00 Tue

**Board and General Meeting**

Forty Niner Country Club, 12000 E. Tanque Verde

The end of the year is here, call outs have been low. SAMSAR getting lots of interest for candidates. Upcoming training in the planning. Hope all have A Wonderful Holiday Season and a Great New Year!

See ya on the trail!



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**SARA CALENDAR**

<u>Jan 03</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	<b>SARA General Meeting</b>	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Jan 04</u>	<u>08:00 Sat</u>	<b>SARA Training: Tracking</b>	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Jan 07</u>	<u>19:00 Tue</u>	<b>SARA Recruitment/Orientation 2</b>	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Jan 11</u>	<u>08:00 Sat</u>	<b>Personal Rope Skills</b>	Rillito River Linear Park
<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>19:00 Thur</u>	<b>SARA Board Meeting</b>	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Feb 07</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	<b>SARA General Meeting</b>	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

**SARA BOARD**

*by Joe Barr, Secretary, [joe.barr @ sarci.org](mailto:joe.barr@sarci.org)*

(At the top of this issue are notes about missions at the top of the Sabino Canyon Road, and photographs for the Response App (EMR))

SARA Policy Section I.F.5 has been revised to extend the OEC sunset date to July 01, 2020.

**SARA TRAINING**

*by Dale Mann, [dale.mann @ sarci.org](mailto:dale.mann@sarci.org)*

The monthly training for January will be on tracking. It will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2020, at the SARA House. The training will start at 1600 (4:00 pm) with a short classroom session; then there will be exercises outside for tracking in daylight and at night. No rescue packs are needed, but bring snacks, water, lights, and a notebook. Expect the training to last until around 2000 (8:00 pm). This is an important training for all members, not just for Candidates needing orange card sign-offs.

Looking ahead, the February training will be on winter skills (assuming we have winter somewhere close by), and the March training will be medical scenarios.

**PERSONAL ROPE SKILLS**

*by Galen Dara, [galen.dara @ sarci.org](mailto:galen.dara@sarci.org)*

We'll be doing a Personal Rope Skills day on Saturday, January 11th at 08:00. We'll meet in the parking area at Rillito River Linear Park on Craycroft just south of River Road and use the pedestrian bridge there for practice.

Ropes will be set up for rappelling and ascending practice (including a long rope on belay for anyone wanting extended ascending practice while never getting more than a few feet off the ground.)

For January I'll demonstrate how to rappel off a Munter hitch (and how to tie it off with a mule hitch) and would encourage everyone to give it a try. (You never know when you'll find yourself a hundred feet off the ground having just dropped your fancy descending device.) To rappel on a Munter hitch a large pear-shaped HMS locking carabiner is recommended. Most of you may already have one but if not, something like this one will suffice:

<https://www.rei.com/product/100231/trango-regulock-hms-screwlock-carabiner>

(And I have several I can lend.)

Please fill out the Whoozin so I can get an idea of how many ropes to set up.

<https://whoozin.com/AGG-EGU-R4DP-QQ4V>

If there is a specific sign-off you need (or skill you want to practice) let me know in the Whoozin comments or email me directly and we'll try to accommodate.

Lastly, a reminder that applications to become a technician are due January 1st 2020. (The next application cycle deadline is July 1st, 2020.) To be considered you must be a field qualified orange shirt with operations level certification. Some on-rope experience is also helpful. The application is filled out online: you can find that link on the SARA-DOCUMENTS page: <http://sarci.org/sara-documents/>

**OEC CORNER**

*by John Gorski, [john.gorski @ sarci.org](mailto:john.gorski@sarci.org)*

The upcoming OEC refreshers for 2020, will be held on Sunday July 19th and Saturday August 15th, 2020. We will also be using the hybrid format for the OEC refreshers. This includes: 1) OEC workbook; 2) on-line portion; and 3) hands-on portion.

**SARA MEDICAL TRAINING**

*by Josh Nelson, [josh.nelson @ sarci.org](mailto:josh.nelson@sarci.org)*

Below are the medical training courses currently being offered by the SARA Medical Committee. These training are open to members of all SARCI component groups plus the Caver SMEs. Advanced registration via Whoozin is required for all classes to ensure sufficient instructors / materials. If sufficient registrations are not received by one week prior to the class, it may be subject to cancellation. All training will be held at the SARA House.

**Wilderness Emergency Medical Responder (WEMR)** Dates for the upcoming WEMR class are TBD but will not occur until after the Spring SALT class. Classes will be on Tuesday/Thursday evenings from 18:00 - 22:00 every week with two all-day Saturday classes (dates TBD). Registration will be open once the dates are finalized. The cost of the class will be identical to the 2019 WEMR class at \$275 per person, with \$75 being returned to the student upon successfully passing the NREMT EMR exam. Registration fees includes the course book and course specific materials.

Date	Vol/Hrs/ Problem	Location	Resources
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**Mission Hrs now show total portal-to-portal times (not Rdvs). Mission times now show Field IN/OUT times (not Rdvs).**

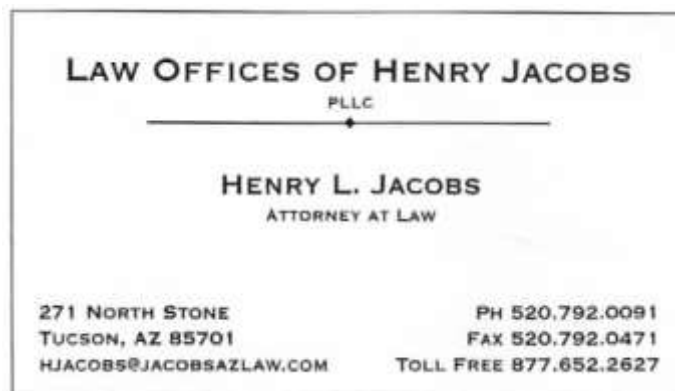
- Sun Dec 01** 9/ 72/ **2 hikers overdue** **Finger Rock, Pima Canyons** **Sheriff1**  
 01:20 – 10:10 Two hikers started late going up Finger Rock Trail and were coming down Pima Canyon when they ran out of daylight. Their cellphone batteries were very low and they didn't have any other light. They got off trail at the crossing below the spring, and became cliffed out. A friend reported them overdue, their vehicles were located at both trailheads, and teams headed up both trails. Sheriff1 spotted a light high in Pima, and the Hasty Team found the hikers. One had only sunglasses, and could not see without them, so the team waited a couple of hours until sunrise. All hiked out without problems.
- Wed Dec 11** 7/ 98/ **Mutual aid** **Tonto Creek**  
 9:15 – 15:00 A family of nine were caught crossing a flooded wash on Nov 29. A 6-year-old girl was still missing.
- Thur Dec 12** 7/ 92/ **Mutual aid** **Tonto Creek**  
 8:50 – 14:45 A family of nine were caught crossing a flooded wash on Nov 29. A 6-year-old girl was still missing. She was found further downstream on Dec 13.
- Sat Dec 14** 10/ 39/ **??ym hiker overdue** **Sabino Canyon, Catalinas** **Ranger52**  
 18:00 – 20:50 A male was hiking from Mt.Lemmon to Sabino Visitors Center and got off trail, probably at Pine Creek Crossing. He continued downstream before stopping at dark. Tucson Ranger spotted him as teams were heading up from Tram Stop 9. The Hasty Team made voice contact from the trail, then dropped in and retrieved the hiker.
- Sat Dec 14** 14/ 121/ **53yf hiker lost** **Pima Canyon, Catalinas** **Survey Sheriff Ranger Raven**  
 20:25 – 5:15 A woman hiked up Pima Canyon, turning around without reaching the summit. She was unable to follow the trail beyond the crossing below the spring. The Hasty Team found her near where the pair of hikers a couple of weeks ago were found.
- Sun Dec 22** 6/ 30/ **Two hikers lost** **Finger Rock, Catalinas**  
 14:15 – 17:30 Two hikers were lost near Finger Rock. They hiked to Kimball, then down the ridge towards Finger Rock. They called for help from the east side of the Guardian at about the level of the saddle between Guardian and Kimball. They were talked towards the social trail, then down Finger Rock Trail (that they didn't recognize). They walked out from the Overlook with teams.
- Sun Dec 22** 6/ 19/ **??yf hiker exhausted** **Pima Canyon, Catalinas** **Sheriff1**  
*No field times* Two hikers were hiking up Pima Canyon and approaching Kimball when one felt that an old injury was affecting her and that she would not be able to continue. Sheriff1 hoisted both hikers to the trailhead.
- Mon Dec 23** 15/ 52/ **54yf knee injury** **Bear Canyon x7, Catalinas** **RMFD**  
 15:40 – 17:55 One of a group returning from 7 Falls tripped and injured her forehead and a knee. She was assisted to crossing 7 before stopping and waiting for help. A RMFD team reached the group and after a checkup she felt that she could walk slowly. She tried a horse ride, but didn't get far, and she walked to the trailhead.

2019 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last 12 Mos
<b>Missions</b>	107	1149	5374	4.7	105
<b>Trainings</b>	215	2105	9524	4.5	174
<b>Meetings</b>	74	652	1591	2.4	70
<b>Public Relations</b>	15	56	216	3.9	31
<b>Special Events</b>	12	108	1163	10.8	15
<b>Activities</b>	114	465	2385	5.1	114
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>4535</b>	<b>20253</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>509</b>

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## SARCI Calendar–2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Dec 30	Dec 31 <b>NEW YEARS EVE</b>	Jan 01 <b>NEW YEARS DAY</b>	Jan 02	Jan 03 <b>SARA Meeting</b> (19:30)	Jan 04 SARA Training Tracking	Jan 05 SRDI Training
Jan 06	Jan 07 SARA Recruitment Orientation (19:00)	Jan 08 <b>SRDI Meetings</b> (18:00)	Jan 09	Jan 10	Jan 11 SARA Training Personal Rope Skills	Jan 12 Diver's Training
Jan 13	Jan 14	Jan 15 <b>SARCI Board</b> (19:30)	Jan 16 <b>SARA Board</b> (19:00)	Jan 17	Jan 18 SRDI Training	Jan 19
Jan 20	Jan 21 <b>SAMSAR Meetings</b> (18:00)	Jan 22 SRDI Training	Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 25	Jan 26
Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	Feb 01	Feb 02
Feb 03	Feb 04	Feb 05 <b>SRDI Meetings</b> (18:00)	Feb 06	Feb 07 <b>SARA Meeting</b> (19:30)	Feb 08 SARA Training Winter Skills	Feb 09 Diver's Training
Feb 10	Feb 11	Feb 12	Feb 13	Feb 14	Feb 15 24HOP	Feb 16 24HOP
Feb 17	Feb 18 <b>SAMSAR Meetings</b> (18:00)	Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23
Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	Feb 29	Mar 01



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**SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL, INC.**

P.O.Box 44231, Tucson AZ 85733

Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun 09:00, 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**

P.O.Box 64120, Tucson AZ 85728-4120

Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 19:00, SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd.

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