

SARCI MEDICAL TRAINING

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

SARCI ROSTERS DURING COVID-19

Rosters are appropriate and requested for on-line activities, including meetings and training sessions. A simple list of names and in/out times are sufficient (send the lists to Records). Bonus points are available for anyone who adds that information to a copy of the file "SARCI_Mission_Response_Log_Data_Entry" available on the SARCI data page (normal login needed):

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http://www.sarci2.org/data/SARCI Mission Response Log Data Entry 201810.xlsx

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 2020

SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

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. During COVID-19, these meetings are being held on-line. Ask if you are interested in "attending".

SABINO CANYON PARKING

With the new electric trams in Sabino, we will NOT be able to leave unattended vehicles at Tram Stop 9. During hours of Canyon Crawler operation, 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.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE MANAGER PHOTOS

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 (when physical meetings are held). Guidelines: A head and shoulders shot like a passport. Plain light colored background. Wearing your uniform.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE MANAGER HELP

"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?"

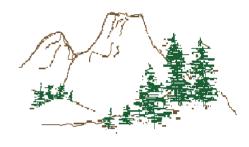
"When does my CPR expire?"

"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.)



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NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

CAP SQUADRON CALENDAR

Golder Ranch Fire Station #380 Sundays 15:30-18:00

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 Web site: *http://www.neotomasquadron.org*

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

SRDI CALENDAR Sep 02 18:30 Wed

Monthly Meetings

We will discuss scheduling a whole team training in September. SRDI Members continue training in sub-groups of 3-4 people, and each group is working to advance Candidate skills toward Mission Ready qualifications. SRDI Board of Directors will discuss steps toward re-opening membership opportunities.

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 @ sarci.org, or 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

FACTS Advanced Seminar	October 3-5 2020	TX
FACTS Basic Seminar	November 6-8 2020	TX
AZK9 SARCON	TBA	TBA
Ann Christensen Workshop	Feb 2021	Tucson, AZ

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

DIVERS CALENDAR

<u>Sep 13</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Diver's Training Suspended
<u>Oct 11</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Diver's Training

Possible online DIVERS Board meeting Planned for Lakeside, conditions permitting

August, we continued our suspension of training and practiced social distancing. We may hold an online Divers Board of Directors meeting to discuss future trainings plans.

October's training remains tentative, plan for Lakeside.

VERIFY THAT EACH IN-PERSON ACTIVITY WILL BE HELD WHERE SCHEDULED



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On-line. Teams

SOUTHERN AZ MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

SAMSAR CALENDAR Sep 15 18:00 Tue

Board and General Meeting

Forty Niner Country Club, 12000 E. Tanque Verde

SAMSAR is sad for the loss of an incredible member, retired, Larry Caugh, who lost his battle with cancer. Larry had over 20 years of SAR experience with the posse and later, SAMSAR. He was great hand with mules and horses, assisting with PCSD candidate hikes as well as SARA candidate training. He was a wonderful mentor to many, taught us all with his humor and diplomacy. Anyone wishing to send a card, feel free to text me 520-990-7499 or email me for the address to his widow. RIP Larry! RIDE THAT MULE!

A SARA Candidate Orientation with horses has been rescheduled for November. SAMSAR has MANY members out of state, lots of horse lameness going on! This heat is brutal! Hoping for some normalcy soon.

See ya on the trail!

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA CALENDAR

Sep 04 19:30 Fri SARA General Meeting	
Sep 1208:00 SatSARA Training – Technical R	lope
Sep 17 19:00 Thur SARA Board Meeting	
Oct 02 19:30 Fri SARA General Meeting	

SARA House. On-line Rillito River Linear Park (Craycroft/River) SARA House, On-line SARA House, On-line

by Sean Fawcett, Sean.Fawcett@sarci.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – COVID-19 DIRECTION

On March 20 the board directed that SARA suspend all activities except missions. And on May 15 the board continued the suspension of indoor activities not related to missions. Information now available shows that the COVID-19 risk has not declined as expected. The need to avoid exposure to rescue personnel and equipment remains at a heightened level.

The Board directs that SARA continue to suspend all indoor activities not related to missions (trainings, meetings, etc.) until further notice. Outdoor training and activities may continue with careful adherence to CDC guidelines for mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

We as an organization must protect our members (teammates), our equipment, the public we serve, and all those we contact by wearing masks. The Board expects all participants in any organized SARA activity to use a mask whenever possible, adhere to social distancing recommendations, frequently disinfect equipment, and frequently wash/sanitize hands. More specific SARA COVID-19 Guidelines were published by the SARA Medical Chairs (via Amy) on May 15 and will be updated monthly. SARA Members need to be aware of and adhere to these guidelines.

No member may attend any SARA activity if they have any symptoms of COVID-19. This can include fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, body aches, or loss of taste or smell. If a member develops any symptoms, he or she may not return to training or calls until at least 10 days after the onset of symptoms AND at least 3 days (72 hrs) without fever (without the use of fever-reducing medications) and an overall reduction in symptom severity.

Due to the potential impact of this directive on re-certification opportunities, SARA will extend the freeze on fieldqualification (FQ) status through November 30, 2020. During this time, a field qualified member with an expiring FQrequired certification will remain eligible for deployment in the field, upon approval by the mission IC, but will need to address any expired certs by November 30.

The Board will continue to monitor developments, and update this directive at least monthly. Exceptions to this policy will be subject to Board approval. Please let me know if you have any questions.

SARA BOARD - UNIFORM SHIRTS

by Joe Barr, Secretary, joe.barr@sarci.org

SARA Members are reminded that SARA has budgeted to provide uniform shirts. Please check with the SARA Store for details. While meetings are suspended, send your requests for information to <u>Records @ sarci.org</u>.

- 1. The blue dress shirt embroidered with your name and the SARA logo is available for members that interface with the public.
- 2. Recognized field uniform shirts are available to active Rescuer, Candidate and Basic members. You may qualify if you have not had one issued, or yours is showing the wear of many missions. Recognized shirts generally include:
 - T-Shirts stocked in SARA Store
 - Orange button down shirts with embroidered name and SARA logo
 - Orange 'Tru-Spec' military style shirts with Velcro name and SARA logo

SARA@sarci.org

RESPONSES DURING COVID TIMES

During this time of COVID-19 and social distancing, there is a modification to the standard response to a request for a mission. While typically when a request for a mission is put out, we allow all members who respond to attend the mission, some items will change now that we are in COVID time.

For missions that do not require a large number of responders, the deputy requesting the alert will work with the SARA member putting out the page to come to a number that is reasonable for the mission. For example the search at Pima Canyon the other night would probably been limited to 3 field people and an Ops vehicle. It is understood that not all missions have the required info up front to determine the number of responders needed.

In the case where additional resources are needed, a page requesting additional assistance will be put out. If the request is for 3 people, the desire is not to have the first 3 people that respond, but that the responses be the first 3 that are in close location to the rendezvous.

If no number is specified in the alert, it is assumed to be a normal call for any available resources.

Before responding, you can check the list of responders to see how many people have already responded.

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

The SARA Policy document was updated effective Aug 20, 2020. A copy is available on SARA Documents.

Changes of note:

- By 1/1/21 Rescuers are required to have an NrEMR or Arizona EMCT (EMT-Paramedic) or Arizona Medical License. There are bridge courses being offered for those holding WFR or OEC to obtain NrEMR.
- Rescuers are required to obtain 8 hrs of continuing medical education (CME) every 2 years covering wilderness related care topics. Wilderness related CMEs will be identified or offered by MTSC. Those maintaining current WEMR, WFR or OEC certifications are deemed to meet this requirement.

Another change to SARA Policy is being reviewed, which would recognize active members as having paid their annual dues. Details at the Sept Board meeting.

The Board's COVID Directives Update continues to exclude indoor, in-person meetings and trainings except by Board approved exemption. As a result the Field Qualification Freeze (Those Field Qualified on March 19 or later can continue to respond with an expired cert) is extended through the end of November. If you have questions about this please contact *Records@sarci.org*.

MRA CORNER

by John Bechman, john_bechman@sarci.org

The MRA would like a PIO for each region. This person will be the point of contact for all SAR activities in the region. This includes all of Arizona and Las Vegas. This assignment may require travel to, participation in and knowledge of all emergency activities in the Southwest Desert Regional SAR. Training will be provided to candidates. If you are interested please contact John Bechman and include pertinent qualifications and curriculum vitae.

SARA has received MRA Member Cards for 2020-2021. These were provided in one PDF file, so if you need a copy of your card, ask Records.

OEC CORNER

by John Gorski, john.gorski@sarci.org

This year's OEC refresher will be held online. NSP has combined the hands-on portion with next years Cycle B refresher. OEC 6 Cycle A refresher is starting on August 01 and is to be completed by October 31, 2020.

Please follow ALL the instructional below to receive credit for Cycle A refresher.

Enroll in NSP Course # F801200001. Go to NSP.org, enter this course number into the course schedule and follow the prompts through to completion. You will get an email when you have successfully enrolled.

Go to the NSP Online Learning (NSP.org > Member Resources >Online Learning > Click Here to Enter the Online Learning System > Courses > 2020 OEC Refresher A Online Module & workbook)

Complete the course. Print the completion certificate as a pdf file or JPEG and save it to your computer.

At the same time, scan a signed copy of the Refresher Evaluation Form (page 31) from your workbook that was received in the mail, and save it as a PDF file.

Send the completion certificate along with a scanned copy of your Refresher Evaluation Form (page 31) as an email attachment to me at *john.gorski@sarci.org*.

by SARA Secretary, joe.barr@sarci.org

SARA MONTHLY TRAINING

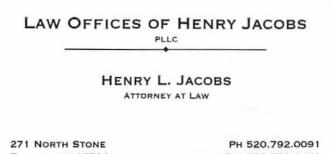
by Justin Peterson, justin.peterson @ sarci.org

September's monthly training will focus on technical rope rescue systems, and is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 12 from 08:00-14:00 at the pedestrian bridge at River & Craycroft. At least one station will be set for **all sign-offs** for Awareness and Operations, while another station will be set for **rigging-only sign-offs** for Technicians; a rescue truck will be present for the training. This particular training is scheduled later than usual to accommodate for potential absences over Labor Day weekend. Remember to bring the usual loadout of full rescue packs, snacks, and plenty of water, as well as sun protection. I especially want to encourage both current and former Technicians to join us for this training to help coach and encourage everyone in developing their rope rescue skills.

Parking is tight at this location – if feasible, consider carpooling. We have permission to park in the PCSD-marked areas, which are indicated in the image below. Our preference is to stack vehicles in parking area #3. It would be prudent to have SARA stickers visible on vehicles - alternatives, such as an extra SARA shirt on the dashboard, will suffice. For parking area #4, please keep at least one space available for PCSD use.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact myself, Galen Smith, or Brent Olivas. Look forward to seeing you there!







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SARA MEDICAL TRAINING

Below is the medical training currently being offered by the SARA Medical Committee. These trainings are open to members of all SARCI component groups. Where space is available, Caver SMEs are welcome. Members can register for the sessions by following the links provided or by emailing me directly. The sessions will be offered at the SARA House so long as current CDC, county, city, and SARA policies are able to be followed. We understand the situation is ever changing due to the COVID-19 pandemic and we will do our best to communicate cancellations or changes in the format in which the courses will be offered (limited class sizes, outdoors, online, etc). We want to do our best to make the most responsible decisions.

Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR): The sessions below will be offered for AHA Basic Life Support Provider certification. Participants are required to bring their own ventilation barrier device (mask or shield). The course is \$5.00 to cover the AHA fee for issuing your CPR card. This will be payable to the instructor via cash or check made out to "Southern Arizona Rescue Association".

Session 3: Sept 01, Tues (18:00-22:00) Session 4: Sept 19, Sat (08:00-12:00) Registration: <u>https://forms.gle/ZV5Ckepyqav3TukJ9</u>

Wilderness First Aid (WFA): The following session is scheduled. There are no fees or required materials for this course. Weekday sessions will be held from 18:30 - 22:00 and Weekend sessions from 08:00 - 17:00.

No WFA classes are currently scheduled

Blood Borne Pathogens (BBP): It is an AZ state requirement that all search and rescue volunteers take an OSHA BBP class once per year. Eventually members will be able to take this online on the SARA website, but until this system is available we will continue offering in-person classes. (An on-line refresher BBP class is available using links recently emailed to SARA Members)

No BBP classes are currently scheduled (SARA members can use the on-line refresher through our insurance)

Naloxone Administration: Due to the nation-wide opioid crisis, the State of Arizona recommends all first responders be trained in the administration of Naloxone. SARA offers this optional training to all SARCI members free of charge. To remain current it is recommended rescuers re-take this training once every two years.

No Naloxone classes are currently scheduled

Wilderness Emergency Medical Responder (WEMR): The fall WEMR class will run from Tues Sep 08 to Sat Nov 07. Classes will be every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 18:30-22:00 with four Saturday classes from 08:00-17:00 on Sept 26, Oct 10, Oct 24 and Nov 07. Upon completion of this course and the national registry examination you will obtain your NR-EMR certification and wilderness component required of a SARA field qualified rescuer.

The cost of the class will be \$275 per person, paid by check made out to "Southern Arizona Rescue Association". Registration fees include the course book, medical supplies and other course specific materials, and voucher for the NR-EMR exam.

Registration: <u>https://forms.gle/7eCKhcsUV1kddyvu6</u>

OEC to EMR Bridge course: Upon completion of this 16-hour course you will be eligible to take the National Registry exam to obtain your NR-EMR certification. Prerequisite: a current OEC or WFR certification. Class may be cancelled if a minimum registration is not met one week prior to the session date.

 3.Sept 08, Tues:18:00-22:00
 Sept 10, Thur:18:00-22:00
 Sept 12, Sat: 08:00-17:00

 4.Nov 17, Tues:18:00-22:00
 Nov 19, Thur:18:00-22:00
 Nov 21, Sat: 08:00-17:00

 Registration:
 https://forms.gle/2G4fq5JdiPqw7kTt8

If you have any questions or concerns please send them to the Medical Committee at saramedical @ sarci.org

CALLOUT	<u>REVIE</u>	<u>NS</u>			by Mykl	e Raymond, <u>SAI</u>	<u>RCInewsletter</u>	r@sarci.org
Date	<u>Vol/H</u>	rs/ Problem		Location		Re	sources	
Mission Hr	<u>s</u> now s	how total port	al-to-portal times	. Mission time	es now show Fiel	d IN/OUT tin	nes.	
Sat July 11	16/ 4	40/ 60ym hike	er head injury Ag	gua Caliente T	rail, Catalinas	Sheriff1 RN	<i>AFD</i>	
07:40 - 09:0	05 A I	niker tripped a	and hit his head,	then became l	ess oriented whi	le continuing	down trail	and having
problems w	alking.	SAR teams me	t him about a mile	up trail. Sheri	ff1 hoisted him to	Tanque Verde	e Elementar	v School.

 Sat July 11
 12/
 84/
 45ym missing
 Madera Canyon, Santa Ritas
 Sheriff1 SantaCruzSO

 11:20 – 15:30
 A male reported his companion missing in Madera Canyon, not equipped for hiking and wearing flip-flops. Teams covered the Bog Spring and Kent Spring Trails, and several nearby drainages with nothing found.

Sun July 1214/92/45ym missingMadera Canyon, Santa RitasSantaCruzSO10:40 - 14:20Continuation of search, shifting to the Carrie Nation drainage near the upper trailheads. Several drainageswere covered, and other evidence checked and documented. The investigative search continues with SantaCruzSO.

Sun July 2613/45/30yf hiker exhaustedLower TV Canyon, RinconsSheriff110:00 - 12:10A hiker was able to walk downstream to the SARA Trail, but unable to hike up.She was hoisted.

Fri Aug 0715/29/90yf walkaway7141 E GambelSurvey1 SAV14:15 - 15:30A female with alzheimers walked away from a care home.Teams searched open areas in the
neighborhood. Survey spotted a subject matching the description sitting in the sun in a back yard further down the same
street, and she was retrieved.

Sun Aug 09 <u>5/</u> <u>13/</u> 38yf ankle injury Lower TV Canyon Trail, Rincons RMFD

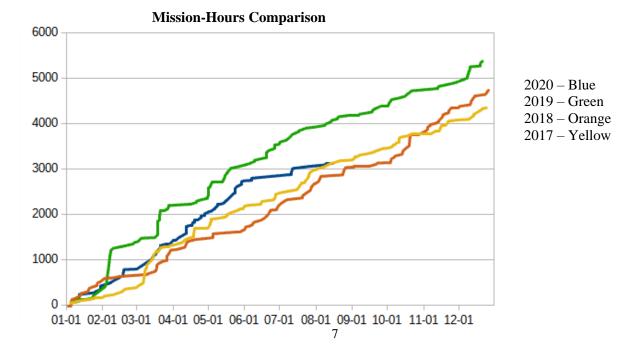
07:35 – 08:20 Assist fire crews carrying a patient up the SARA Trail.

Mon Aug 10 <u>10</u>/ <u>21</u>/ <u>22?ym hikers exhausted Tanque Verde Ridge Trail, RinconsNPS RVFD</u> 17:00 – 17:35 Hikers became exhausted about 2 miles up trail. They were assisted down trail by fire and SAR teams.

Sun Aug 167/8/50ym exhaustedGates Pass, Tucson MtnsPRFDNo field timesA person became exhausted and was assisted by fire crews prior to SAR team arrival.

2020 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last 12 Mos
Missions	69	819	3123	3.8	102
Trainings	68	855	3715	4.3	132
Meetings	34	421	957	2.3	62
Public Relations	0	0	0	0	2
Special Events	3	42	567	13.5	7
Activities	59	245	1240	5.1	93
TOTALS	233	2382	9602	4.0	398

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SARCI Calendar-2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Aug 31	Sep 01	Sep 02	Sep 03	Sep 04	Sep 05	Sep 06
	CPR Class (18:00-22:00)	SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:00)		SARA Meeting (On-line: 19:30)		
Sep 07 LABOR DAY	Sep 08 OEC to EMR (18:00 – 22:00) WEMR Class (18:30 – 22:00)	Sep 09	Sep 10 OEC to EMR (18:00 – 22:00) WEMR Class (18:30 – 22:00)	Sep 11	<i>Sep 12</i> SARA Training (08:00 – 14:00) OEC to EMR (08:00 – 17:00)	Sep 13 Diver's Training (On-line: 09:00)
Sep 14	<i>Sep 15</i> SAMSAR Meetings (18:00) WEMR Class (18:30 – 22:00)	Sep 16	Sep 17 SARA Board (On-line: 19:00) WEMR Class (18:30 – 22:00)	Sep 18	Sep 19 CPR Class (08:00 – 12:00)	Sep 20
Sep 21	Sep 22	Sep 23	Sep 24	Sep 25	Sep 26	Sep 27
	WEMR Class (18:30 – 22:00)		WEMR Class (18:30 – 22:00)		WEMR Class (08:00 – 17:00)	
Sep 28	Sep 29	Sep 30	Oct 01	Oct 02	Oct 03	Oct 04
	WEMR Class (18:30 – 22:00)		WEMR Class (18:30 – 22:00)	SARA Meeting (On-line: 19:30)	SARA Training TV Canyon Orientation	
Oct 05	Oct 06	Oct 07	Oct 08	Oct 09	Oct 10 SARA Tech Skills	Oct 11
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Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 01
	WEMR Class (18:30 – 22:00)		WEMR Class (08:00 – 17:00)		OEC Refreshers due	
Nov 02	Nov 03	Nov 04	Nov 05	Nov 06	Nov 07	Nov 08
	WEMR Class (18:30 – 22:00)	SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:00)	WEMR Class (08:00 – 17:00)	SARA Meeting (On-line: 19:30)	SARA Training EMR Field Day	Diver's Training (09:00)

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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.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE Details inside.

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Meet 1st Fri 19:30, SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS

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