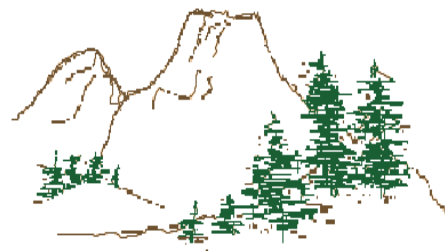




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SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

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. 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. SPEED LIMIT 15 MPH

SARCI ROSTERS DURING COVID-19

by SARCI Records, records@sarci.org

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" (use normal login):

http://www.sarci2.org/data/SARCI_Mission_Response_Log_Data_Entry_201810.xlsx

SARCI MEDICAL TRAINING

by Cory Szach, cory.szach@sarci.org

Medical classes are available to members of all SARCI component groups. A listing of classes is included in the SARA section below. Additional listings may be listed in the Divers section.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE MANAGER HELP

by Brooke Fawcett, Brooke.Fawcett@sarci.org

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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2022 ARIZONA SAR CONFERENCE, Heber Arizona

by Jeremy Ramirez, PCSD

Cancellation and close dates will be 10 days before the start of the K9 conference.

K9 Conference

Wednesday April 20 – Friday April 22. Check in starts Tuesday April 19 at 15:00. Fee is TBD.

This years K9 conference is on Pima, so details will change as they are determined.

SARCON

Friday April 22 – Sunday April 24 at noon. Check in starts Thursday April 21 at 13:00.

The SARCON registration fee is the same at \$65 plus the pass-thru RSVPBook and PayPal fees. Camp fees for food and lodging may be the same: \$7/day for walk in, tent, dry camp, RV. \$11 or \$16 per night depending on the dorm area. Breakfast \$5.50, lunch \$6.50, dinner \$8.00, and steak dinner \$17.50.

We have an outline of required classes to fulfill the task books and a list of wanted classes. SARA will again be asked to present low angle 4 hour classes. I believe we will waive, at the minimum, registration for 2 instructors per course.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, karen.paquette@sarci.org

SRDI CALENDAR

Jan 05 18:00 Wed

Monthly Meetings

On-line TEAMS

Ann Christensen has agreed to present her HRD workshop here in Tucson in February.

SRDI is honored to be the organizing team for the K9 track of the AZ SARCON in April, 2022 (AZK9 SARCON April 20-22, 2022; AZ SARCON April 22-24, 2022). Stacey Thomas, SRDI Member and UA Veterinary School Cohort 1, will be presenting a K9 First Aid class for the benefit of all AZ dog handlers.

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](mailto:K9@sarci.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

AZK9 SARCON

April 2022

Heber, AZ

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by John Longhofer, divers@sarci.org

DIVERS CALENDAR

Jan 09 09:00 Sun

Altitude Dive Tables

SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

Feb 13 09:00 Sun

DAN O₂ Provider & Dry Session

SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

In December, we inspected and serviced our team air blocks and gear. In January, we plan to conduct our annual review of Altitude Diving Tables.

A Blood Borne Pathogens course was due by the Dec 12 meeting. Here's the link: [SARCI BBP Presentation](#)

Your sarci.org credentials are required

You MUST click on the PRESENT button in the upper right corner.

(If you don't hear George Simons narrating, you are not presenting as required.)

If you have problems, contact Records@sarci.org

In February, we will conduct a DAN O₂ Provider and Equipment maintenance and dry training skills.

SOUTHERN AZ MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Colleen Leon, colleen.leon@sarci.org

SAMSAR CALENDAR

Jan 18 18:00 Tue

Board and General Meeting

Forty Niner Country Club, 12000 E. Tanque Verde

Colder weather is here, riding is ramping up. This past summer has been tough on our members and equine. Hoping for a better 2022.

6th Annual Veterinarian's Symposium coming up on January 22nd. SAMSAR has been asked to give a demonstration on who and what we are and what we do. Thanks to our incredible component group SARA we will be providing a demonstration / training presentation for symposium audience and get some training in for SARA yellow shirts! Once again SARA steps up and comes through! Thank you SARA!

SAMSAR now has three members trained to drive and assist with SARA trucks. Looking to get some more going.

Trying to get some more training going early this coming year, Stay tuned!

See ya on the trail!

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by LtCol Robert McCord, 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

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA@sarci.org

SARA CALENDAR

Jan 07 19:30 Fri
Jan 08 18:00 Sat
Jan 10 19:00 Mon
Jan 12 18:00 Wed
Jan 15 08:00 Sat
Jan 17 19:00 Mon
Jan 20 19:00 Thu
Jan 24 19:00 Mon
Feb 04 19:30 Fri

SARA General Meeting
SARA Training: Tracking
IMT Workshop I
Tech: Rigging Session
Tech: Litter Scoop Exercise
IMT Workshop II
SARA Board Meeting
IMT Workshop III
SARA General Meeting

SARA House, Hybrid (see below)
SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
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Three Bridges, Old Benson Hwy
SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
SARA House, Hybrid (see below)
SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
SARA House, Hybrid (see below)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

by SARA BoD, SARABoD@sarci.org

General Monthly meetings will be held using a hybrid format. They will still be available virtually with the same Teams link as in the past but will also be held at the SARA House in person.

SARA MONTHLY TRAINING: TRACKING

by Justin Peterson, justin.peterson@sarci.org

Tracking training will be held Saturday EVENING, 18:00 – 21:00 at the SARA House. Bring full rescue packs, especially handheld light sources.

SARA TECHNICAL TRAINING

by Galen Smith, galen.smith@sarci.org

Here is a brief outline of the upcoming taskbook sign-off opportunities over the next couple of months so you can make plans to get the sign offs you need to stay field qualified:

Jan 12, Wed 18:00 – 21:00. Rigging session, SARA House. Taskbook sign-offs for Awareness, Operations, Technicians.

Jan 15, Sat 08:00 – 14:00. Location: Three Bridges. Technician Level Litter Scoop field exercise. Taskbook sign-offs for Awareness, Operations, Technicians.

Feb 16, Wed 18:00 to 22:00 technician level training at the PCSD Tower. Taskbook sign-offs for Awareness, Operations, Technicians.

As always, stay tuned to emails for updated information about these trainings and feel free to reach out with any questions.

SARA INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM WORKSHOPS

by John Perchorowicz, john.perchorowicz@sarci.org

The SARA Incident Management Team (IMT) Support Group is offering a series of search management workshops designed to introduce you to basic concepts of search management and some of the tools used in the course of a search operation. Workshops will be held over three consecutive Mondays in January at the SARA House from 19:00-21:00.

Workshop I, January 10: Initial Response, Initial Response Organizer Software, Introduction to Win CASIE III (WC3) Software and Search Theory

Workshop II, January 17: Search Theory (cont'd.), Win CASIE III Software and Exercises

Workshop III, January 24: Introduction to SARTopo Mapping Program

These introductory sessions are for anyone interested in learning more about search management, mapping, and the different roles and responsibilities of an Incident Management Team. Students should bring a current/updated Windows laptop and charger to the course; we will assist with the installation of any necessary software.

COVID-19 precautions will be followed as appropriate and changing conditions may impact our ability to offer these sessions in person. At this time a hybrid Teams option is NOT being offered.

Register here: [IMT Workshop Registration](#)

Contact Chris Yamanaka, chris.yamanaka@sarci.org, or the SARA IMT, sara_imt@sarci.org, with any questions.

OEC CORNER

by Mona Johnson, mona.johnson@sarci.org

The dates for the 2022 OEC Cycle C Refresher are:

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Saturday, October 15, 2022

We are currently evaluating both the in person only and hybrid courses and will provide information on which will be used closer to the refresher dates

RESPONSES DURING COVID TIMES

by Sean Fawcett, sean.fawcett@sarci.org

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – COVID-19 DIRECTIVES – June 17, 2021

by Joe Barr, SARAscretary@sarci.org

On March 20th 2020 the board directed that SARA suspend all activities except missions. And on May 15th 2020 the board continued the suspension of indoor activities not related to missions. Although vaccinations are now widely available COVID-19 still presents a substantial risk and the consequences of infection can be devastating. The need to avoid exposure of rescue personnel and equipment to COVID-19 remains a concern.

The Board directs that all indoor SARA activities be conducted in accordance with Southern Arizona Rescue Assn **Indoor Training Safety Guidelines dated 06/28/2021** (included below), as may be updated and published by MTSC (Medical Training and Standards Committee) from time to time. Indoor activities within the SARA facility involving more than fifteen (15) individuals and not related to missions (trainings, meetings, etc.) continue to be suspended until further notice. Outdoor training and activities may continue with a 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. The Board expects all participants in any organized SARA activity to use a mask where appropriate, adhere to social distancing recommendations, frequently disinfect equipment, and frequently wash/sanitize hands. Unvaccinated individuals are expected to wear a mask where social distancing cannot be maintained. 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.

The Board will continue to monitor developments and review this directive at least monthly. Exceptions to this policy will be subject to MTSC approval.



COVID-19 INDOOR TRAINING SAFETY GUIDELINES (06/28/21) by Amy McPherson, amy.mcpherson@sarci.org

This document presents the safety guidelines that shall be implemented for indoor training during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Before Class Health Screening:

If you have any of the following conditions please consider not attending the event:

- Fever (Temperature of 100.4 or greater) plus cough and shortness of breath/ difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Congestion or runny nose
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fatigue

During Class Precautions:

The following precautions will be used during time in the classroom:

- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet or more when possible.
- Masks shall be worn by those not fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Masks are optional for those fully vaccinated.
- Reminders will be given to wash or sanitize hands.

Hands on Scenario Precautions:

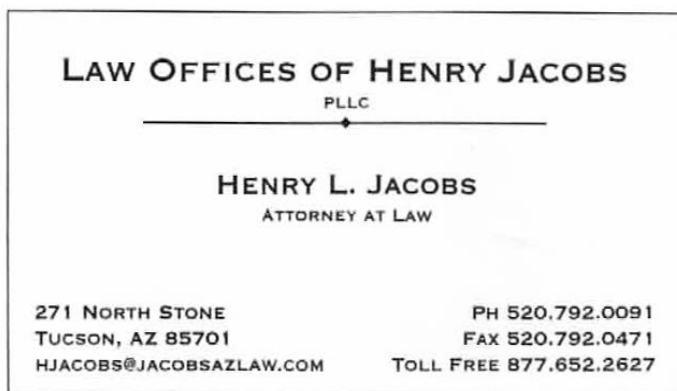
- Masks and eye protection will be required.
- Nitrile gloves will be used and changed in between patient contacts.

Classroom Hygiene:

- All equipment and indoor surfaces used will be cleaned and sanitized after/between use
- Tables, chairs, equipment will be sprayed down with disinfectant before/after training
- All unneeded equipment and furniture will be kept separate and clean
- Medical equipment will be disinfected between patient contacts
- Instructors will thoroughly wipe down and disinfect surfaces after class
- During indoor meetings or trainings air vent fans will be set to "On" throughout the building.

Post-Training COVID-19 Exposure or Diagnosis

- Should a student develop symptoms or receive positive COVID-19 test results within 14 days after attending training, it is recommended that they notify the Medical Chairs (SARAMedicalChairs@sarci.org) and advise of their current symptoms and/or positive test.
- Should the Medical Chairs become aware of a student with symptoms/positive test, the Medical Chairs will work with that student and/or Records to determine what trainings or calls that person attended in the previous 14 days.
- The Medical Chairs will contact persons who attended the same trainings as a person reporting positive symptoms/test results in the past 14 days and advise that they may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and should contact their doctor should they develop symptoms or have any questions. Persons will be advised of what symptoms to watch out for (above) and to get a COVID-19 test if necessary. The identity of the person reporting positive symptoms/test results will be kept confidential and will not be shared with training attendees.
- Persons who develop symptoms and/or receive a positive test should follow current isolation recommendations, as directed by ADHS. They will be permitted to attend trainings/calls once the recommended isolation period and time since last symptoms have been satisfied.



SARA MEDICAL TRAINING

by John DiMiceli, john.dimiceli@sarci.org

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”.

No CPR classes are currently scheduled

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. Completion of the SARCI Bloodborne Pathogens class and its associated quiz will complete this requirement for all SARCI component groups. The self-paced presentation is available anytime 24/7 to SARCI members at [SARCI BBP Presentation](#).

Log in to Microsoft 365 with your SARCI credentials (if requested), and click on the “Present” link in the upper-right corner to access the narrated presentation and the quiz. Simply click to advance through the slides. The presentation is about 40-45 minutes in length. When it is complete, the quiz will be available. Quiz results will be submitted to Records.

Questions about the course content can be directed to George Simons or the MTSC. For questions about the quiz, or if you need assistance logging in to Microsoft 365, contact Records@sarci.org.

There are several online classes offered by third parties that may be acceptable for fulfilling the requirement. Please check with the MTSC and Records in advance to verify that a given external class is satisfactory for this requirement.

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):

No WEMR classes are currently scheduled

ASHI Training

SARA has been approved to be an ASHI Training Center. We are fishing up the details now, and will soon be able to issue Basic First Aid and Advanced First Aid cards from ASHI. We will make a full announcement with all the details once we are fully operational. We will continue to teach our WFA and WEMR courses like we have been. These new certs will be an optional supplement to those who need a certification card for SARTech and other qualifications. We are looking at using these classes for PR events in the future.

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

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).

Thu Nov 25 5/ 30/ 19ym hiker ankle injury Oracle Ridge Trail, Catalinas

15:20 – 17:40 A family of three was hiking AZT when one turned an ankle at Rice Peak, could not bear weight. Team of Sean, Meghann, Cody, Chuk and Stokes went in via PCSD UTV. Jason, Manny and Joe started in on foot. Plan was to drop Hasty as close as UTV could get then shuttle Team 2 up to the same point then Stokes to UTV. Chuk managed to get UTV to scene by backing up the last couple hundred yards. Good thing because wheel axle pin was missing and there was limited room to turn around at scene. Subjects were very cold but otherwise okay, except for the ankle/foot injury. Splinted patient was carried out by UTV while Hasty walked family down the ridge. UTV returned and got the rest out in a packed (6) ride.

Manny changed the sandwich splint to one made with folded yellow space blanket and duct tape (disposable) and subject left by POV.

Fri Dec 03 12/ 56/ 2f hikers off trail

Bear Canyon Trail, Catalinas

R54 RMFD

13:05 – 16:05 Two hikers were coming down trail when one became distracted while using her cellphone and fell off trail. Her companion fell off trail while trying to help. The first had fallen further, and was hoisted out. The second was assisted back to the trail and all hiked out without further issues.

Sat Dec 18 16/ 32/ 74yf missing

Roller Coaster and Oracle

Survey

No field times A female with alzheimers left her residence and walked more than a mile north before she was discovered just before field teams deployed near her residence.

Sat Dec 25 9/ 27/ 61ym hiker cardiac issue Yetman Trail, Tucson Mtns

DHFD

13:00 – 14:00 A male hiker with cardiac issues was unable to continue. He was carried out by stokes to Tucson Estates.

Sun Jan 02 15/ 46/ 35ym mtn bike elbow injury Bug Spring Trail, Catalinas

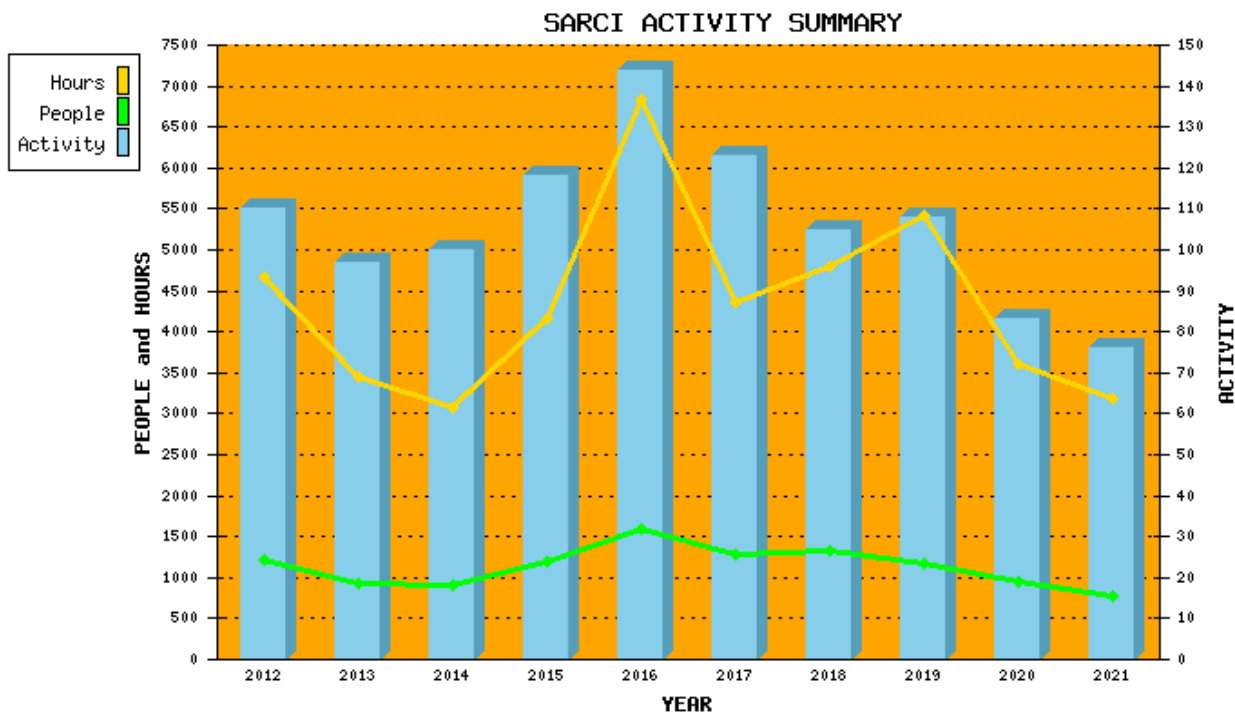
Sheriff1 RMFD

16:10 – 17:30 A rider crashed and dislocated / fractured an elbow about 2 miles up trail. He was hoisted to Prison Camp.

2021 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last 12 Mos
Missions	76	766	3179	4.2	83
Trainings	136	1889	8079	4.3	159
Meetings	117	1269	2236	1.8	57
Public Relations	4	20	87	4.4	2
Special Events	22	211	2414	11.4	6
Activities	111	429	1952	4.6	94
TOTALS	466	4584	17947	3.9	401

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MISSIONS: 2012 - 2021



SARCI Calendar–2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31, 2021 New Years Eve	Jan 01, 2022 New Years Day	Jan 02
Jan 03	Jan 04	Jan 05 SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:00)	Jan 06	Jan 07 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	Jan 08 SARA Training Tracking	Jan 09 Divers Training (09:00)
Jan 10 IMT Workshop I (19:00)	Jan 11 SARA WEMR	Jan 12 Tech Training (TBA)	Jan 13 SARA WEMR	Jan 14	Jan 15 Tech Training (TBA)	Jan 16
Jan 17 IMT Workshop II (19:00)	Jan 18 SAMSAR Meeting (18:00) SARA WEMR	Jan 19 SARCI Board (Hybrid: 19:30)	Jan 20 SARA Board (On-line: 19:00) SARA WEMR	Jan 21	Jan 22	Jan 23
Jan 24 IMT Workshop III (19:00)	Jan 25 SARA WEMR	Jan 26	Jan 27 SARA WEMR	Jan 28	Jan 29 SARA WEMR	Jan 30
Jan 31	Feb 01 SARA WEMR	Feb 02 SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:00)	Feb 03 SARA WEMR	Feb 04 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	Feb 05 SARA Training TV Canyon	Feb 06
Feb 07	Feb 08 SARA WEMR	Feb 09	Feb 10 SARA WEMR	Feb 11	Feb 12 SARA WEMR	Feb 13 Divers Training (09:00)
Feb 14	Feb 15 SAMSAR Meeting (18:00) SARA WEMR	Feb 16 Tech Training (18:00)	Feb 17 SARA Board (On-line: 19:00) SARA WEMR	Feb 18	Feb 19 24 Hours in The Old Pueblo	Feb 20 24 Hours in The Old Pueblo
Feb 21	Feb 22 SARA WEMR	Feb 23	Feb 24 SARA WEMR	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27
Feb 28	Mar 01 SARA WEMR	Mar 02 SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:00)	Mar 03 SARA WEMR	Mar 04 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	Mar 05 SARA Training TBA	Mar 06

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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.

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

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

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

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