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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

Feb 02 18:00 Wed Monthly Meetings On-line TEAMS

SRDI will be working with Ann Christensen's HRD workshop in February. Regularly scheduled trainings should restart in March

SRDI's fall training schedule was very, very busy. Members and dogs have attended out-of-state workshop trainings in May at Grand Junction, CO; in July at San Luis Obispo, CA; and in September at Rupert, ID.

Several members and dogs attended the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State (FACTS) Seminars in October. Karen was an instructor for the Level 1 seminar in October, and also at the brand-new seminar for Air Scent with introduction to whole body in December – which SRDI members also attended. It was fantastic to see Arizona well represented at the FACTS Wilderness seminar with K9 handlers from Pima, Maricopa, Yavapai, and Navajo counties!

SRDI held its first teamwide IPWDA certification event in November for air scent and human remains detection. We teamed up with Cochise County K9 to bring an IPWDA evaluator to AZ. We hope to open certifications to other AZ county dog handlers at our 2022 certification.

Ann Christensen will present her HRD workshop here in Tucson this month. We have handlers attending from several counties in AZ, as well as CA, MO, TX, UT, and WA State.

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 <u>K9 @ sarci.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 Level 2 March 11-13, 2022 San Marcos, TX AZK9 SARCON April 2022 Heber, AZ

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by John Longhofer, divers@sarci.org

DIVERS CALENDAR

Feb 13 09:00 Sun D.A.N. O₂ Provider SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

Mar 1309:00 SunFirst Pool TrainingDouble V Scout RanchApr 1009:00 SunSecond Pool TrainingDouble V Scout Ranch

Joe Barr provided our annual review and examination of the altitude diving tables as all our missions occur well above sea level. Following classroom training we ensured proper connection torque and mounting security on the air blocks and tested our regulators intermediate pressures.

February is our biennial D.A.N. Oxygen Provider course with pool trainings following in the subsequent months.

Two applicants attended our January training. We wish John Longhofer a swift recovery and a swift return to diving.

SOUTHERN AZ MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Colleen Leon, colleen.leon@sarci.org

SAMSAR CALENDAR

Feb 15 18:00 Tue **Board and General Meeting** Forty Niner Country Club, 12000 E. Tanque Verde

A HUGE Thank You to all the SARA yellow shirts and orange shirts who assisted at the Veterinarian Symposium on the 22nd of January! What a success! We were told later that everyone enjoyed the demonstration of the live training SAMSAR does with our SARA group! SARA members are the best and true HEROS!

See va on the trail!

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by LtCol Robert McCord, cap@sarci.org

CAP SOUADRON 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

Feb 04	19:30 Fri	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, Hybrid (see below)
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Feb 16 TBA Wed **Tech: Tower Training PCSD** Tower

19:00 Thu **SARA Board Meeting** SARA House, Hybrid (see below) Feb 17 Mar 04 19:30 Fri **SARA General Meeting** SARA House, Hybrid (see below)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Recent BOD MINUTES (login required)

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – COVID-19 DIRECTIVES

by Joe Barr, SARAsecretary@sarci.org

SARA membership is expected to adhere to current *Pima County Health Department* and SARA MTSC guidelines (SARnews page 6) with respect to COVID-19 precautions.

SARA MONTHLY TRAINING

by Brent Olivas, Brent.Olivas@sarci.org

None scheduled for February.

SARA TECHNICAL TRAINING

by Galen Smith, galen.smith@sarci.org

2022 Technical Training schedule as follows (details TBA):

Wednesday evening, PCSD tower training. Feb 16

April 13 Wednesday evening, SARA house task book signoff session.

Saturday technical field exercise. April 16

May 18 Wednesday evening, PCSD tower training. In the evening.

July 13 Wednesday evening, SARA house task book signoff session.

Saturday technical field exercise. July 16

Aug 17 Wednesday evening, PCSD tower training. In the evening.

Oct 12 Wednesday evening, SARA house task book signoff session.

Saturday technical field exercise. Oct 15

Nov 09 Wednesday evening, PCSD tower training. In the evening.

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

SARA BUDGET COMMITTEE

by John Perchorowicz, john.perchorowicz@sarci.org

After a number of years of service, three members of the SARA Budget Committee have decided that it is time to pass the torch to a new crew. This will be their last year. The SARA Board/Treasurer will be looking for individuals to join the committee. This activity is important to SARA's long term financial health. As you'll see below, the committee doesn't set the budget as that's a strategic SARA Board decision.

For those interested, the committee's role is to gather the information necessary for the SARA Board to set the budget for the following year. As SARA's fiscal year begins on 1 April the budget must be adopted prior to that date. The current committee typically meets in January and assigns categories to various members who in turn contact committee chairs for their wish lists for the coming year. This information is put into a spread sheet which is provided to be board during the February board meeting. This gives the board two meetings to discuss, refine and adopt the following year's budget at the March board meeting. The budget committee has on occasion begun the process earlier however the adoption deadline remains.

The committee is currently gathering the data from SARA committees. Individuals interested in joining the committee are encouraged to participate/observe the process for the current cycle. Please feel free to reach out to John Perchorowicz, current chair with questions or offers to join. 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.

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.

24 HOURS IN THE OLD PUEBLO

by Cathy Wasmann, cathy.wasmann@sarci.org

The 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo (24 HOP) mountain bike race is an event that SARA has supported for many years. We have a small but strong crew but, this is a long event; we need another 8-10 SARA participants. The race dates are February 19 - 20, 2022. We will need the largest number (~25 in total) of people from 08:00 Sat, February 19 to about 15:00 Sun, February 20.

This requires some setup to get ready. We will need 5-6 people on Wed February 16 from 16:00 -18:00 to load the truck. The biggest job is loading the tent. Once the tent is loaded, 2-3 people can finish loading. We will try to load the tent first. On Thursday, February 17, we will meet at Joe Barr's place at 13:00 and carpool to the venue to erect the tent. About six people are needed for this activity. We will have a small crew at the venue starting at about noon on Friday. Friday is covered, but we won't turn away additional people.

To participate in medical support on Friday-Sunday you must be fully field qualified (technical and medical, i.e., WEMR as a minimum). Qualified candidates are welcome. You do not need to be fully field-qualified to help load the truck or erect the tent; support members and non-field qualified candidates and members are welcome and encouraged to help with these tasks.

You do not need to work the entire span of the 24 HOP. We will have a shift plan in place. A minimum of 4 hours, excluding transit time, is the minimum useful amount of time. The shift plan depends on your availability.

INDOOR TRAINING SAFETY GUIDELINES (01/14/2022)

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
 New loss of taste or smell

- Congestion or runny nose – Diarrhea

Muscle pain
 Nausea or vomiting

- Sore throat - 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

Genuine N95 or KN95 masks shall be worn

Reminders will be given to wash or sanitize hands

Mask Care:

Replace when soiled, wet, or damaged

When not in use, store/dry in paper bag

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 (<u>SARAMedicalChairs@sarci.org</u>) 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.

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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):

WEMR classes for the current candidate class are ongoing

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

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

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

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 mountain bike rider with an elbow injury was hoisted by Sheriff1 to Prison Camp. His bike was retrieved.

Thu Jan 06 8/ 8/ 66yf hiker lost

Baby Jesus Trail, Catalinas

No field times A hiker reported being unable to find the trail in the 50 Year area. She was assisted out by a passing hiker.

Fri Jan 14 13/ 36/ 68ym hurt, mule stumbled Garwood Trail, Rincons

RMFD

13:15 – 14:10 A mule stumbled, tossing the rider off and injuring his ankle. He was carried by stokes a mile to the trailhead.

Mon Jan 17 11/ 42/ 77yf hiker exhausted

Tanque Verde Ridge, Rincons

RMFD

13:55-15:20 A hiker became exhausted, but refused attention by fire team. She walked with assistance about a half-mile, then rode a stokes the remaining half-mile. She was transported with symptoms of a stroke.

Sat Jan 22 <u>15</u>/ <u>70</u>/ 19ym hiker lost

Ventana Canyon Trail, Catalinas

Sheriff1

14:55-17:30 A hiker reported by phone to his family that he was lost, it was snowing, and his legs were cramping. His group had continued up to The Window. He was met by another group and walked with them down trail. Various groups and family members were accounted for, and all made it out without problems.

2021 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last 12 Mos
Missions	5	62	202	3.3	76
Trainings	12	177	582	3.3	136
Meetings	12	102	136	1.3	117
Public Relations	0	0	0	0	4
Special Events	0	0	0	0	22
Activities	5	23	88	3.8	114
TOTALS	34	364	1008	2.8	469

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SARCI Calendar–2022

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

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.

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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