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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. These meetings are being held in-person and 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

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

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 us!

(Just open your ERM app, click Contacts, and type in "Support.")

Do you know about Mission Data? It can be found by clicking "Responses" and then you'll see the "Mission Data" button near the top of the screen. To add your own information - coords, photos, team updates, etc - click "GPS" from the home screen, and then use the "+" button to the right of "Current Position."

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SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, karen.paquette@sarci.org

SRDI CALENDAR

<u>Jan 29</u>	<u>08:00 Sun</u>	Urban Training	Sherwood 5 Acres
<u>Feb 01</u>	<u>18:30 Wed</u>	Monthly Meeting	On-line Teams
<u>Feb 05</u>	<u>08:00 Sun</u>	Training	Empire Ranch
<u>Feb 08</u>	<u>18:30 Wed</u>	Urban Training	Martha's Office
<u>Feb 17-19</u>	<u>09:00 Fri-Sun</u>	Ann Christenson HRD Workshop	TBA
<u>Feb 24-26</u>	<u>09:00 Fri-Sun</u>	Ann's Historic Workshop	TBA
<u>Mar 01</u>	<u>18:30 Wed</u>	Monthly Meeting	On-line Teams

Note the SARCI IT STATUS (Page 6): please log into your SARCI account for Teams Meetings. Also, all are welcome at the SARA IMT training (Page 5).

We had a blast with January's Air Scent Workshop and HRD Working Clinic! Handlers and dogs from nine Arizona counties all converged in Tucson to train together, get to know each other better, and learn from each other. All the participants said they really enjoyed the opportunity and getting the time to simply chat with each other was highly valuable. Neil Day is already plotting his next workshop – a combined discipline, scenario-based one. Could prove very interesting.

Now we are gearing up for Ann & Max Christensen to present what may be their final HRD workshop here in Tucson. We'll host 18 K9 teams on two separate weekends from within Arizona and other states (Kansas, Oregon, Arkansas, California).

Word has spread about the tremendous training opportunities available only at Texas State's FACTS program. Proud to see that Arizona is sending more and more participants!

SARCI members are welcome to join us for training at any time. If you are interested in attending, 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 via Teams online meeting format.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Ann Christensen HRD Workshop	Feb 2023	Tucson, AZ
FACTS Level 2	Mar 2023	San Marcox, TX
SoCalK9 Seminar	Nov 2023	Idyllwild, CA

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by John Longhofer, divers@sarci.org

DIVERS CALENDAR

<u>Feb 12</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Annual Equipment Service	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Mar 12</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Review Water Skills – Confined Water	Double V Scout Ranch Pool
<u>Apr 09</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Review Water Skills – Confined Water	Double V Scout Ranch Pool

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In January, we conducted our annual CPR, AED and DAN O₂ Provider review.

In February, we will service our air blocks and equipment.

In March, we will recommence our underwater dive skills and pattern training in a confined pool environment at the Double V Scout Ranch pool.

SOUTHERN AZ MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Colleen Leon, colleen.leon@sarci.org

SAMSAR CALENDAR

<u>Feb 21</u>	<u>18:00 Tue</u>	Board and General Meeting	Forty Niner Country Club, 12000 E. Tanque Verde
<u>Mar 4</u>	<u>TBA Sat</u>	Equine Desensitization	Simmons Arena, 11670 E Irvington
<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>09:00 Sat</u>	Ground Team Training	Simmons Arena, 11670 E Irvington

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Candidate training for SAMSAR's own equine desensitization has been moved from Feb 11 to March 4 at Jerry's arena.

SARA, NPS, and RMFD training is still on for the 25th of March. BBP DONE! YAY. Getting back on track!

That's all folks!

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>



SARA@sarci.org

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA CALENDAR

<u>Feb 03</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting
<u>Feb 04</u>	<u>08:00 Sat</u>	Training: TV Canyon Orientation
<u>Feb 15</u>	<u>18:00 Wed</u>	Tower Session
<u>Feb 16</u>	<u>19:00 Thu</u>	SARA Board Meeting
<u>Feb 17-19</u>	<u>Fri-Sun</u>	24 Hours in the Old Pueblo
<u>Feb 21</u>	<u>18:00 Wed</u>	Personal Rope Skills
<u>Feb 27</u>	<u>18:00 Mon</u>	IMT Planning Class
<u>Mar 03</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting
<u>Mar 04</u>	<u>08:00 Sat</u>	Training: Off-trail Movement
<u>Mar 06</u>	<u>18:00 Mon</u>	IMT Planning Class

SARA House, Hybrid
Circle K - Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop
PCSD Training Tower
SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Willow Springs Ranch
Craycroft Pedestrian Bridge
SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
SARA House, Hybrid
Sheriff Substation 106, TV and Catalina Hwy
SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

SABINO OVERFLOW PARKING LOT OPENS FOR WINTER

by SARCI Records, records@sarci.org

The Sabino Gate is open from 06:00 to 18:00 daily, until Sunday April 30.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – COVID-19 DIRECTIVES

by Joe Barr, SARAscretary@sarci.org

The SARA Board has elected to remove SARA COVID restrictions and follow CDC guidelines.

The current CDC guidelines are at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS (PART 1)

by Nic Jones, SARApresident@sarci.org

It's that time of year again to present the slate for the Board for 2023. See below for details and those that will guide us through this task this year.

Nomination Committee Members: Manny, Christine, Granny

Tasked with filling a slate of nominees for the April annual vote to fill the Board slots that will become open. Five Board slots will be open this year to fill. A slate of at least enough to fill the Board slots will be presented at the February meeting. Nominations from the floor are accepted at the February and March meetings.

References:

By Laws: Article II, Section 4: Only Field Qualified Voting Members shall be entitled to vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the membership.

By Laws: Article IV, Section 2: The number of Directors shall be nine. Each Director shall hold office until the second annual meeting of members following their election, and until his/her successor shall have been elected and qualified. Directors must be residents of the State of Arizona and must be, or must have been at one time, Field Qualified Voting Members of the corporation. Each Director may hold office for a maximum of two consecutive two-year terms. A minimum break of two years is required after serving four consecutive years in office as a Director.

By Laws: Article IV, Section 3: ... Nominees for election shall be proposed by a Nominating Committee, selected by the Board of Directors, in accordance with Article VI, Section 7 of these By-Laws, and presented to the membership at the February meeting. Additional nominees may be proposed from the floor at the February and March meetings of the members with the consent of their nominees.

By Laws: Article VI, Section 7: Nominating Committee. A special Nominating Committee of three or more Voting Members shall be selected by the Board of Directors at their December meeting. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of nominees sufficient to fill the open Board seats at or before the February meeting of members. Nominations from the floor are accepted at the February and March meetings of members.

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS (PART 2)

by Christine Hoekenga, christine.hoekenga@sarci.org

Interested in taking on a leadership role in SARA, or know a teammate who would make a great leader? The Nominating Committee for the SARA Board of Directors wants to hear from you! This year, we will have five open seats on the board (out of nine), and we need your help to fill them with dedicated teammates who can help us flourish.

Answers to some of the most commonly asked questions are below, but please contact us with any questions -- or to suggest the name of someone you would like to see run for the board this year.

We will present an initial slate of candidates at the February General Meeting (Friday, Feb 3rd), so contact us soon if you're interested in running or nominating someone. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at that meeting and during the March general meeting (Friday, Mar 3rd). Voting will be at the April Annual Meeting.

Who can serve on the board?

Any current member in good standing who resides in Arizona and is, or has at one time been, a Field Qualified Voting Member of SARA (i.e. any member who has earned their orange shirt, whether currently field qualified or not).

Why serve on the board?

SARA Board members play a crucial role in running the organization and making decisions that affect all members and the community we serve. They guide important efforts like training, recruiting new members, approving candidate promotions, communicating with the community, and managing our finances. Our officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and many other key roles are filled by board members.

How long is the commitment?

Board members serve a two-year term with the option to run for a second consecutive term. (After four years, a two-year break is required before serving again.) Board meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday at 7pm.

Thank you,

Your 2023 Board Nominating Committee

Christine Hoekenga (christine.hoekenga@sarci.org, 702-218-8474)

Manny Montano (manny.montano@sarci.org, 520-275-5280)

Granny Grant (granny.grant@sarci.org, 301-641-5666)

24 HOURS IN THE OLD PUEBLO

by Cathy Wasmann, cathy.wasmann@sarci.org

SARA will be providing medical support for the 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo (24HOP) mountain bike race. The race dates are February 17-19, 2023. We will need the largest number of people (~25 in total) from 08:00 Sat February 18 to about 15:00 Sun February 19. In addition, 5-6 people will be needed Wed February 16 from 16:00-18:00 to load the truck; at least six people will be needed Thursday, February 17 from 13:00-18:00 to erect the tent at the venue; and 3-5 people will be needed for medical support Friday, February 18 from 12:00 -18:00.

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. To help load the truck and set up the tent, you need only be a SARA member, or a friend of SARA.

We will have a shift plan in place for this event. You do not need to work the entire span of the event, which officially runs from 12:00 Saturday until 12:00 Sunday. The shift plan is highly variable depending on your availability. A minimum of 4 hours, excluding transit time, is the recommended minimum shift duration.

If you can help with this event, please contact Cathy Wasmann via email, and note which days and times you can participate. Also, please indicate your t-shirt size.

Feel free to contact Cathy at 520-784-1784 with your questions and concerns.

SARA UNIFORM SHIRTS

by Joe Barr, SARAscretary@sarci.org

SARA has budgeted to provide uniform shirts. Please check with the SARA Store for details:

1. Blue dress shirt embroidered with your name and 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:
 - a. T-Shirts stocked in SARA Store
 - b. Orange button down shirts with embroidered name and SARA logo
 - c. Orange 'Tru-Spec' military style shirts with Velcro name and SARA logo

TRAINING

by John DiMiceli, john.dimiceli@sarci.org

Mark your calendars! Below you will find the upcoming training and events happening over the next three months. Additional updates will be sent out as more details are known. Note that both the February and March monthly trainings are specific sign-offs on orange cards. Contact the lead instructor listed below for any questions you may have.

Medical Training: Wilderness EMR

- Tuesday, January 17 through Saturday, March 25 @ [SARA House](#)
- **Check e-mail for full schedule**
- Contact: amy.mcperson@sarci.org Sign-up: <https://forms.office.com/r/cdUxPfLjMJ>

Medical Training: Banner Simulation Lab

- Saturday, January 28, 08:00 to 13:00 @ [Arizona Simulation Technology & Education Center \(ASTEC\)](#)
- Contact: nicola.baker@sarci.org Sign-up: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5U0cDu6QidLzCdBeMgOqC3pRxBP3n0MeUmdX82CdRk67W6A/viewform>

February Monthly Training: Tanque Verde Canyon Orientation

- Saturday, February 04, 08:00 to 14:00 @ [Circle K](#)
- Contact: sean.fawcett@sarci.org Sign-up: <https://forms.office.com/r/2TMRPiX75P>
- **Orange card sign-off**

Technical Training: Tower Session

- Wednesday, February 15, 18:00 to 22:00 @ [PCSD Training Tower](#)
- Contact: richard.hounshell@sarci.org Sign-up: <https://forms.office.com/r/UZygk9uECw>

Technical Training: Personal Rope Skills

- Wednesday, February 21, 18:00 to 21:00 @ [Craycroft Pedestrian Bridge](#)
- Contact: sarah.truebe@sarci.org Sign-up: <https://forms.office.com/r/jxD9PtssxQ>

March Monthly Training: Off-trail Movement

- Saturday, March 04, 08:00 to 14:00 @ Sheriff Substation [106](#), TV and Catalina Hwy
- Contact: ed.hartman@sarci.org Sign-up: <https://forms.office.com/r/pp4Md9uZEv>
- **Orange card sign-off**

Technical Training: Tower Session

- Wednesday, March 08, 18:00 to 22:00 @ [PCSD Training Tower](#)
- Contact: justin.peterson@sarci.org Sign-up: <https://forms.office.com/r/ge4Z4M42V7>

SAMSAR Training: Mounted Operations

- Saturday, March 25, 08:00 to 12:00 @ [Jerry's Arena](#)
- Contact: John.DiMiceli@sarci.org Sign-up: <https://forms.office.com/r/1hQB2JtIVC>

Technical Training: Personal Rope Skills

- Wednesday, March 28, 18:00 to 21:00 @ [Craycroft Pedestrian Bridge](#)
- Contact: sarah.truebe@sarci.org Sign up:

SARA INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM (IMT)

by SARA IMT, IMT@sarci.org

In-person introductory classes for those interested in the IMT planning function will be held on successive Monday evenings on February 27 and March 06, from 18:00 – 22:00. The classes are open to anyone with no experience to those wishing to refresh their knowledge. They will be taught by Chris Yamanaka and members of the IMT Team.

Topics to be covered include:

- Initial Response Organizer** (IRO: a computer application program for recording data during operational period zero)
- WinCasie3** (a computer application program useful for continued data recording and transitioning from a route and location search to an area search and its statistical management)
- SARTOPO** (a mapping program useful for search segmentation and searcher tracking)
- And** finally a brief search exercise.

The presentations will be spread across the two evenings, breaking where appropriate dependent on how much is covered the first evening.

MEMBERSHIP TOPICS

by Jason Schlueter, jason.schlueter@sarci.org

Congratulations to Rickie and Neil in SARA for completing PCSD NIMS makeup class and becoming field-qualified. We look forward to seeing you out there. Victoria and Janet were also able to attend the makeup class.

MRA

We need members to participate in MRA activities! JohnnyB has been handling for years and he needs help. Please contact jason.schlueter@sarci.org or john.bechman@sarci.org if you can commit to helping SARA maintain our membership with the MRA. This year's MRA conference will be in Flagstaff. <https://mraconference.org/>

WILDERNESS EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER

by Amy McPherson, amy.mcpherson@sarci.org

MTSC is pleased to announce the dates for the next Wilderness Emergency Medical Responder (EMR). Upon completion of this multi-day course, you will be eligible to take the National Registry written and psychomotor exams to obtain your NR-EMR certification, a requirement for advancement to "orange shirt," and will also satisfy the wilderness medicine requirement of our organization.

The course will run from Tuesday, January 17 to Saturday, March 25. Classes will be every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 18:00 – 22:00 with **four Saturday classes from 08:00-17:00 on Feb 11, Feb 25, March 18, and March 25.**

Day	Date	Day	Date	Day	Date	Day	Date
Tuesday	1/17	Tuesday	2/7	Saturday	2/25	Saturday	3/18
Thursday	1/19	Thursday	2/9	Tuesday	2/28	Tuesday	3/21
Tuesday	1/24	Saturday	2/11	Thursday	3/2	Thursday	3/23
Thursday	1/26	Tuesday	2/14	Tuesday	3/7	Saturday	3/25
Tuesday	1/31	Thursday	2/16	Thursday	3/9		
Thursday	2/2	Tuesday	2/21	Tuesday	3/14		
		Thursday	2/23	Thursday	3/16		

Classes missed cannot be made up. Students who miss more than 10 hours of instruction will be unable to test for the EMR certification, due to National Registry requirements for testing. If you are unable to attend a class session, but are interested in attending, please explain your situation in the comments section of the sign-up form below.

SIGN UP HERE: <https://forms.office.com/r/cdUxPfLjMJ>

If you are interested in instructing or being a patient, watch out for an additional sign-up sheet soon.

OEC CORNER

by Mona Johnson, mona.johnson@sarci.org

The dates for the 2023 OEC Refresher Cycle A will be:

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Sunday, October 22, 2023

More information will be provided closer to the refreshers.

EMT INITIAL CERTIFICATION CLASSES

by Henry Jacobs, henry.jacobs@sarci.org

Available 18 week EMT initial certification classes, taught Saturdays and Sundays at Pascua Yaqui Fire Department:

August – December 2023

Contact Jeff Isely 520-850-1331

SARCI IT STATUS

by Jason Schlueter, jason.schlueter@sarci.org

SARCI depends on a generous donation from Microsoft to keep our email, files, and Teams at no cost. In return, they request that we maintain an active user base. Only about half of SARCI currently uses their sarci.org accounts. We are being asked to maintain an 85% active level of users to keep this free service. Please use your account! We encourage you to log in for Teams meetings or just to check your email. The forwarding of email does not count as active use. Please log in at <https://outlook.office.com> monthly.

If you have questions about credentials, activities, or need help with your Microsoft 365 credentials, please email records@sarci.org.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

by Sarah Truebe, sarah.truebe@sarci.org

We've developed the rope/technical training calendar for the year. We're working on getting all of these onto the Master Calendar, so please check that frequently. If you'd like to RSVP, please go to the Master Calendar link on ERM and click on the event you want to attend to find the RSVP link. More details on rendezvous locations and RSVP links will be sent closer to the dates for each event.

Still to be announced are trainings on the Clutches (replacing the MPD). For the moment, we are doing overviews and opportunities for hands-on at the monthly meetings. The tentative date by which everyone will need to be able to pass the taskbook items on the Clutch instead of the MPD is July 1, 2024.

General reminders:

Awareness signoffs are available before every monthly meeting, but no field signoffs for Operations-level are available.

Operations field signoffs are available at every "personal rope skills" session at the Craycroft/River Bridge, weather and flooding permitting.

Anyone is allowed to come to any Technician training, even if the sign-off focus is mostly on keeping technicians current. We also will have opportunities for anyone to try some more advanced skills, even if you haven't submitted an application to the technicians yet.

Please check your FQ status and plan ahead for your recert cycle!

February	Fri 2/3 – SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs) Weds 2/15 – Tower session Tues 2/21 – Personal Rope Skills
March	Fri 3/3 – SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs) Weds 3/8 – Tower session Sun 3/19 (tentative) – Special Field Skills training, focus on vertical litter orientation/movement Tues 3/28 – Personal Rope Skills
April	Mon 4/3 (tentative) – Quarterly Technician Meeting (no signoffs) Fri 4/7 – SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs) Weds 4/12 – Litter scoops pre-training Sat 4/15 – Technical Training - Litter scoops
May	Fri 5/5 – SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs) Weds 5/17 – Tower session Tues 5/23 – Personal Rope Skills Weds 5/31 – Cave training pre-session
June	Fri 6/2 – SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs) Sat 6/3 – Monthly Training – Cave (with ropes this time!) Weds 6/14 – Tower session Thurs 6/22 – Personal Rope Skills
July	Fri 7/7 - SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs) Weds 7/12 (tentative) – Quarterly Technician Meeting (no signoffs) Mon 7/17 – New Technician Onboarding (if needed – no signoffs) Weds 7/19 – Pick-offs pre-training Sat 7/22 – Technical Training – Pick-offs Tues 7/25 – Personal Rope Skills
August	Fri 8/4 – SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs) Sat 8/19 (tentative) – Minimal Gear/no tech bag training Tues 8/22 – Personal Rope Skills (weather permitting)
September	Fri 9/1 - SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs) Due to the extensive training needs of SALT, there are no other opportunities for sign-offs during September Tues 9/12 – please come help with SALT technical training! Thurs 9/14 – please come help with SALT technical training! Tues 9/19 – please come help with SALT technical training! Thurs 9/21 – please come help with SALT technical training! Sat 9/23 – please come help with SALT technical training!
October	Fri 10/6 – SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs) Weds 10/11 (tentative) – Quarterly Technician Meeting Weds 10/18 – Litter Scoops pre-training Sat 10/21 – Technical Training – Litter Scoops
November	Fri 11/3 – SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs) Tues 11/7 – SALT technical signoffs Thurs 11/9 – SALT technical signoffs Sat 11/11 – SALT technical signoffs Weds 11/15 (tentative) – Tower session
December	Fri 12/1 – SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs) Thurs 12/14 – Operations Skills training for anyone who wants to advance from Awareness Mon 12/18 – Personal Rope Skills

Any questions, please let Sarah or Justin know (sarah.truebe@sarci.org, justin.peterson@sarci.org).

ACCORDING TO HISTORY – THE FIRST SEARCH

by Marvin Stafford, marvin.stafford@sarci.org

(The following is a reprint of the third in a series of twelve short articles that first appeared in SARNews from November 1994 (Vol 19, No. 11) through October 1995 (Vol 20, No. 10).

Few Tucsonans, willing to go into the field for "The First Search", were equipped for the wet snow and low temperatures they encountered. There had been an unprecedented, heavy snowstorm in Southern Arizona which left three Boy Scout hikers stranded in the Santa Rita Mountains in late November, 1958. We did the best we could.

Typically, we used shoe polish to waterproof our boots. We added flannel pajamas, for long underwear, to our blue jeans and Levi jackets. When wet boots got taken off for the night, they froze and became very hard to put back on in the morning.

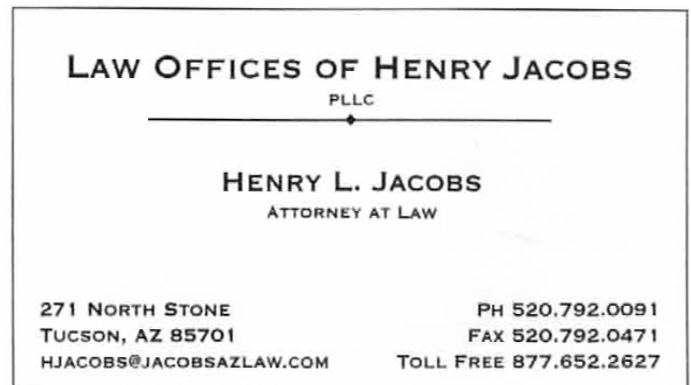
We had no way to travel over the snow, but could only 'post hole' and take turns breaking trail. Even weeks later, on the trail, we were stepping in somebody else's post holes. There were no gasoline or propane stoves to be carried into the field to provide hot food or beverage. The stranded hikers had no better equipment.

Military units were sent into the field, lightly equipped. When nothing was found on their first day out, they were ordered to stay overnight and were re-supplied from the air. It was sort of training for them -- snow survival for downed pilots and support for cut-off combat units. More than one of the air drops missed its mark. The result was some cold soldiers that night, and new sleeping bags for civilian hikers next spring, as they scrambled all over the mountain looking for them.

Watch this space for my accounts of communications and base camp operations.

About the Author

While attending high school in Tucson, in Pima County, Arizona, **Marvin Stafford** got his start in Search and Rescue as a member of a Boy Scout Explorer Post which called itself a 'Search and Rescue Post'. They practiced first aid, mountaineering, and some simple technical evacuation procedures. They did not get much business as there was not a mechanism in place for volunteers to assist the Sheriff's Department with their responsibility. When a major search incident occurred, involving three fellow Boy Scouts, in November, 1958, the post played a significant role. Marvin joined the Southern Arizona Rescue Association, as soon as he was old enough, in 1960. While an undergraduate engineering student at the University of Arizona, Marvin's summer job was with the Forest Service doing fire control work in the mountains near Tucson. There, he did SAR work in a Forest Service uniform; a qualified volunteer team was not yet a reality. Marvin has served on the SARA Board of Directors and has been the Chairman for the Arizona Region of MRA.



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
- 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 (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.

MEDICAL FIRST CARE FORM

by George Simons, george.simons@sarci.org

This form is provided by the Sheriff's department and should be completed on all medical calls. I would encourage its use on other calls, such as searches, to document the condition of our victim even if uninjured and in no distress. One can find fault with any first care form. I'm sure some of you can find things to improve on this one, but take a deep breath and just go with what we have.

The good thing about this form is that it is easy to fill out. The headings are self-explanatory (I have always been told to never say that, but I think it is true here.). Become familiar with the form. You do not have to carry one and fill it out at the scene. You can take notes and fill the form out after the call. They are kept in all of the trucks.

Keep in mind your chart is a snapshot of the encounter and serial exams/vital signs. It is impossible to document every second of the time spent with the patient short of taking a video of the entire time we are with them.

Important things to document (other than everything, of course) include a brief history of the current problem, past medical history, current medications, and allergies. I avoid open ended questions here. I ask about specific conditions. Do you have heart problems, diabetes, lung problems? Do you take a blood thinner? Etc., etc. Then a primary survey, the form has a nice outline of what needs attention. The secondary survey part of the form is also a good outline of what to address. It works best if one person does the exam and reexams of the patient, and a separate person acts as scribe. The second person can also hand dressings, etc. to the person who actually has hands on the patient. This makes sure someone with uncontaminated hands is digging in the med kit.

In the face of a complicated trauma patient, take a deep breath and take your own pulse. Don't worry about missing a small laceration here and there, or that sprained finger. The "can't miss" items include vital signs (repeat at appropriate intervals depending on situation) and continuous monitoring of the primary survey headings (A, B, C, D, E).

When you turn the patient over to another provider, higher level of care, ambulance, helicopter crew, etc., it is VERY, VERY important that you note the time of the handoff, and a brief note about the patient's condition at that time. For example, If the patient shows up at the hospital and is noted to be unable to move their legs, everyone is going to want to know when that happened and fingers will be pointed at all the caregivers. If your note shows the patient was neurologically intact and moving all extremities at the time of handoff, you are protected.

There are places on the back of the first page of the form for obtaining consent for treatment and refusal. Verbal with a witness is okay if the circumstances do not allow for signatures, or if you do not have the form in hand. Refusals can be tricky. The person with the highest medical certification should be involved in this, and law enforcement may need to step in. For example, we can't leave an intoxicated person with an open leg fracture in the bottom of Tanque Verde Canyon, no matter how adamantly they refuse or threaten us. The standard of care is what would a reasonable person do in the same circumstances. Remember, you or one of the deputies can always confer with medical control (and should in these cases). You will get in trouble for not taking care of someone. You will not get in trouble for taking care of someone.

Completed forms may be given to a truck driver, or you can slide it under the locked door of the medical storeroom. Remember this is part of the patient's medical record and must be protected.

The form is shown on the next page. Questions? Let me know.





Case #: _____

☐ SAR☐ TEMS☐ SARA

Time: _____

Check if Present:☐ Tobacco☐ Alcohol☐ Drugs

Location: _____

Patient Name: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____ ☐ M ☐ F Weight: _____ (lbs.)

Chief Complaint: _____

Description of Injury / Illness: _____

Allergies: ☐ NoneMedications: ☐ NoneMedical History: ☐ None**Primary Survey:****Consider Rapid Evacuation if Compromise in Primary Survey**Airway: ☐ Intact ☐ Apenic ☐ ObstructedBreathing: Lung Sounds ☐ Clear ☐ Decreased R/L ☐ Wheezing R/LCirculation: **Heart Sounds** ☐ Normal ☐ Rapid ☐ Slow ☐ Diminished**Pulses** ☐ Present ☐ Absent - Carotid/Femoral/Radial/FootDisability (neurologic): **A V P U** - Weakness / Numbness ☐ NoneEnvironment / Exposure of Injury: ☐ Hypothermia ☐ Hyperthermia**Secondary Survey:****Document Pertinent Positives / Negatives**Head: ☐ Head AtraumaticEyes / ENT: ☐ Pupils Equal / Unequal **R** mm **L** mm ☐ No injury ☐ InjuryNeck: ☐ Non-Tender, No Deformity ☐ Tender / DeformityChest: ☐ Non-Tender ☐ No Crepitus ☐ Tender / CrepitusAbdomen: ☐ Non-Tender ☐ Tender - Location: _____Pelvis: ☐ Non-Tender, Stable Compression / Roll ☐ Tender / UnstableSpine: ☐ Non-Tender, No Deformity ☐ Tender / Deformity - Location: _____

Skin: Temp: _____ Moisture: _____ Color: _____ Cap refill: < 2 sec > 2 sec

Extremities: ☐ No Injury ☐ InjuryNeurologic: ☐ Sensory - Motor Intact All Extremities ☐ Abnormal**GLASGOW****Eyes**

Alert 4

Verbal 3

Pain 2

None 1

Verbal

Oriented 5

Confused 4

Inappropriate 3

Garbled 2

None 1

Motor

Obeyes 6

Local 5

Withdraws 4

Decorticate 3

Decerebrate 2

None 1

TOTAL:

Vital Signs	Time	Temp	Pulse	Blood Pressure	Breath Rate	Pulse Ox (%)	FSBS

Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Cervical Collar	<input type="checkbox"/> Backboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Warming / Cooling	<input type="checkbox"/> Oxygen: _____ L by NC/NRB
	<input type="checkbox"/> Splint: _____			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bandaging: _____			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydration: Oral / IV Time: _____ Site: _____ Solution: <input type="checkbox"/> NS <input type="checkbox"/> LR <input type="checkbox"/> Electrolyte Amt: _____			

Time	Medication	Dose	Route	Result

Vital Signs and Treatment Continued on Back

Method of Extraction: _____

Accepting Provider (print / sign): _____

Disposition: ☐ Home ☐ Refusal ☐ Transport / HospitalCondition: ☐ Good ☐ Stable ☐ Critical ☐ Deceased

Deputy (print / sign): _____

Disposition Time: _____

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

- Thu Dec 29 16/ 59/ 59yf hiker lost** *Mt Kimball, Catalinas* *Survey1 Ranger1*
 18:10 – 20:30 A hiker became disoriented near the saddle at the top of the Finger Rock Trail and wound up off trail to the east. She was not equipped to spend the night, didn't have any light source, and her phone was dead. Several teams started in while the weather was looking like it was going to deteriorate. Ranger 1 responded from Phoenix and inserted a medic who worked his way over wet rock on a sideslope to access the hiker, then escorted her back to the insertion point, and flew her to the SARA House.
- Thu Jan 05 14/ 70/ 58yf ankle injury** *Sutherland Trail, Catalinas* *Ranger1*
 19:40 – 22:25 A hiker injured her ankle high on the Trico Powerline Road portion of the Sutherland Trail. She continued until calling for help. Teams rode and hiked towards the hiker, and Ranger1 responded from Phoenix. The helo delivered her to the LZ in Catalina State Park. (the Hasty Team arrived in time to watch the hoist)
- Thu Jan 12 3/ 20/ SRDI Missing Person from Vehicle** *Redington*
 12:30 – 14:45 A missing person (from Ohio?) was tied to an abandoned vehicle stuck in sand at Redington. SRDI was asked to look around the area to see if there was any evidence of the subject being in the area. Nothing was found.
- Fri Jan 13 14/ 43/ 62ym hiker off trail** *Finger Rock Canyon, Catalinas*
 17:10 – 18:55 A group of three were hiking back from Kimball. One was well in front of the others, and dropped into the canyon at The Corner and started downstream until he could not find a way through the boulders and called for help. As teams headed up trail, the hiker was able to extricate himself and retrace his steps up to the trail. He met teams near The Overlook, and all hiked out.
- Sun Jan 15 19/ 74/ Hikers stranded by high water** *x3 Bear Canyon, Catalinas*
 20:00 – 21:55 Hikers returning from 7 Falls became stranded when the stream became too deep. Teams hiked up the social trail from the north end of Bowes Road and down to the subjects. All returned by the same route without problems.
- Mon Jan 16 25/ 166/ 37ym 29ym backpackers overdue** *Sabino Basin, Catalinas* *Ranger1*
 09:15 – 13:35 Two hikers were backpacking from Prison Camp to West Fork Sabino Canyon. When they returned, stream crossings were challenging and they were stopped as they approached Pine Creek Crossing. They were reported overdue when they did not arrive at their ride at the Visitors Center. Teams headed in to look for them, from Prison Camp, Palisades, and Box Camp Trails. Bear Canyon was not crossable at Sycamore Reservoir and teams coming down from high trailheads were dealing with snow-covered trails. Snow and rain continued through the morning, then began to clear as Ranger1 arrived to help. They located the subjects, dropped some gear at SARA House, then retrieved the hikers.

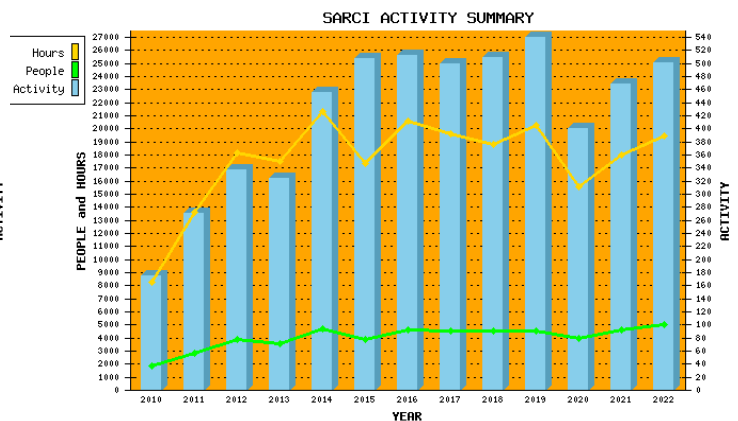
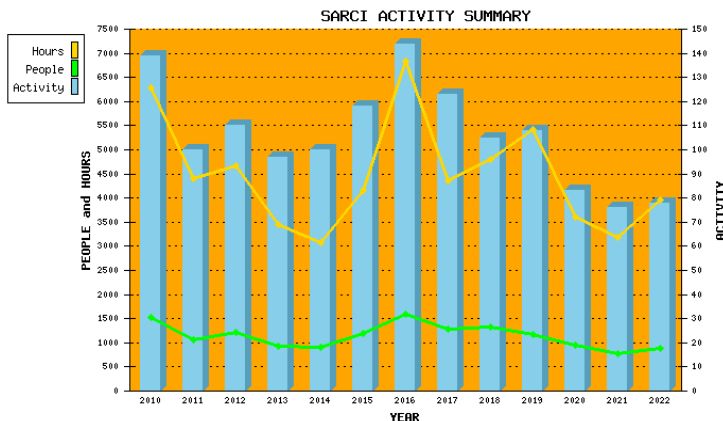
2023 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last 12 Mos
Missions	5	75	373	5.0	78
Trainings	13	161	583	3.6	173
Meetings	12	117	255	2.2	122
Public Relations	0	1	1	1.0	13
Special Events	0	1	1	1.0	12
Activities	5	25	108	4.3	104
TOTALS	35	380	1321	3.5	502

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SARCI ACTIVITY SUMMARIES: 2010 – 2022

Missions

All Activities (around 20,000 hours for each year)



SARCI Calendar–2022-2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jan 30	Jan 31 WEMR (18:00)	Feb 01 SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:30)	Feb 02 WEMR (18:00)	Feb 03 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	Feb 04 SARA Training TV Canyon Orient.	Feb 05
Feb 06	Feb 07 WEMR (18:00)	Feb 08	Feb 09 WEMR (18:00)	Feb 10	Feb 11 WEMR (08:00)	Feb 12 Divers Training (09:00)
Feb 13	Feb 14 WEMR (18:00)	Feb 15 Tower Session (18:00)	Feb 16 WEMR (18:00) SARA Board (Hybrid: 19:00)	Feb 17 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo	Feb 18 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo	Feb 19 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo
Feb 20	Feb 21 WEMR (18:00) SAMSAR Meeting (18:00)	Feb 22	Feb 23 WEMR (18:00)	Feb 24	Feb 25 WEMR (08:00)	Feb 26
Feb 27 IMT Planning Class (18:00)	Feb 28 WEMR (18:00)	Mar 01 SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:30)	Mar 02 WEMR (18:00)	Mar 03 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	Mar 04 SARA Training Off-Trail Movement	Mar 05
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Mar 27	Mar 28 Personal Rope Skills (18:00)	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 01	Apr 02
Apr 03	Apr 04	Apr 05 SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:30)	Apr 06	Apr 07 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	Apr 08	Apr 09 Divers Training (09:00)

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Details inside.

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