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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

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."

Please enter certifications in ERM, and send them (as usual) to Records@sarci.org.

MICROSOFT OFFICE

by SARCI Records, records@sarci.org

Please check the IT STATUS report in the SARA section.

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SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, karen.paquette@sarci.org

SRDI CALENDAR

Nov 01 18:30 Wed **Monthly Meeting** OnLine Teams

SARCI members are welcome to join us for training at any time. If you are interested in attending, please email K9@sarci.org, or Karen.Paquette@sarci.org, or call Karen Paquette (520-275-2074). SRDI's monthly meeting is the first Wednesday of each month via Teams online meeting format.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FACTS Level 1	Nov 2023	San Marcos, TX
SoCalK9 Seminar	Nov 2023	Idyllwild, CA
IPWDA Certifications	Nov 2023	TBD

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by John Longhofer, divers@sarci.org

DIVERS CALENDAR

<u>Nov 12</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Water Skills, search for Golf Disc	Lakeside
<u>Dec 10</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Annual Board Meeting and Elections	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Annual Review of Dive Tables / Equip	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
		First Aid, CPR, O₂ Dry Skill Review	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

In October we had a productive training session. We removed all the fish habitats that protruded above the lake's surface per the request of the park manager, and we also practiced the Pier Walk while looking for other objects.

In November we plan to return to Lakeside to do water skills rather than have our usual Annual Meeting. We will have our election Lakeside. It will be a search for golf discs lost in the boat ramp arm of the lake.

In December we will start our annual dry skills, dive table review, equipment servicing and repair.

SOUTHERN AZ MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Colleen Leon, colleen.leon@sarci.org

SAMSAR CALENDAR

Nov 21 18:00 Tue **Board and General Meeting** Forty Niner Country Club, 12000 E. Tanque Verde

Weather maybe finally cooling ... members return at the end of the month. Healing happening for some members. Just a brutal summer. Looking forward to the cool air and getting back into it.

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](mailto:cap@sarci.org)

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



SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION



SARA@sarci.org

SARA CALENDAR

<u>Nov 03</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, Hybrid
<u>Nov 04</u>	<u>08:00 Sat</u>	Monthly Training: Communications	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Nov 16</u>	<u>19:00 Thu</u>	SARA Board Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Dec 01</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, Hybrid

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

by Jason Schlueter, SARApresident@sarci.org

FROM THE BOARD

Four policy updates need to be voted upon in the coming months, including one that will explicitly allow voting via electronic means. The unrelated vote last month on the board terms limit had to be canceled last minute because it was discovered that our bylaws didn't explicitly allow for electronic voting for bylaw changes - only for board members. We will need to get a quorum of field qualified rescuers all in one place at one time to vote on this change so that we can do electronic voting in the future. Our Secretary will send out details soon on this change and the other three policy changes. It has been great to see so many people attending board meetings remotely. Thanks for being a part of the discussion and I am glad people are interested in how the decisions are made.

NEW CANDIDATES INCOMING!

Before the end of November, we will be welcoming quite a few new field-qualified candidates to join us on missions. This is extremely exciting for me and the lifeblood that keeps the organization moving. I want our current responders to exercise patience and offer advice to these new people as they find their footing in the organization. I have had minor debriefs after official debriefs with new members just to make sure they understood how the call works. I ask questions about finding rendezvous, understanding the verbiage and abbreviations in the callout text, and other things that might be too intimidating to bring up in a big group. Let's get them involved in the comradery of the call and make them feel like they are valued members of our team while also providing constructive feedback.

NEW DEPUTIES INCOMING!

PCSO has selected at least one new SAR deputy to work with us. Chris Davenport has been finalized, but the other is still tied up in paperwork. Let's make them feel as welcome as they do to us. Thanks to the team that helped at the interview hike. It was important for them to get to know us and our feedback was very appreciated.

GOODBYE, SGT. FERREE

Sadly, we will be losing Sgt. Ferree as he is transferred away from us. The new SAR Sergeant will be Tyler Legg, who may have already started before the publishing of this newsletter!

IT STATUS

by Jason Schlueter, jason.schlueter@sarci.org

Many email services are hardening how they handle spam, which means that SARCI cannot guarantee that forwarded email will be delivered outside of the SARCI.org tenant. If you currently forward SARCI.org email to another personal address, an email being sent to your SARCI.org address may or may not be delivered to the personal address. You may miss important SARCI/SARA related emails if you do not check your SARCI.org account. If you would like to stop forwarding your email and don't know how, contact records and we can make the change for you.

As a side note; please be careful when sending emails to all members or large numbers of recipients (25+) at once. If you are in doubt, ask someone whether it should be sent. Remember, the email list to reach ALL members is ALLSARAMEMBERS@sarci.org.

OEC CORNER

by Mona Johnson, mona.johnson@sarci.org

We have just finished the 2023 OEC Cycle A Refresher Skills Sessions. Between the two sessions, we had 54 attendees from Mt Lemmon Ski Patrol and SARCI, plus 6 who were from other patrols.

A reminder that if you have not finished the NSP Online Modules for this year, please do so as soon as you can, otherwise you will not get credit for a refresher this year.

I would like to thank our SARCI Instructors, Cathy, Rich, Rob, and especially Frances, who gave us a real life scenario, for their hard work and support.

We will have a make up session for those who were not able to make the refreshers. If you need to take a make up, and we have not already talked about it, please let me know as soon as you can.

NOVEMBER MONTHLY TRAINING

by Trevor Dickerson, trevor.dickerson@sarci.org

The monthly training topic for November will be Radio Communication & Operation. The focus of this class is to:

- Train members on new PCWIN radio use, function, application, and responsibilities
- Explain communication requirements over other frequencies used by SARA such as Pima SAR, Lemmon Simplex, etc.
- Detail standard radio etiquette and discipline
- Provide a general overview of the amateur ("Ham") radio license process

This class will take place at the SARA House on Saturday, November 4th from 08:00-14:00. A calendar invitation will follow for easier integration into your calendar program.

There will be a hands-on portion of this training so please bring your personal radio if you have one. If you don't have one, it's no problem. Those with extra radios are welcome to bring them and share.

For context, SARA was recently provided with a generous supply of handheld radios that operate on the Pima County Wireless Integrated Network (PCWIN). These radios are the same equipment used by PCSD and many other local law enforcement/EMS agencies. While we have had a limited access to this network for some time, the addition of these handhelds will drastically improve our communication in the field. The network is very sophisticated and provides nearly seamless coverage throughout the county with very few dead zones. Additionally, this network allows for interagency communication in mutual aid applications. This level of sophistication does come with very strict accountability rules and a familiarity with the operation of the equipment. As such, successful completion of this class will be a prerequisite for the issuance of any PCWIN radio for your use on a call.

For additional context, while the primary topic of the class will be the PCWIN radios to ensure a successful implementation, some other goals of this class were added in answer to the feedback provided on the training survey that was sent out some time ago. That feedback has been incredibly helpful in developing training programs for the betterment of all members and I'm looking forward to incorporating that information into future trainings. For those who have not yet completed the [Training Survey](#), it is still open and your feedback is both welcome and appreciated.

TECHNICAL SKILLS CALENDAR

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 / Rillito Bridge.

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!

November

- Fri 11/3 – SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs)
- Tue 11/7 – SALT technical signoffs
- Thur 11/9 – SALT technical signoffs
- Sat 11/11 – SALT technical signoffs
- (Wed 11/15) – Tower session
- Wed 11/29 – Personal Rope Skills

December

- Fri 12/1 – SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs)
- Mon 12/4 – Operations Skills training for anyone who wants to advance from Awareness **(Date change!)**
- Mon 12/18 – Personal Rope Skills

Any questions, please let Sarah or Richard know (sarah.truebe@sarci.org, richard.hounshell@sarci.org).

2024 WEMR COURSE Sign-Up

by John DiMiceli, john.dimiceli@sarci.org

We are happy to announce the upcoming 2024 Wilderness Emergency Medical Responder hosted by the SARA Medical Training and Standards Committee. 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. This will satisfy the medical component needed to advance to Orange shirt.

The course will run from **Tuesday, January 23, 2024 to Saturday, March 23, 2024**. Classes will be every **Tuesday and Thursday** evening from **18:00 – 22:00** with four **Saturday** classes from **08:00-17:00 on February 10th, February 24th, March 16th, and March 23rd**. Attending ALL class dates is **MANDATORY**. There will be no make-up days. If you miss more than 10 hours of class, you will not be eligible to obtain your NR-EMR certification.

SARA will provide the course textbook, medical supplies, and one voucher for the National Registry EMR exam.

Complete this form to sign up for the course: <https://forms.office.com/r/v444yXuuyh>

HELICOPTER TEAM

by Sean Fawcett, sean.fawcett@sarci.org

The SARA Helicopter Team welcomes Granny Grant and Jason Schlueter as its newest members! Over the past few years they have consistently shown their willingness to go above and beyond in the field, have garnered trust amongst SARA members, and have the skills and teamwork capabilities to be great additions to this group.

About the SARA Helicopter Team:

The Helo Team provides specialized services to and in conjunction with the Pima County Sheriff's Department SAR deputies, Sheriff 1, and DPS teams. The SARA Helo Team trains with those groups four times a year. Per DPS / Sheriff 1 policy, each training session is completed within 1 tank of fuel, which means that all SAR Helo Teams across the state have roughly 8 members each that are certified to perform: Hover Ingress/Ingress, Connect/Disconnect, and other ground operations to include LZ management.

The Helo Team selects new members on an as-needed basis which enables the team to maintain cohesiveness and specialized skill-sets needed to provide the appropriate level of service on missions.

The Helo team manual for bringing on new team members reads that new members must have:

1. More than 2 years of field activity as a full member with an average of at least 10 call-out responses per year over the preceding 2 years.
2. Demonstrated technical, risk assessment, decision making and leadership skills
3. Proper attitude (safety, trustworthy, team player)
4. Positive representative of SARA to DPS and PCSD
5. Off-trail hiking, route finding and navigation abilities
6. Successful completion of SARA's helicopter ingress/egress training
7. Current OEC (or higher) medical certification
8. Physical conditioning – ability to carry a full rescue pack the equivalent of a round-trip to the top of Blackett's Ridge

Desirable:

9. Trusted by SARA to operate solo when required
10. Rappelling competency, demonstrated to team members at a tower session
11. Personal rope skills including anchors, personal belay, ascending and self-rescue techniques – demonstrated to team members at a tower session
12. Technical systems (skills exceeding current SARA minimum standard)

Before voting in new Helo Team members, current members review how many rescues a person responds to each year. Even though the manual states that a minimum of 10 rescues a year are required, top annual responders who maintain high annual responses, or responders with at least 200 missions completed are invited to apply to the team when there is an opening. This is to ensure that the team will have enough members on hand to cover mission needs every mission, and that the person has the experience to be in the field solo if necessary.

Granny and Jason join current team members: Sean Fawcett, Nic Jones, Ed Hartman, Spencer Graves, Gordon Chappel, Mike Jennings, Manny Montano and experienced LZ support members George Simons and Bill Florence.

You can reach out to Sean with any questions or to learn more about the Helo Team.

Here's my self-service HAM journey. I went from Zero to HAM-Technician in about 1 month of casual studying / tinkering.

Step 1: Basics First

I bought a cheap VHF/UHF radio off Amazon and familiarized myself with it and went through all the menus, and read the user manual. When I came across a term or function I didn't understand, I did some googleing and tried to learn more. I certainly did not master every option or feature, but I learned as much as I could by: Reading the manual, watching some YouTube Videos / reading forums or reddit.

The radio I used for this purpose was a BAOFENG UV5R. I bought it on Amazon for ~\$30 and it came with a programming cable, which allowed me to use some software called 'Chirp'. This accelerated my learning process. I don't know much about the HAM radio market and what's available, but I really appreciated that there was a great deal of information about how to use this particular radio on the internet from people in my same situation.

Step 2: FCC Regulations & Formal Knowledge

The most frustrating part of this process was that I struggled to track down a single source of information which could outline the knowledge needed to be a Technician. There were plenty of sources to shortcut the learning process by drilling multiple choice practice exams, but I felt I was gaming the system a bit by memorizing instead of understanding the test material.

I did find one consolidated high quality source that brought together both Fundamentals of Radio and Test preparation: The No-Nonsense Tech Study Guide by KB6NU

*** FCC Title 47 Chapter 1 Subchapter D Part 97 - This is the actual federal regulatory document. It's a bit much to get through if you sat down to read it. Instead, I used it as a reference when I didn't understand something in the study guide. It has some useful tables showing what types of communication are allowed on certain frequencies, etc.

Step 3: Exam Prep

I used an iOS app called Ham Test Prep: Technician to study and practice the exam. This app was \$5 (but there's a free lite version), and it randomly generates practice exams based on the allowable question pool. You can keep track of your cumulative scores for each type of question, and the app provides some review material relevant to some sections. For example after a few rounds of practice, I found that I was pretty bad at regulation knowledge, so I was able to quickly read up on that info inside the app.

I probably did 20 practice exams before I felt I could consistently pass.

Step 4: Taking a Virtual Exam

I took an exam virtually over Zoom. This was organized by HamStudy.org. I registered for a timeslot that worked for me (there seems to be exams happening all the time) and I took the test same day. Just like any formal exam, my camera was turned on, the examiners verified that my test environment was sanitized (no phones, cheat sheets or extra monitors) and they wished me good luck. The exam cost \$14, and I was done in about 30 minutes start to finish.

*** register with the FCC ahead of time and get your Federal Registration Number (FRN) so the examiner can FWD your test results to the FCC.

Two days and a \$35 FCC registration fee later, I got my callsign.

Hope this provided some insight to new and HAM-curious SARA members, or a calibration point to more HAM-Savvy members of the community about what a new HAM might experience.



TECHNICAL SKILLS: AWARENESS-LEVEL TASKBOOK

by Sarah Truebe, sarah.truebe@sarci.org

We have slightly simplified the Awareness-level Taskbook in advance of SALT. What we have changed as of now:

- Removal of all “redundant” anchors. The only three anchors on the Awareness sheet now are the W3P2 (Wrap-3,Pull-2), Double Loop (Wrap-2,Pull-2), and the Tensionless Anchor (in rope).
- Rewording of some items to make signoffs clearer and more efficient.
- Adding rope tailing skills.
- Changing wording to include “Descent Control Device” so that as people do the Clutch Supplement, they can also fill out their Awareness taskbook (if you’re working on a new one).

Many folks don’t like the “memorization” (Static System Safety Factor) but I would like to remind everyone that knowing especially the strengths of our soft goods is really important so we don’t overload our systems. Long-term that signoff will look different than having to name a million numbers, but due to the tight timeline before SALT and our desire to be thoughtful in what we ask every Field Qualified person to know, we haven’t changed that yet.

This new taskbook is on the SARA Documents page online. If you are currently working on a taskbook you are welcome to transfer those signoffs to the new Awareness taskbook, but please keep your original one and submit both until we have everyone on the new taskbook.

TECHNICAL SKILLS: CLUTCH TASK BOOK SUPPLEMENT by Richard Hounshell, richard.hounshell@sarci.org

The Board has approved a Clutch Task Book Supplement that will be used to bridge the gap between the retirement of the MPD and implementation of the Clutch. The supplement can be completed without needing to complete a new task book. As with our existent task book, you can complete the supplement as either Awareness, Operations, or Technician as appropriate for your current level (or lower if desired). It is important to note that to remain Field Qualified, all members must complete this Clutch task book supplement by July 1, 2024. If you complete a Clutch supplement at a lower level than your current task book, on 7/1/2024 you will revert to that lower level of task book. Signoffs for the supplement will be available at all applicable technical trainings just as they are with MPD signoffs. We hope that you will work towards completing this expeditiously, so that we can begin the transition away from the MPD as soon as possible.

- [CMC 11mm CLUTCH Inspection & Function Test](#) (YouTube video)
- [CMC 11mm CLUTCH Lowering & Hauling](#) (YouTube video)
- [Technical Skills Task Book](#) (login required)
- [Clutch Task Book Supplement](#) (login required) (Clutch Task Book Supplement is included below)

ACCORDING TO HISTORY

by Marvin Stafford, marvin.stafford@sarci.org

(The following is a reprint of the eleventh 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).

A Cadre of Climbers in Search and Rescue

I recall a condition, in the mid to late 70's, where the leadership personnel in the Southern Arizona Rescue Association (SARA) were also a group of active rock climbers. This was both good and bad for the organization and the rescuees.

We had some great training exercises. These guys knew the popular climbing routes. They were skilled in personal techniques as well as rescue procedures. Being in good physical condition and with their climbing skills well practiced, they made good training leaders.

As an organization, we have never had a lot of real 'rock rescues'. When we did, this active group of climbers, within SARA, could quickly and smoothly do what needed to be done. They were accustomed to working together in that environment. They knew what they could depend upon from their team mates with scant communication. Some rescues were accomplished with no visible, identifiable leader.

On the down side, it became very hard for a new SARA Member to get involved or gain any experience in these few rescues. When there was an assignment to be made, it would go to a trusted member whose skills were already known. Or, an experienced member would step in and fill a role, without being told, and leave the new person standing there. With no visible leader, the novice had no one to whom he could say: "I can do that. I came all this way. Let me help."

Having put all this in the past tense, I must announce that I am guiding my annual trip to Mount Baboquivari the first week end of November, this year. There is no climbing clique, now. I hope some of you will want to learn the route and practice some fifth class climbing, together. Let me know. *(ed. Check with Marvin to see if this old offer is still valid)*

Name: _____

Date: _____.

Clutch Taskbook Supplement

To remain field qualified, all members must complete this Clutch taskbook supplement by July 1, 2024. If you complete a Clutch supplement at a lower level than your current taskbook, on 7/1/2024 you will revert to that lower level of taskbook.

Awareness

- ☐ rig Clutch
- ☐ safety test
- ☐ demonstrate proper operator hand position
- ☐ demonstrate hand position and action when “stop” is called
- ☐ demonstrate rope tailer positioning and action when “stop” is called
- ☐ tie off the Clutch

Operations

- ☐ rig Clutch
- ☐ safety test
- ☐ demonstrate proper operator hand position
- ☐ demonstrate hand position and action when “stop” is called
- ☐ demonstrate rope tailer positioning and action when “stop” is called
- ☐ tie off the Clutch
- ☐ operate Clutch on lower with a one-person load (or more)
- ☐ rig Clutch in a haul system and demonstrate Clutch handle position during a haul

Technician

- ☐ rig Clutch
- ☐ safety test
- ☐ demonstrate proper operator hand position
- ☐ demonstrate hand position and action when “stop” is called
- ☐ describe to another person what proper “rope tailing” hand position and action is when “stop” is called
- ☐ tie off the Clutch
- ☐ operate Clutch on lower with a one-person load (or more)
- ☐ rig Clutch in a haul system and demonstrate Clutch handle position during a haul
- ☐ rig Clutch in shark-fin position (remember redundant load paths – must use TWO webbing anchors but can use a single rigging plate because it passes the critical point test)
- ☐ operate Clutches in shark-fin position (requires a tailer to avoid critical point failure)

Technician Signature:

Date:

Approved 7/20/2023



TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

Arizona Inland Search Management Course
40 hours, AZ POST approved CE

November 13-17, 2023
0730-1700 each day

Pima County-Abrams Building
3950 S. Country Club Road
Tucson, AZ 85714

COURSE FEE OF \$150.00 PER STUDENT IS PAYABLE TO ASARCA BY THE FIRST DAY OF THE COURSE

Class size is limited to 24 students. Preference will be given to AZ SAR Coordinators. Completion of IRIC course and ICS-300, Intermediate ICS, is recommended but not required prior to taking this course

Registration:

<https://www.rsvpbook.com/aismfall2023>

See your SAR Coordinator for the password for registration.

Course Requirements:

- Students must receive a color printed copy or pdf on an e-reader (laptop, iPad, etc) of the AZ ISM Manual (latest version) from their SAR Coordinator or as a download at <https://www.arizonasar.org> (publications tab) after October 22nd, 2023 and before November 1st, 2023.
- Students must have read and digested Chapters 1-7 before the course starts.
- Computer literacy as described in <https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/assessment-info> or https://assets.digitalliteracyassessment.org/static/main_website/docs/NDL-standards-current.f32455e51c85.pdf
- Students must have a Windows laptop computer with
 - Charger
 - Power strip
 - Extension cord
 - Latest versions of IRO, WinCASIE III, ICS-SAR, SAR T-Cards, Comm Manager, and Clue Manager installed and running (all software available for free download from www.arizonasar.org software tab)
- Thumb drive labeled with student's name.
- Students must not be on-call during the 5 days/nights of the course
- Students must secure lodging that is within 30 minutes drive time of the course location.
- The student's agency is responsible for lodging and per diem costs.
- The class starts at 0730 sharp each day so students should arrive by 0715.

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 Aug 17** 8/ 38/ **45ym hiker arm injury** **Tanque Verde Canyon, Rincons** **Sheriff1 RMFD**
14:10 – 16:55 A hiker with a fractured arm was found below the Main Falls Overlook and hoisted to the road.
- Thu Aug 24** 15/ 98/ **72ym hiker overdue** **Romero Canyon, Catalinas** **Survey**
20:45 – 01:35 A hiker returning from Romero Pass missed the trail at the pools and continued downstream. Teams made voice contact and found the hiker in good condition. Refreshments were provided, then all hiked out without problems.
- Sun Aug 27** 3/ 3/ **76yf hikers exhausted** **Bird Canyon, Catalinas**
10:05 – 10:25 Hikers returning on the Esperero Trail were becoming exhausted and turned down Bird Canyon then called for help. They were easily retrieved to the nearby road.
- Sat Sep 02** 21/ 33/ **12ym autistic missing** **Catalina Hwy, Tucson**
No field times A search for a missing male had been going for several hours. As we prepared teams, he was located by TPD out of the search area.
- Sun Sep 10** 19/ 98/ **29ym hiker exhausted** **Palisades Trail, Catalinas**
11:55 – 15:40 A group hiked down the Palisades Trail to East Fork Sabino, then started to return. One of the group was exhausted. Teams hiked in from Stop 9 while the group hiked down to meet them near Pine Creek Crossing. All hiked out without problems.
- Fri Sep 15** 5/ 6/ **2 70yf hikers off trail** **Wilderness of Rocks, Catalinas**
No field times Hikers got off trail from Wilderness of Rocks Trail, just west of Marshall Saddle. They got back on trail as teams were responding.
- Sun Sep 24** 6/ 34/ **Evidence Search** **Cienega Creek** **sUAS**
No field times Two drones were used to document an area of interest in Cienega Creek for PCSD detectives. It would have been challenging terrain and vegetation for foot teams.
- Thu Sep 28** 16/ 68/ **75ym hiker lost** **Romero Canyon, Catalinas** **Customs**
17:25 – 20:15 A hiker coming down Mt.Lemmon reported problems finding trail near Romero Spring, and his cellphone was low on power. He found the trail, until he got off trail at Romero Pools. Teams found him downstream over ½ mile, and escorted him out.
- Sun Oct 08** 17/ 42/ **?ym MtnBiker injured** **Middle Gate Trail, Catalinas** **GRFD**
11:35 – 12:05 A Mtn Biker was injured in the Golder Ranch trail area. Golder Ranch Fire carried him out on an ATV.
- Sun Oct 08** 15/ 31/ **24ym hiker stuck on rock** **Mt.Lemmon Trail, Catalinas**
No field times A hiker reported himself stuck on a rock, but found a way to get down safely before teams got up the mountain.
- Sun Oct 08** 10/ 56/ **Hikers out of water** **Mt.Lemmon Trail, Catalinas**
17:20 – 20:40 Hikers coming up the mountain asked for help above Romero Pass. They were able to continue up trail until they met teams near the rock the previous caller had been stuck on. The hikers were assisted up to vehicles on the Powerline Road.
- Wed Oct 18** 17/ 127/ **44ym hiker exhausted** **West Fork Sabino, Catalinas** **Survey Sheriff1**
21:45 – 07:40 Two hikers were taking three days to hike down the mountain to the Visitor Center. The uncle was exhausted below Romero Pass, so the nephew continued down, leaving caches of water on the trail when he was able to find and filter it. He was with other hikers when they reached cell coverage and asked for help. From Pine Creek Crossing, one team went west and two teams went east, intending to cover Sycamore and Bear. The West team heard a voice response from Hutchs Pool, but it was a different hiker who reported seeing a tent along the trail below the Cathedral Trail. The uncle was retrieved and the team returned to the helispot above Hutchs Pool that was used a few weeks before on a prior call. Sheriff1 ferried them out.
- Sat Oct 21** 8/ 8/ **Overdue climbers** **The Fortress, Catalinas**
No field times A climbing team was reported overdue. As the sun set, they had chosen not to continue up their route, then returned to a point where they could shift to an easier route. They were delayed but made it up before teams responded.
- Mon Oct 23** 7/ 7/ **81yf alzheimer walkaway** **N Bear Canyon Rd**
No field times A missing woman was found near Sabino High School before teams responded.

2023 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last 12 Mos
Missions	86	1054	4961	4.7	98
Trainings	165	2573	11279	4.4	193
Meetings	103	1057	2213	2.1	125
Public Relations	19	63	262	4.2	22
Special Events	8	76	964	12.7	8
Activities	76	309	1586	5.1	90
TOTALS	457	5132	21265	4.1	536

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 01 SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:30)	Nov 02	Nov 03 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	Nov 04 SARA Training: Communications	Nov 05
Nov 06	Nov 07 SALT Technical Signoffs	Nov 08	Nov 09 SALT Technical Signoffs	Nov 10	Nov 11 SALT Technical Signoffs	Nov 12 SALT Graduation Divers Training (09:00)
Nov 13 CME	Nov 14	Nov 15 SARA Tech Tower Session	Nov 16 SARA Board (19:00)	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19
Nov 20	Nov 21 SAMSAR Meeting (18:00)	Nov 22	Nov 23 THANKSGIVING DAY	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26
Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29 SARA Tech Rope Skills	Nov 30	Dec 01 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	Dec 02	Dec 03
Dec 04 SARA Tech OPS Skills	Dec 05	Dec 06 SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:30)	Dec 07	Dec 08	Dec 09	Dec 10 Divers Training (09:00)
Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17
Dec 18 SARA Tech Rope Skills	Dec 19 SAMSAR Meeting (18:00)	Dec 20	Dec 21 SARA Board (19:00)	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
Dec 25 CHRISTMAS DAY	Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31 NEW YEARS EVE
Jan 01 NEW YEARS DAY	Jan 02	Jan 03 SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:30)	Jan 04	Jan 05 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	Jan 06	Jan 07

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