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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 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 your certifications in ERM. ERM will automatically send a notice to Records@sarci.org.

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SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Jamie Carpenter, jamie.carpenter@sarci.org

SRDI CALENDAR

May 01 18:30 Wed **Monthly Meeting**

OnLine Teams

Thank you for your support with our recent searches. SRDI is making progress towards certification for trailing dogs and members are excited to attend the K9 conference at SARCON.

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:

AZK9SARCON	May 2024	Heber, AZ
Schettler Seminar	May 2024	Southern Arizona
FACTS Level 3	Oct 2024	San Marcos, TX
FACTS Level 1	Nov 2024	San Marcos, TX

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by John Longhofer, divers@sarci.org

DIVERS CALENDAR

<u>May 12</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Underwater Skills – Knots and Lift Bag	TBD – DV Pool
<u>Jun 09</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	TBD	TBD
<u>Jul 14</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	TBD	TBD

In April, we had our new divers practice underwater search patterns solo and in tandem. They also worked on the line tender signals.

In May, we will continue working with our new divers on their underwater skills: Knots and using lift bags.

June and July are TBD. Plan for Lakeside

SOUTHERN AZ MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Colleen Leon, colleen.leon@sarci.org

SAMSAR CALENDAR

May 21 18:00 Tue **Board and General Meeting**

Forty Niner Country Club, 12000 E. Tanque Verde

SAMSAR hosted a training with our newest partners in SARA, NPS and our new PCS D deputies. What a great class! The usual curriculum is General Behavior around SAR Equine, how to safely Hand and Receive SAMSAR Equipment and how to Safely Mount and Remove Compromised Patients from SAR Equine. This class was amazing! Great group! Thanks for Tommy Rodden at Tanque Verde Stables to offer us the arena! Tommy also offers the stable to our Border Patrol members!

See ya on the trail!

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by LtCol Robert McCord, cap@sarci.org

CAP SQUADRON CALENDAR

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

1175 W. Magee Road, Tucson, AZ 85704

The Civil Air Patrol's Neotoma Squadron actively participates in ongoing search and rescue missions and training exercises at the state, local and national levels. We welcome new members to join the more than 70 members of the nationally recognized emergency services Arizona Wing Ground Team.

Membership: Robert McCord, cap@sarci.org

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION



SARA@sarci.org

SARA CALENDAR

<u>May 03</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, Hybrid
<u>May 04</u>	<u>08:00 Sat</u>	SARA Training: Leadership & Risk	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon
<u>May 15</u>	<u>18:00 Wed</u>	Tower Training	10001 S. Rita Road
<u>May 16</u>	<u>19:00 Thu</u>	SARA Board Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>June 07</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, Hybrid

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

by Jason Schlueter, SARApresident@sarci.org

After voting at the April SARA Annual Meeting, it was announced that the following individuals have been elected or re-elected to the SARA Board Directors for two-year terms:

John DiMiceli (re-elected to 2nd term)
Jason Schlueter (re-elected to 2nd term)
George Simons (elected to 1st term)
Chris Yamanaka (re-elected to 2nd term)

Continuing Directors

Amy Di Miceli
Bill Florence
Spencer Graves
Justin Peterson
Cory Szach

The Board convened and agreed upon the following roles:

Officers

President: Jason Schlueter
Vice President: John DiMiceli
Secretary: Chris Yamanaka
Treasurer: Bill Florence

Directors (areas of responsibility)

Facilities: George Simons
Medical: Cory Szach
Membership: Amy DiMiceli
Operations: Spencer Graves
Training: Justin Peterson

The Board meets monthly on the third Thursday at 19:00, and meetings are open to all. A Teams link for remote participation is included in each month's published agenda.

RESPECT FOR SUBJECTS

by Jason Schlueter, SARApresident@sarci.org

We must remember to respect the public who we serve on callouts. This is especially true when they can hear us talking, including during the monthly meetings. I would like everyone to take a step back and remove your opinions when describing missions. Things happen, mistakes are made, but we are usually seeing someone at a very challenging time. The night we see them might be the scariest night of their life. I'm sure we have all done embarrassing things and wouldn't want a room full of people making light of the situation. Do not speak poorly of our subjects. I will reiterate this at this monthly meeting.

SARA DUES for 2024

by Mykle Raymond, mykle.raymond@sarci.org

SARA annual dues are "considered to have been paid" for those members that have been "active" during the previous year. Dues notices will list the status of each member; they will be emailed during the first half of May. During the August meeting of the Board of Directors, the list of those that have not paid will be reviewed, and their memberships are usually dropped.

IT STATUS

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 SARA members is ALLSARAMEMBERS@sarci.org.

OEC CORNER

The dates for the SARCI 2024 OEC Refresher Cycle B will be:

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Sunday, October 20, 2024

More information to come as we get closer to the refresher dates.

MONTHLY TRAINING

May's monthly training will be Leadership & Risk Management. This class provides an interactive discussion about important issues related to what we do and how we make decisions that affect others in the field. Please RSVP no later than Friday, April 26th so we can ensure adequate supplies for one of the exercises. [RSVP Here](#)

Candidates: this is a specific sign-off on your orange card and is offered once per year (though it is another one we're trying to work in more frequently due to the importance).

Here are the details:

What: Leadership & Risk Management

When: Saturday, May 4th, 08:00-14:00

Where: SARA House

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](#) and [Clutch Task Book Supplement](#) are included in ERM, under Links > My Stuff > My Task Books



TECHNICAL SKILLS CALENDAR

by Sarah Truebe, sarah.truebe@sarci.org

All trainings are tentative until they appear on the Master Calendar and are announced via email.

All Level signoffs are available at all trainings; field signoffs are available at Personal Rope Skills, Field Trainings, Tower Trainings, and quarterly major Technician Trainings. No signoffs are available at Technician Team Meetings.

This year we are due for our MRA Technical recertification, so stay tuned for prep dates for that recertification.

Clutch Supplements and Taskbooks can now be found under “My Stuff” in ERM. If you prefer paper to be able to view it all in one place, those materials can still be found on the SARA Documents page, but all taskbooks will now be managed through ERM.

The Clutch Supplement is due on 7/1/2024 or you will lose FQ status. Your overall rope skills taskbook will revert to whatever level Clutch supplement you’ve completed on 7/1/2024.

Any questions on the schedule or taskbooks, please contact Sarah Truebe (sarah.truebe@sarci.org) or Richard Hounshell (richard.hounshell@sarci.org).

MAY

- 5/03/24 @ 1830 - Pre-meeting signoffs - SARA House
- 5/08/24 @ 1800 - Technician Meeting (if needed) - SARA House
- 5/15/24 @ 1800 - Tower Training - 10001 S. Rita Road
- 5/22/24 @ 1800 - Personal Rope Skills OR Operations Field Training

JUNE

- 6/07/24 @ 1830 - Pre-meeting signoffs - SARA House
- 6/15/24 @ 0600 - Minimal Gear Day / Counterweight Systems / Traveling Hauls / etc. - all TBD **(NO SIGNOFFS)**
- 6/26/24 @ 1800 - Personal Rope Skills OR Operations Field Training **(CLUTCH SIGNOFF DEADLINE)**

JULY

- 7/05/24 @ 1830 - Pre-meeting signoffs - SARA House
- 7/10/24 @ 1800 - Technician Team Meeting - SARA House
- 7/13/24 @ TBD - SET FOR REAL for new technicians (tentative)
- 7/17/24 @ 1800 - Pre-session for Litter Scoops or Pickoffs - SARA House
- 7/20/24 @ time TBD - Field Tech Training - location TBD
- 7/24/24 @ 1800 - Personal Rope Skills OR Operations Field Training
- 7/31/24 @ 1800 - Cave pre-session - SARA House (NO SIGNOFFS)

AUGUST

- 8/02/24 @ 1830 - Pre-meeting signoffs - SARA House
- 8/03/24 @ Time TBD - Cave Training - Location TBD
- 8/21/24 @ 1800 - Personal Rope Skills OR Operations Field Training

SEPTEMBER

- 9/04/24 @ 1800 - Technician Meeting (SALT prep) - SARA House
- 9/06/24 @ 1830 - Pre-meeting signoffs - SARA House

Due to the extensive demands of SALT, there are no other signoff opportunities in September

OCTOBER

- 10/04/24 @ 1830 - Pre-meeting signoffs - SARA House
- 10/23/24 @ 1800 - Pre-session for Litter Scoops or Pickoffs - SARA House
- 10/26/24 @ time TBD - Field Tech Training - location TBD
- 10/29/24 @ 1800 - Personal Rope Skills OR Operations Field Training

NOVEMBER

- 11/01/24 @ 1830 - Pre-meeting signoffs - SARA House
- 11/6/24 @ 1800 - Technician Meeting (if needed) - SARA House
- 11/20/24 @ 1800 - Tower Training - 10001 S. Rita Road

DECEMBER

- 12/02/24 @ 1800 Operations Level Skills Classroom session (tentative) - SARA House
- 12/06/24 @ 1830 - Pre-meeting signoffs - SARA House
- 12/11/24 @ 1800 - Pre-session for steep angle training (tentative)
- 12/14/24 @ time TBD - TV Falls Steep Angle Training (tentative)
- 12/18/24 @ 1800 - Personal Rope Skills OR Operations Field Training

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).

Tue Mar 26	6/ 16/ 30ym missing	Avra Valley Road	M3T M30T
No field times An employee of a invasive grass abatement team was missing. Drones had been requested to cover the area of interest, but he was found by a deputy as teams arrived.			
Wed Mar 27	11/ 13/ 70ym hiker fall injury	Sutherland Trail, Cat St Pk, Catalinas	GRFD
No field times A hiker was injured on the Sutherland Trail junction with the Canyon Loop. He was retrieved by UTV.			
Wed Apr 03	11/ 14/ 81ym hiker overdue	Bug Spring Trail, Catalinas	
No field times An overdue hiker on the Bug Spring Trail arrived at the trailhead before teams arrived.			
Sun Apr 07	16/ 34/ 18ym hiker fall injury	TV Canyon, Rincons	RMFD
13:35 – 14:40 A hiker fell near the base of the SARA Trail. He was able to walk out.			
Mon Apr 08	12/ 77/ ??ym hiker exhausted	Wilderness of Rocks, Catalinas	Pinal
08:55 – 14:20 An exhausted hiker was retrieved by Pinal Helo. Teams hiked in to help carry packs.			
Tue Apr 09	21/ 104/ 82ym hiker missing	Golder Ranch area, Catalinas	Survey M3T M30T GRFD
17:10 – 20:30 An overdue hiker wound up going further south than intended and hiked out to Golder Ranch Road. A passer-by picked him up and delivered him to the staging area at the corrals.			
Tue Apr 09	14/ 169/ 24ym hiker stranded	Finger Rock Canyon, Catalinas	
18:15 – 06:10 A hiker became stranded in the bottom of Finger Rock Canyon below “The Corner”. Teams accessed him in very rough and wet terrain and tech gear was requested. All were able to hike out without further problems.			
Tue Apr 09	10/ 56/ 49yf hiker missing	Catalina State Park, Catalinas	M3T
21:50 – 02:35 The vehicle of a missing hiker was found at the Romero Trailhead. She had indicated an interest in Romero Pools. Teams hiked up to the pools and covered many social trails. No relevant clues were found.			
Wed Apr 10	13/ 79/ 49yf hiker missing	Catalina State Park, Catalinas	M30T
07:10 – 13:05 Continuation of search. Teams covered many trails in the daylight. No relevant clues were found.			
Thu Apr 11	8/ 50/ 49yf hiker missing	Catalina State Park, Catalinas	M30T
07:00 – 20:20 Dog teams had an indication of interest in the Green Rock area. Drone covered the area around Green Rock.			
Fri Apr 12	6/ 33/ 49yf hiker missing	Catalina State Park, Catalinas	
06:00 – 09:30 More dog team coverage. No relevant clues were found.			
Sun Apr 14	12/ 30/ 58ym hiker ankle injury	TV Canyon, Rincons	RMFD
12:20 – 13:10 An injured hiker was carried up the SARA Trail.			
Sun Apr 14	11/ 22/ Mom, son stranded by dark x6 Bear Canyon, Catalinas		
21:10 – 22:00 Two people were stranded by dark and were retrieved from x6 without problems.			
Mon Apr 15	23/ 124/ 49yf hiker missing	Catalina State Park, Catalinas	Survey Ranger2
13:40 – 18:05 A local hiker reported boots found on rock next to Alamo Canyon, above the trail crossing. Many teams covered Alamo Canyon and trails, extending well upstream of the trail crossing. Ranger2 spotted the hiker on the hilltop west of Alamo Canyon, 1000’ above the canyon bottom, and she was moving. She was flown direct to hospital.			
Wed Apr 17	12/ 17/ 37yf fall injury	Windy Point, Catalinas	MLFD
No field times Two people were walking on the retaining wall adjacent to the road. One fell and was not responding. A deputy located and walked her up to the road, while teams were enroute.			
Fri Apr 19	11/ 25/ Hikers exhausted	Finger Rock Trail, Catalinas	Survey RMFD
17:55 – 18:45 Hikers were exhausted on Finger Rock Trail, just above the spring. As afternoon shade began to cover the trail, they were able to continue down trail. The hasty team and Rural team met them and walked them to vehicles.			
Wed Apr 24	12/ 41/ 66yf ankle injury	Historic Trail, Catalinas	RMFD
14:35 – 16:20 A hiker was treated and carried down trail to an ambulance on the road.			
Thu Apr 25	8/ 16/ 33yf missing	Orange Grove / Mona Lisa	Survey M3T M30T
No field times IMT, drones, and SRDI responded to search for a mentally impaired woman. She was quickly found in a nearby car.			

2024 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last 12 Mos
Missions	35	508	2066	4.1	92
Trainings	67	1234	5219	4.2	189
Meetings	32	338	686	2.0	99
Public Relations	6	12	48	4.0	22
Special Events	3	44	609	13.8	8
Activities	35	120	614	5.1	96
TOTALS	178	2256	9242	4.1	506

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SARCI Calendar – 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Apr 29	Apr 30	May 01 SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:30)	May 02	May 03 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	May 04 SARA Training Leadership	May 05
May 06 TEAMS: CME (19:00)	May 07	May 08	May 09	May 10	May 11 Training: Med Simulations	May 12 Divers Training (09:00)
May 13	May 14	May 15 Tower Training (18:00)	May 16 SARA Board (19:00)	May 17	May 18	May 19
May 20	May 21 SAMSAR Meeting (18:00)	May 22 Tech Skills (18:00)	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26
May 27 MEMORIAL DAY	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	Jun 01	Jun 02
Jun 03	Jun 04 SARA New Member Orientation I	Jun 05 SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:30)	Jun 06	Jun 07 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	Jun 08 SARA Training	Jun 09 Divers Training (09:00)
Jun 10 Teams: CME (19:00)	Jun 11	Jun 12	Jun 13	Jun 14	Jun 15 Tech Skills (06:00)	Jun 16
Jun 17	Jun 18 SAMSAR Meeting (18:00)	Jun 19	Jun 20 SARA Board (19:00)	Jun 21	Jun 22	Jun 23
Jun 24	Jun 25	Jun 26 Tech Skills (18:00)	Jun 27	Jun 28	Jun 29	Jun 30
Jun 01 DEADLINE for Clutch Taskbook	Jul 02	Jul 03	Jul 04 INDEPENDENCE DAY	Jul 05 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	Jul 06 SARA Training	Jul 07

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NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

8540 N. Wanda Road, Tucson AZ 85704

Meet each Sunday 15:30-18:00, details inside

PIMA COUNTY SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

P.O.Box 13961, Tucson AZ 85732-3961

Meet 2nd Sun 09:00, details inside.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

Details inside.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

P.O.Box 12892, Tucson AZ 85732-2892

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

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS

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

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

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