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SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

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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*. Note that you cannot upload images/files on IOS or Android devices. On these devices however, at the top of the "My Certifications" page is a "Get Desktop Login Link" button to send a link to your email address. On a computer you can click on this link to open ERM where you CAN upload images/files.

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SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

SRDI CALENDAR

Dec 01	<u>07:00 Sun</u>	Urban Training
Dec 04	18:30 Wed	Monthly Meeting
<u>Dec 14</u>	<u>07:00 Sat</u>	Planners

Online Teams

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

UPCOMING SEMINARS:

٠	FACTS Level 2	Mar 2, 2025	San Marcos, TX
٠	GAK9 Trailing Clinic	Mar 7-9 2025	Cochise County
٠	NSDA Certification and Workshop	Mar 21-24, 2025	Tucson, AZ
٠	Gail Collins Area	Mar 2025	Tucson, AZ

In addition:

- The Trailing Workshop at the National Canine Facility with Robert J Nozicka will take place January 17-19, 2025
- The NSDA Certification and Workshop is hosted by SRDI.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

DIVERS (CALENDAR		
Dec 08	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Dry Session: Alt. Tables, CPR & O ₂	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Jan 12</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Dry Session: Annual Servicing of Gear	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Feb 09	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Pool Session	TBA

In November divers held our annual potluck brunch and elections for board members; all positions remain the same as last year. We also held an open house at the SARA House for members of other SARCI teams that may be interested in learning about supporting divers' operations, joining our team and membership requirements. If you wish to join our team, please contact John Longhofer at the above email for information. Yes, we always need more divers and diving support personnel.

December and January will be dry sessions. We are planning to review Altitude Tables, Review CPR and O_2 along with our annual inspection and servicing of our gear.

SOUTHERN AZ MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

SAMSAR CALENDAR

Dec 17 <u>18:00 Tue</u> Board and General Meeting

Well...the summer escapees have returned ... Gearing up with rides to get back in teams. Looking forward to joint training with NPS, new SAR Deputies and RMFD. Looking forward to dates in March.

Happy Holidays everyone!

See ya on the trail!

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

CAP SQUADRON CALENDAR

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

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

by Colleen Leon, <u>colleen.leon@sarci.org</u>

by John Longhofer, divers@sarci.org

Forty Niner Country Club, 12000 E. Tanque Verde

by LtCol Robert McCord, cap@sarci.org

1175 W. Magee Road, Tucson, AZ 85704

Web site: *http://www.neotomasquadron.org*

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA CALENDAR

Dec 06	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting
Dec 07	08:00 Sat	SARA Training: Communications
Dec 11	18:00 Wed	Steep Angle Rescue Classroom
<u>Dec 14</u>	08:00 Sat	Steep Angle Rescue Field
Dec 19	<u>19:00 Thu</u>	SARA Board Meeting
Jan 03	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting

SARA House, Hybrid SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

TBA SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd SARA House, Hybrid

The SARA Board of Directors 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.

DON MORRIS OBITUARY

Don Morris was a long time and active SARA member https://www.independent.com/obits/2024/11/07/don-peter-morris/

Marvin Stafford compiled many years of the Baboquivari Peak summit register that show Don's exceptional activity. <u>http://climbaz.com/babo_logs/babo_logs.html</u>

OEC CORNER

by Mona Johnson, <u>mona.johnson@sarci.org</u>

The 2025 OEC Cycle C Refresher Skills Session has been scheduled for Oct. 18, 2025.

MONTHLY TRAINING

December's monthly training is an Introduction to Communications taught by the SARCI Communications team. This training will cover our communication architecture throughout the organization such as Land Mobile (PimaSAR, StateSAR), Amateur (Ham) Radio, PCWIN, and ERM. There will be hands-on exercises to familiarize yourselves with the equipment as well as best practices for communication on missions. For those unfamiliar or perhaps not comfortable with radio communications, this is an excellent opportunity to learn. If you've been considering getting your amateur radio license, the Communications team is an excellent resource and they're always happy to HAM it up when it comes to all things radio.

Due to the importance of this training for mission success and continuity among component groups, this training is open to all SARCI members. Please RSVP at the link below no later than Wednesday, December 04. For SARA candidates: this training will count as an "Other" training on your orange card.

What: SARCI Introduction to Communications Where: SARA House When: Saturday, December 07 @ 08:00

RSVP Here: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/aTcNqj6enH</u>)

SARA TRAINING UPDATES

The next SAR Tracker training will be the weekend of January 24-26. Additional details will be published in the SARA calendar and via email/RSVP form.

Adam Weinstein <u>adam.weinstein@sarci.org</u> will be taking over as Monthly Training Coordinator. We'd like to thank Trevor Dickerson for all the work he put in during his time in this role, and especially for organizing November's training, Stress & Trauma Management, which was a new topic for us. Christine Hoekenga and Tina Dong led a phenomenal class that we hope to continue to both offer and build upon (thank you both!).





by Meghann Vance, <u>meghann.vance@sarci.org</u>

t. 18, 2025.

by SARCI Newsletter, sarcinewsletter@sarci.org

by Trevor Dickerson, trevor.dickerson@sarci.org



COMMUNICATIONS

by SARCI Communications, sarcicommunications@sarci.org

Please see the Monthly Training notice for the upcoming Communications Training session. The Communications team will resume PCWIN familiarization training prior to the January 2025 Monthly Meeting.

The N7SAR repeaters on Mt Lemmon ("Lemmon Repeater") went back online on October 29. Both the UHF (449.775 MHz) and VHF (147.14 MHz) are fully functional. New antennas with higher gain than the previous have enhanced the repeater coverage area. The Communications Team is working with the site owner to provide a more detailed summary of the new installation. Please stay tuned ...

Many people have recently obtained or are planning to obtain their amateur radio licenses. This is a reminder that if you want to use your Part 90 type accepted personal radio on PimaSAR and StateSAR you must fill out and return for approval a Personal Radio Approval form. You can find the form at:

https://www.sarci2.org/data/221021%20SARA%20NB%20Personal%20Radio%20Form.pdf (password required)

or by request to <u>sarcicommunications@sarci.org</u>. Please also contact SARCI Communications for referrals on which radios to procure or any of your communications questions.

TECHNICAL SKILLS: TASKBOOKS

by Sarah Truebe, <u>sarah.truebe@sarci.org</u>

After the rush of signoffs in October and November, I'd like to draw everyone's attention to the number of tech taskbooks that expire throughout 2025:

Month	<u>Expiring Taskbooks</u>	Month	Expiring Taskbooks	Month	Expiring Taskbooks
January	5	May	3	September	6
February	2	June	2	October	33
March	2	July	7	November	23
April	3	August	6	December	2

If your taskbook is one of the 50+ that expire in Oct or Nov, I recommend you turn around a taskbook ASAP and get yourself onto a month with very few other folks asking for signoffs. This will also give you more 1:1 time on the new skills. Great choices to complete a new taskbook are: Feb, Mar, Jun, and December.

Starting next year we may change the way SALT taskbooks expire so that we don't just contribute more and more to the same problem year after year. In the mean time, please consider getting yourself off the "SALT schedule" of taskbook expiration as soon as possible.

Kudos to all the Technicians who helped with signoffs despite also helping with SALT and the MRA recert, all at the same time of year. And kudos to everyone who has already completed one of the new taskbooks we just implemented in September!

TECHNICAL SKILLS: CALENDAR

by Sarah Truebe, <u>sarah.truebe@sarci.org</u>

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.

Tech Taskbooks can now be found in ERM under "My Stuff / My Certifications". If you prefer paper to be able to view it all in one place, the files can still be found on the SARA Documents page, but all taskbooks will now be managed through ERM.

The Clutch Supplement was due on 7/1/2024. At this point the only way to regain FQ status is to complete a new Tech Skills Taskbook. For any questions relating to the new items on the taskbook, please reach out to Sarah T or Richard H, or check out the new manual (on the SARA Documents website).

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

DECEMBER

- 12/02 @ 18:00 Operations Level Skills Classroom session (tentative) SARA House
- 12/06 @ 18:30 Pre-meeting tech signoffs SARA House
- 12/11 @ 18:00 Classroom session for steep angle training (tentative)
- 12/14 @ time TBD TV Falls Steep Angle Training (tentative)
- 12/18 @ 18:00 Personal Rope Skills OR Operations Field Training

2025 TECHNICAL SCHEDULE

Hello all, please look ahead at the 2025 schedule and plan when you will tackle your taskbooks. There are six kinds of technical rope rescue trainings available in 2025:

- 1. Monthly meetings all non-field sign-offs
- 2. * Operations/Teamwork trainings all signoffs
- 3. Tower Training prioritize Tech skills (*orange card signoff available if you own a harness and are on the top of the tower to assist in team operations)
- 4. * Cliff trainings prioritize Tech skills and scene size-up in unique training locations
- 5. * Special trainings (steep angle, minimal gear, cave, etc.) taskbook signoffs may or may not be available
- 6. Personal Rope Skills focus on Rappelling/Belaying, climbing rope, personal on-rope skills (no Orange Card signoffs, but other taskbook signoffs are available)

The Orange Card signoff (denoted by * above) is intended to have Candidates participate in teamwork/operations, not just work on their personal signoff skills alone. Keep that in mind when you request an Orange Card signoff at any training.

At these trainings, participants will get a variety of hands-on technical rope equipment and setups. Signoffs are available at all levels of the taskbook at most trainings. All recent SALT graduates are welcome at any technical training unless otherwise specified. No visitors are permitted without advance permission from the Technician Team and in most cases a SAR Deputy. For all trainings: Bring your full rescue pack, helmet, headlamp, gloves, and any technical rescue gear you own. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and be aware of forecast weather conditions. Other gear will be team-provided.

RSVP here: *https://forms.office.com/r/sELH4DzOHL*

Check your email about upcoming trainings and where/when to meet. Contact Sarah T or Richard H with any questions. JANUARY JULY

- 1/01 Technician Team Applications Due •
 - 1/03 Monthly Meeting 18:30
 - 1/15 Tower 18:00 •
 - 1/19 Cliff all-day
 - 1/29 Ops 18:00
 - Technician Team meeting Time/Date TBD

FEBRUARY

- 2/07 Monthly Meeting 18:30 •
- 2/12 Tower 18:00
- 2/26 Ops 18:00 •

MARCH

- 3/07 Monthly Meeting 18:30 •
- 3/12 Tower 18:00
- 3/26 Personal Ropes 18:00
- Technician Team meeting Time/Date TBD

APRIL

- 4/04 Monthly Meeting 18:30 •
- 4/09 Tower 18:00
- 4/16 Cliff pre-training 19:00
- 4/20 Cliff all-day
- 4/30 Ops 18:00

MAY

- 5/02 Monthly Meeting 18:30 •
- 5/07 Tower 18:00
- 5/18 Special training Steep Angle all day •
- 5/28 Ops 18:00
- Technician Team meeting Time/Date TBD •

JUNE

- 6/06 Monthly Meeting 18:30 •
- 6/11 Tower 18:00
- 6/15 Special training Min Gear/Improv all day
- 6/25 Personal Ropes 18:00

- 7/01 Technician Team Applications Due •
- 7/04 Monthly Meeting 18:30 •
- 7/09 Tower 18:00 (if monsoon hasn't started) •
- 7/16 Cliff pre-training 19:00
- 7/20 Cliff all-day •
- 7/29 Ops 18:00 •
- Technician Team meeting Time/Date TBD •

AUGUST

- 8/01 Monthly Meeting 18:30 •
- 8/20 Ops 18:00 •

SEPTEMBER

- 9/05 Monthly Meeting 18:30 •
- 9/10 Tower 18:00 (if monsoon has ended)
- 9/30 SALT: Knots, Anchors
- Technician Team meeting Time/Date TBD •

OCTOBER

- 10/02 SALT: Lowers, Hauls •
- 10/03 Monthly Meeting 18:30
- 10/07 SALT: Systems, Teamwork, Stokes, etc. •
- 10/09 SALT: Skills Practices •
- 10/11 SALT: Tech field day •
- 10/21 SALT: taskbook signoffs •
- 10/23 SALT: Taskbook signoffs

NOVEMBER

- 11/07 Monthly Meeting 18:30 •
- 11/12 Tower 18:00 •
- 11/17 Ops 18:00

DECEMBER

- 12/05 Monthly Meeting -18:30•
- 12/08 Personal Ropes 18:00 •
- 12/10 Cliff pre-training 19:00 •
- 12/14 Cliff all-day •
- 12/17 Tower 18:00
- Technician Team meeting Time/Date TBD

CALLOUT	REVIEWS					by Mykle Rayr	nond, SARCIn	ewsletter @ sarci.org
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Mission <u>Hr</u>	<u>s</u> now show tota	l portal-to-po	rtal times (no	ot Rdvs). Mis	sion times no	w show Field	IN/OUT time	es (not Rdvs).
<i>Wed Oct 02</i> 13:38 – 15:0		f <i>hiker exhaus</i> urning from 7		Bear Canyon			nger2 RMFL hoisted her to) the Overlook LZ.
Sat Oct 05 15:09 – 17:2 the original	<u>15/55/??y</u> 22 A bike ride rider. The initial	er walked back	up trail to loo	<i>Milagrosa Tr</i> ok for dropped			anger2 RMFL called in a repo	ort. Ranger2 hoisted
Sun Oct 0613/53/71ym missingCamino del CerroRanger2 2xM30T NWFD12:30 – 14:40A male was missing while walking his usual route through the neighborhood.Other residents were alerted by Rangerflying low and slow, and the MPF (missing persons flyer) was circulating through social media.One neighbor had seen the missingmale and his wife noticed the MPF, and he found the male lying in brush between houses.He has since returned home from hospital.								
<i>Sat Oct 12</i> 13:30 – 16:2	20 A male wa			<i>rtolita Mtns</i> rough rough c	ountry, but wl		nger2 M30T deceased.	
<i>Sun Oct 13</i> 14:30 – 15:1				ne Creek Crost		as Ra ed the subjects	<i>inger2</i> to the Overlo	ok LZ.
<i>Tue Oct 29</i> 12:20 – 14:2	<u>22/ 76</u> / 47yj	f hiker ankle i	njury 7 I	Falls, Bear Ca	nyon, Catalin	5	inger2 RMFL	
<i>Sat Nov 02</i> 16:50 – 18:3 but his K9 v	<u>24/88/??y</u> 37 A hiker wa vas carried out of	is found upstre			on Trail (that's		7 <i>Canyon, Rin</i> y sign sez). He	e was able to walk out,
Tue Nov 05 No field tim	<u> </u>			<i>lisades, Catali</i> ities just down		<i>M</i> car and retriev	30T M3T BO ed.	RSTAR
Wed Nov 06 No field tim	6 <u>16/ 36</u> / 75yr	n hiker overdi	ue Flo	orida Canyon	Trail, Santa I	Ritas Su	rvey	
No field times A hiker was overdue, spotted by Survey, and met by a SAR officer a short distance up trail. Fri Nov 08 23/ 123/ 24ym car off road 7 Cataracts Overlook, Catalinas Ranger2 RMFD 10:20 - 13:05 A vehicle blasted through the guard rail at the pullout just downhill from 7 Cataracts Overlook. The deceased driver was extricated and flown to the road. Technical systems had been rigged for a ground evacuation but were not used.								
Fri Nov 2220/37/80ym hiker exhaustedPine Creek Crossing, CatalinasRMFD16:20 - 16:30One of a group coming down the Box Camp Trail was exhaused and help was requested. He rested enough to continue and was met by a fire team a short distance from Stop 9.RMFD								
Fri Nov 29 No field tim				AZ Trail, Mola A SAR Deputy		C atalinas ar the trailhead	while teams v	were enroute.
20	24 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Ppl/Per	Last 12 Mo	
	issions	80	1186	4772	4.0	14.8	84	
	ainings	185	3484	14699	4.2	18.8	193	
	eetings	77	1032	2218	2.1	13.4	82	

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Special Events

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SARCI Calendar – 2024-2025

				- 2024-2023		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 01
			THANKSGIVING			
Dec 02	Dec 03	Dec 04	Dec 05	Dec 06	Dec 07	Dec 08
		SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:30) Tower Training (18:00)		SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	SARA Training Communications (08:00)	Divers Training Dry Session (09:00)
Dec 09	Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15
CME		Steep Angle Rescue Class	SALT & Mentors		Technical Training: Steep Angle Rescue	
(19:00)		(18:00)	(19:00)		(08:00)	
Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22
	SAMSAR Meeting	Tech Skills	SARA Board			
	(18:00)	(18:00)	(19:00)			
Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25	Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29
	<mark>CHRISMAS EVE</mark>	CHRISTMAS				
Dec 30	Dec 31	Jan 01	Jan 02	Jan 03	Jan 04	Jan 05
	NEW YEARS	NEW YEARS		SARA Meeting	SARA Training	
	EVE	DAY		(Hybrid: 19:30)	TBA	
Jan 06	Jan 07	Jan 08	Jan 09	Jan 10	Jan 11	Jan 12
		SRDI Meetings				Divers Training Dry Session
		(On-line: 18:30)				(09:00)
Jan 13	Jan 14	Jan 15	Jan 16	Jan 17	Jan 18	Jan 19
CME		Tower Training (18:00)	SARA Board			Technical:
(19:00)		SARCI Board (19:30)	(19:00)			Cliff Training
Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 25	Jan 26
	SAMSAR Meeting (18:00)					
Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	Feb 01	Feb 02
		Technical Ops (18:00)				
Feb 03	Feb 04	Feb 05	Feb 06	Feb 07	Feb 08	Feb 09
		SRDI Meetings		SARA Meeting		Divers Training Pool Session
		(On-line: 18:30)		(Hybrid: 19:30)		(09:00)

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL, INC.

P.O.Box 44231, Tucson AZ 85733 Meet 3rd Wed 19:30 (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct), details inside.

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

8540 N. Wanda Road, Tucson AZ 85704 Meet each Sunday 15:30-18:00, details inside

PIMA COUNTY SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

P.O.Box 13961, Tucson AZ 85732-3961 Meet 2nd Sun 09:00, details inside.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE Details inside.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

P.O.Box 12892, Tucson AZ 85732-2892 Meet 1st Fri 19:30, SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS

P.O.Box 64120, Tucson AZ 85728-4120 Meet 2nd Wed 19:00, details inside. **SARNEWS** Published monthly by Search and Rescue Council, Inc., a volunteer, non-profit organization. It is distributed free to members of SARCI affiliated groups and other qualified search and rescue organizations.

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