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SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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*. 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.

CPR CLASSES

by SARNews, sarcinewsletter@sarci.org

Please see Page 4 for a list of 2025 Medical classes available for all component groups.

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SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

SRDI CALENDAR

Feb 02	<u>08:00 Sun</u>	Urban Search for Trailing, HRD, Area	PCC West Campus, 2202 W Anklam Rd
Feb 05	18:30 Wed	Monthly Meeting	Online Teams
Feb 15-17	08:00 Th-Su	Gail Collins/Neil Day Workshops	Locations TBD
Feb 22	08:00 Sat	Training	Gardner Canyon
<u>Mar 02</u>	<u>08:00 Sun</u>	HRD, Area, Trailing Training	Prison Camp
<u>Mar 05</u>	18:30 Wed	Monthly Meeting	Online Teams
<u>Mar 08</u>	08:00 Sat	SARA IMT Search (Tentative)	TBA
<u>Mar 19</u>	18:30 Wed	K9 Medical, Dr Stacey Thomas	TBA
<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>07:00 Sat</u>	HRD, Area, Trailing Training	Gas Line

Congratulations to Karyn and Rheni for passing their trailing ORT.

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 EVENTS:

• FACTS Level 2	Mar 02, 2025	San Marcos, TX
GAK9 Tracking/Trailing Clinic	Mar 07-09 2025	Cochise County
NSDA Certification and Workshop	Mar 21-24, 2025	Tucson, AZ

In addition:

- SRDI is looking for air scent and trailing subjects for the Gail Collins and Neil Day workshops on 15-17 Feb.
- The NSDA Certification and Workshop is hosted by SRDI.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

DIVERS CALENDAR

Feb 0909:00 SunFinish BLS TrainingSARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon RdMar 0909:00 SunPool Session #1TBAApr 1309:00 SunPool Session #2TBA

In January. We finished air block inspection and started BLS & AED certification and O_2 skills. We welcomed two guests to our training.

In February. We will review skills learned in January and complete BLS & AED course requirements. If time allows, we will start to review our surface support set up and line tender elements.

March and April, we will return to the pool reviewing our underwater skills.

SOUTHERN AZ MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

SAMSAR CALENDAR

Feb 18 18:00 Tue Board and General Meeting

Risky Business, 6866 E Sunrise Dr

The Equine Training scheduled for March 1 will be rescheduled for a later date.

Riding riding riding ... Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and **NOW MEETING AT RISKY BUSINESS** on Kolb and Sunrise. Board 6-7pm, General 7-8pm. Summer months usually no meetings, but members in town enjoy a meal at Risky's anyway!

See ya on the trail!

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

CAP SQUADRON CALENDAR

Sundays 15:30-18:00 Sundt Construction

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 LtCol Robert McCord, cap@sarci.org

by Colleen Leon, colleen.leon@sarci.org

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

by John Longhofer, divers@sarci.org

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA CALENDAR

Feb 07	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting
<u>Feb 08</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA Training – Medical CME
Feb 14-16	<u>Fri-Sun</u>	24 Hours in the Old Pueblo
<u>Feb 20</u>	<u>19:00 Thu</u>	SARA Board Meeting
Mar 07	19:30 Fri	SARA General Meeting



SARA House, Hybrid SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd Willow Springs Ranch SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd SARA House, Hybrid

POLICY PROPOSAL UPDATES

by John DiMiceli, <u>SARApresident@sarci.org</u>

After feedback from our January monthly meeting and suggestions sent to the Board of Directors, we have integrated your ideas into our policy proposals. You will find Revision 2 with the totality of changes highlighted in yellow at the following link: 4d - 2025 - 01 - 15 Proposed SARA Policy Changes rev2.pdf

As a reminder, the core of the proposals include:

- Expansion of what is considered activity for a membership dues waiver (I.F.)
 - Expansion of the Code of Conduct with four key components (I.J.2,3,4,5)
 - o Equal Opportunity: Reaffirming our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion
 - o Sexual Harassment: Enhancing our guidelines and procedures to ensure a harassment-free environment
 - Anti-Violence: Establishing clear expectations for maintaining a respectful and non-threatening community
- Updated Disciplinary Policy (Appendix C)
 - o Realigned policies to remove contradictions and clarify procedures
 - Provide tools to aid in reconciliation after disciplinary action
- Change of field qualification requirements for bloodborne pathogens (I.G.2.f)
 - o Training interval has been increased from 12 to 24 months
 - o Aligns with Arizona Search and Rescue Coordinators Association updated policy

We encourage all members to review these updates and give us feedback.

Due to the substantive nature of the changes made since the last monthly meeting, we will be restarting the process and taking feedback at the next two monthly meetings, which are on February 7 and March 7. Feedback can also be submitted directly to the Board at *private-sarabod@sarci.org*. If there are no substantive changes by the March 7 meeting, these policies will be formally voted on at the March 20 Board of Directors meeting. The full details of amending the Membership policy are outlined in the excerpt from the policy below:

K. Membership Policy Amendments

- 1. The proposed amendment will be submitted to the Board for consideration at a regular Board meeting.
- 2. The Board will publish the text of the amendment in a standard edition of the monthly SARCI Newsletter, or by mailing or e-mailing the amendment to each Member.
- 3. The amendment will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next general meeting following publication.
- 4. At least a quorum of the Board must be present at the general meeting to explain and/or justify the amendment.
- 5. If there are any material changes to the amendment as a result of the discussion at the general meeting, a revised amendment must be submitted to the Board, starting the process from the beginning.
- If no material changes were made, the Board may vote on the amendment at a regular Board meeting at least two
 (2) months following the submission of the most recent amendment at which time it shall become effective. Notice of the final outcome will be published in the SARCI Newsletter and on the SARA website.

FEBRUARY MONTHLY TRAINING

by Adam Weinstein, adam.weinstein@sarci.org

The February monthly training will be a medical CME day. This is an opportunity for you to get four hours of CME in one session and to get some reps with patient assessments while refreshing some of our lesser used medical skills.

Date: Saturday February 8, 2025 Time: 08:00-12:00 Location: SARA House Schedule:

- 08:00-09:00: Foundational Skills: BLS before ALS
- 09:00-10:00: When It's really just a flesh wound: managing soft tissue injuries in the wild
- 10:00-12:00: Scenarios and skills stations

What to bring: yourself

To help us plan for scenarios and supplies, please use this form to sign up if you plan to attend: https://forms.office.com/r/ivrXaJXD23?origin=lprLink

All SARA members are welcome to attend, although notably this CME day is geared towards those who hold an EMR certification or higher and is designed to help you achieve your 16 hours of CME for EMR recertification (or 40 hours for EMT). Those who attend will receive 4 hours of national component credit towards your recertification, with the following breakdown:

1.25 hours Airway

- 1.5 hours Trauma
- 1.25 hours Medical

This session will also count for 2.5 hours of wilderness CME credit towards your SARA requirement of 8 hours of wilderness CME per 2-year recertification cycle.

Please reach out to Dr Nicola Baker <u>nicola.baker@sarci.org</u> if you have any questions.

2025 MEDICAL TRAINING SCHEDULE

by SARA Medical Training and Standards, saramedical@sarci.org

The Medical Training and Standards Committee has scheduled sessions of CPR, wilderness first aid, and wilderness emergency medical responder for 2025. These courses are open to all SARCI component groups. Course dates can be found below. Check your e-mail for sign-up links, the Master Calendar links on the dates listed, or e-mail John Di Miceli, john.dimiceli@sarci.org, directly to get signed up.

CPR: American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS)

Sunday April 06 08:00-12:00 Thursday July 10 18:00-22:00 Saturday, September 13 13:00-16:30 (SALT CPR, limited seats available)

Wilderness First Aid (WFA)

Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27 08:00-17:00 Tuesday, September 23 and Thursday, September 26 from 18:00-22:00 Saturday, September 28 08:00-17:00 (SALT WFA, limited seats available)

Wilderness Emergency Medical Responder (WEMR)

March 04 through May 10: See Master Calendar for full schedule

OEC CORNER

by Mona Johnson, <u>mona.johnson@sarci.org</u> per 18, 2025.

by Adam Weinstein, adam.weinstein@sarci.org

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

2025 MONTHLY TRAINING SCHEDULE

Monthly training events are typically the first Saturday after the Monthly Meeting, except July of this coming year, which has been shifted to avoid the July 4th holiday weekend. Some are two-part events with a classroom session held the Wednesday prior. Dates and details are being added to the *Master Calendar* and will also be sent out by email as each event gets closer. Most monthly training events are open to all SARCI members (but please check with the instructors beforehand). Candidates - the training events that meet a specific Orange Card requirement are marked with (Orange).

January:	TV Falls Orientation+Steep Angle (Orange)	July:	Leadership & Risk Management (Orange)
February	: EMR Skills Refresher	August:	Cave Rescue
March:	Land Search	September	r:Land Navigation & Orienteering (Orange)
April:	Off-Trail Movement (Orange)	October:	SRDI / Flanker Training
May:	Summer Skills	November	:: Trauma & Stress Management
June:	Trucks & Equipment (Orange)	December	: Operations & Radio

TECHNICAL SKILLS: TASKBOOKS

by Sarah Truebe, sarah.truebe@sarci.org

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:

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<u>Month</u>	Expiring Taskbooks	<u>Month</u>	Expiring Taskbooks
January	5	July	7
February	2	August	6
March	2	September	6
April	3	October	33
May	3	November	23
June	2	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 in 2025 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 meantime, please consider getting yourself off the "SALT schedule" of taskbook expiration as soon as possible.

Kudos to all the Technicians who helped with signoffs, 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 just implemented in September!

COMMUNICATIONS

by SARCI Communications, sarcicommunications@sarci.org

We all should strive to be good stewards of the airwaves when we are using the many types of radios at our disposal. Here's a reminder of why it's important to adhere to FCC rules:

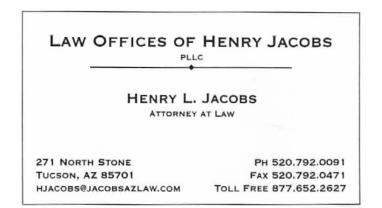
Ham Operator Must Pay in First-Responder Interference Case - Radio World

Here is a reminder that if you want to use your FCC 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 us for referrals on which radios to procure, or any of your communications questions.





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.

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
- 3/24 Personal Ropes 18:00
- Technician Team meeting Time/Date TBD •

APRIL

- 4/04 No Pre-Meeting Signoffs •
- 4/09 Tower 18:00 •
- 4/23 Cliff pre-training 19:00 •
- 4/27 Cliff all-day •
- 4/30 Ops 18:00

MAY

- 5/02 Monthly Meeting 18:30
- 5/04 Rappelling Training 08:00 •
- 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

JULY

- 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 Raymond, <u>SARCInewsletter @ sare</u>								
Date	<u>Vol/Hrs/Probl</u>	em		Loc	ation		Resou	rces
Mission	Mission Hrs now show total portal-to-portal times (not Rdvs). Mission times now show Field IN/OUT times (not Rdvs).							
14:03 -	Mon Dec 0917/64/59ym hiker exhaustedJohn Krein Trail, Tucson MtnsDHFD14:03 - 15:36An exhausted hiker called for help from the top of Bobcat Ridge. The group was served refreshments and all walkedout without problems.DHFD							
17:00 – saddle, ł	Tue Dec 17 $\underline{12}/$ $\underline{36}/$ 4 hikers off trailBlackett's Ridge, CatalinasM30T_0 $17:00 - 18:28$ A group of hikers attempted to climb Blackett's Ridge from directly below on the Phoneline Trail. They reached the saddle, but were unable to ascend the ridgetop. Their alternative was to descend into Bear Canyon, but that was complicated by cliffs so they called for help. They continued down the parallel ridge, then down towards the trail and met teams climbing to them.							
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	27 <u>15</u> / <u>60</u> / 64ym 1 14:20 A hiker injure			0	<i>Trail, Catalin</i> e was hoisted		Sheriff1 RMFD	
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	n 01 <u>21</u> / <u>116</u> / 69ym 1 16:22 A hiker scran			•	n, Catalinas tranded. Ran	ger2 plucke	Ranger2 M30T _d him from the cliff.	.0
14:15 -	Sat Jan 1818/80/59ym hiker fall injuryPhoneline Trail, CatalinasM3T RMFD14:15 - 17:20A hiker stumbled and fell off trail.Teams met the group and provided warmies and refreshments. The hiker was able to continue down the trail with assistance.Teams met the group and provided warmies and refreshments.							
13:00 -	Sun Jan 2625/116/77yf walkawaySweetwater RdRanger2 M3T M30T BORSAR13:00 - 15:48A woman was missing from her residence. Many teams searched the area. She had gone for a hike and was found about a mile away, near a main road.Sweetwater RdSweetwater Rd							
	2024 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Ppl/Per	Last 12 Mos	
	Missions	86	1275	5068	4.0	14.8	98	
	Trainings	199	3674	15301	4.2	18.5	194	

TOTALS	506	6653	26406	4.0	13.1	525	2025013
Activities	112	420	2205	5.3	3.8	91	
Special Events	8	91	1161	12.8	11.4	8	
Public Relations	17	54	238	4.4	3.2	20	
Meetings	84	1139	2433	2.1	13.6	114	
Trainings	199	3674	15301	4.2	18.5	194	

2025 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Ppl/Per	Last 12 Mos
Missions	3	64	312	4.9	21.3	86
Trainings	20	247	923	3.7	12.4	199
Meetings	4	94	183	1.9	23.5	84
Public Relations	0	0	0	0	0	17
Special Events	0	0	0	0	0	8
Activities	8	45	166	3.7	5.6	112
TOTALS	35	450	1584	3.5	12.9	506



SARCI Calendar – 2025

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29 Tech: Ops Training (18:00) SRDI SarTech2 Info Meeting (18:30)	Jan 30	Jan 31	Feb 01	Feb 02
Feb 03	Feb 04	Feb 05 SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:30)	Feb 06	Feb 07 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	Feb 08 SARA Training Medical CME	Feb 09 Divers Training BLS Session (09:00)
Feb 10	Feb 11	Feb 12	Feb 13	Feb 14	Feb 15	Feb 16
		Tech: Tower (18:00)		24HOP Support	24HOP Support	24HOP Support
Feb 17	Feb 18	Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23
	SAMSAR Meeting (18:00)		SARA Board (19:00)			
Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26 Tech: OPS (18:00)	Feb 27	Feb 28	Mar 01 SAMSAR SAR Equine Training (09:00)	Mar 02
Mar 03	Mar 04	Mar 05 SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:30)	Mar 06	Mar 07 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	Mar 08 SARA Training Land Search	Mar 09 Divers Training Pool Session (09:00)
Mar 10	Mar 11	<i>Mar 12</i> Tech: Tower (18:00)	Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 16
Mar 17	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22	Mar 23
	SAMSAR Meeting (18:00)		SARA Board (19:00)			
<i>Mar 24</i> Tech: Pers. Rope (18:00)	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30
Mar 31	Apr 01	Apr 02 SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:30)	Apr 03	Apr 04 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	Apr 05	Apr 06

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL, INC.

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

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

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

PIMA COUNTY SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE Details inside.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

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

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS

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