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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. 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.

by Tracy Klopp, tracy.klopp@sarci.org

SRDI CALENDAR

<u>Mar 02</u>	<u>08:00 Sun</u>	HRD, Area, Trailing Training	Prison Camp
<u>Mar 05</u>	<u>18:30 Wed</u>	Monthly Meeting	Online TEAMS
<u>Mar 08</u>	<u>07:00 Sat</u>	SARA IMT Search	Gilbert Ray Campground
<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>18:30 Wed</u>	K9 Medical, Dr Stacey Thomas	TBA
<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>07:00 Sat</u>	HRD, Area, Trailing Training	Gas Line

Congratulations to our new 2025 training director, Tracy Klopp.

Congratulations to Karen Paquette and K9 Polly for passing the NSDA Wilderness Cadaver certification.

Congratulations to Jamie Carpenter and K9 Doc for passing the NSDA Area Search with Live and Cadaver certification.

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 2 Mar 02, 2025 San Marcos, TX
- GAK9 Tracking/Trailing Clinic Mar 07-09 2025 Cochise County
- FUNSAR & NASAR SARTECH II Mar 29-30, 2025

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by John Longhofer, divers@sarci.org

DIVERS CALENDAR

<u>Mar 09</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Pool Session #1	TBA
<u>Apr 13</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Pool Session #2	TBA
<u>May 11</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Pool Session #3	TBA

In February, we completed our BLS, AED and O₂ course training. We also discussed and reviewed our Emergency Action Plan for our training sessions.

In March and April, we will be returning to the pool to review our underwater and line tender skills. Please keep posted as to locations.

In May, we plan to dive in low viz conditions. Please keep posted as to locations.

SOUTHERN AZ MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Colleen Leon, colleen.leon@sarci.org

SAMSAR CALENDAR

<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>18:00 Tue</u>	Board and General Meeting	Risky Business, 6866 E Sunrise Dr
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SARA training on March 1 is canceled. We will be contacting SARA training director to discuss training. Sorry for the cancellation.

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.

by LtCol Robert McCord, cap@sarci.org

CAP SQUADRON CALENDAR

<u>Sundays</u>	<u>15:30-18:00</u>	Sundt Construction	2015 E. River Rd, Tucson 85705
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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>Mar 05</u>	<u>18:00 Wed</u>	Area Search Classroom Session	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Mar 07</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, Hybrid
<u>Mar 08</u>	<u>07:00 Sat</u>	SARA Training – Area Search	Gilbert Ray Campground
<u>Mar 20</u>	<u>19:00 Thu</u>	SARA Board Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Apr 04</u>	<u>18:00 Fri</u>	SARA Annual Meeting and Potluck	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.

MARCH MONTHLY TRAINING

by Adam Weinstein, adam.weinstein@sarci.org

The March monthly training will be an **area search simulation** in the vicinity of the Gilbert Ray Campground on **March 8, 2025**. This exercise will provide an opportunity for ground personnel to practice participating in an area search and searching a segment for a lost subject and relevant clues, and for the SARA IMT Planning Section to prepare for and manage an area search operation for one operational period. The IMT Planning Section will operate remotely out of an Incident Command Post (ICP) at a location TBD. Gilbert Ray Campground will be the staging area for ground teams.

Classroom Session: An optional but recommended classroom session will be conducted on **Wednesday, March 5, from 18:00-20:00 at the SARA House**. We will review the following:

- Fundamentals of an area search
- Search tactics and the handling of clues
- ICS forms used in an area search
- Use of the CalTopo app for tracking in an area search

Rendezvous: During a multiday search operation, an operational period will typically run from 06:00-18:00. **There will be an incident briefing at 07:00 at the Gilbert Ray Campground** (at the start of Operational Period 1 under our scenario) where teams will receive their search assignments, deploy to the field, search their assigned segments, and then return to the ICP to debrief.

Besides the operational procedures involved in a ground search, participants will familiarize themselves with processing clues, the Incident Command System (ICS) forms used and some of the tools involved, such as CalTopo.

Ground personnel should bring their full rescue pack and be prepared to perform a grid search of their assigned segment, in potentially rough terrain.

Questions: Contact Chris Yamanaka, chris.yamanaka@sarci.org.

Please RSVP by completing the form at the link below. If you are a Candidate, this training will be an "Other" sign-off on your Orange Card.

<https://forms.office.com/r/8RmsVRUP8D?origin=lprLink>

2025 MONTHLY TRAINING SCHEDULE

by Adam Weinstein, adam.weinstein@sarci.org

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.

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

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, mona.johnson@sarci.org

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

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:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Expiring Taskbooks</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Expiring Taskbooks</u>
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

The FCC rules for communications on amateur radio frequencies (Lemmon, Lemmon Simplex, for example) require any transmission to come from a **licensed** amateur radio operator and for any transmission to follow the rules for proper identification using an FCC callsign. SARA has licenses specifically for PimaSAR and StateSAR frequencies, but the Lemmon amateur frequencies we use are not our personal domain. Any amateur operator is free to use them. Please be good stewards of these frequencies. Otherwise, we run the risk of losing operating privileges.

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 sarcicommunications@sarci.org. Please also contact us for referrals on which radios to procure, or any of your communications questions.

2025 24-HOURS-IN-THE-OLD-PUEBLO RECAP

by Cathy Wasmann, cwasmann@ag.arizona.edu

SARA treated 95 riders at this year's 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo (24 HOP) mountain bike race. This number includes a few riders who returned for a change of dressing. While the number of riders treated was up, the seriousness of the injuries was down, with most of the injuries being the usual abrasions, cactus spines with several shoulder, collarbone or AC separations thrown in. One rider with an open fracture was transported by ground ambulance to Banner. A second rider with a non-race related severe allergic reaction was transported to Northwest Oro Valley. Thank you to the on-scene AMR Paramedic and EMT for their management of this latter case.

Twenty-three SARA members were involved in SARA's medical support of this year's 24 HOP. SARA members were also involved with race communications and administration (timing).

MONSTER 300 SUPPORT

by Adam Wade, adam.wade@sarci.org

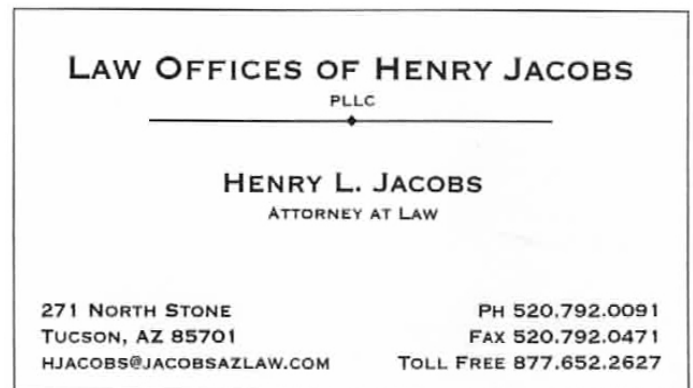
The Monster 300 is a 300 mile (7 day) running race from Superior to Patagonia. The race recently changed directions to run from North to South which changed the support times for the Aid Station on Mt Lemmon that Adam Wade will be in charge of. There are about 12 volunteers to help so far but I would love more.

The Mt Lemmon aid station will need to be setup on the morning of Saturday April 5th. The first runner is expected at the aid station around 3:00 pm Saturday afternoon. The aid station will operate non-stop until the cutoff time of 4:30 am Monday morning.

- If you are interested in helping you DO NOT need to volunteer for the duration.
- If you have friends and family that are willing and able to support you are welcome to invite them as well.
- Here is a link to the race webpage for more info: <https://www.destinationtrailrun.com/arizona-monster-300>
- Here are some race volunteer videos to watch if you would like more info: [destinationtrailvolunteer.com](https://www.destinationtrailvolunteer.com)

If you are interested and want more info please shoot Adam an email. He appreciates all of the help and support he can get.

NOTE: This is not an official SARA activity.



2025 TECHNICAL SCHEDULE

by Sarah Truebe, sarah.truebe@sarci.org

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.

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 REVIEWSby Mykle Raymond, [SARCInewsletter @ sarci.org](mailto:SARCInewsletter@sarci.org)

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).

Wed Jan 01 21/ 116/ 69ym hiker stranded **Pima Canyon, Catalinas** **Ranger2 M30T_0**
 12:36 – 16:22 A hiker scrambling high above the trail became stranded. Ranger2 plucked him from the cliff.

Sat Jan 18 18/ 80/ 59ym hiker fall injury **Phoneline Trail, Catalinas** **M3T RMFD**
 14:15 – 17:20 A 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.

Sun Jan 26 25/ 116/ 77yf walkaway **Sweetwater Rd** **Ranger2 M3T M30T BORSAR**
 13:00 – 15:48 A 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.

Sat Feb 08 24/ 77/ 24yf hiker ankle injury **TV Canyon, Rincons** **Ranger2 M3T RMFD**
 12:55 – 14:24 A hiker injured her ankle upstream from the Upper Falls. Ranger2 landed and carried her to the LZ.

Sat Feb 15 9/ 27/ 18yf fall injury **Main Falls, TV Canyon, Rincons** **Ranger2 RMFD**
 17:00 – 18:00 A hiker fell down a down-climb below the Main Falls. Ranger2 hoisted her to the LZ, then carried to the road.

Sun Feb 23 10/ 37/ 72yf hiker lost **Alamo Canyon, Catalinas** **M30T_1**
 18:12 – 20:40 A hiker was lost from the Alamo Loop near sunset. Teams met, provided refreshments, and all hiked out.

Mon Feb 24 17/ 36/ 52yf unresponsive **Upper Tanque Verde Trail, Rincons** **RMFD**
 15:50 – 16:35 A hiker was unresponsive while climbing up trail from the Upper Falls. She was carried to the road.

Sun Mar 02 18/ 84/ 16yf hiker foot injury **7 Falls, Catalinas** **M30T_0**
 13:05 – 17:13 A hiker injured her foot at the falls. She was carried by another hiker down trail until meeting the Hasty Team. She was treated and carried by stokes to the Horse-Around, then rode to the trailhead.

2024 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Ppl/Per	Last 12 Mos
Missions	8	142	573	4.0	17.8	81
Trainings	38	375	1577	4.2	9.9	200
Meetings	13	198	411	2.1	15.2	81
Public Relations	1	1	9	9.0	1.0	15
Special Events	4	50	677	13.5	12.5	9
Activities	14	67	255	3.8	4.8	114
TOTALS	78	833	3502	4.2	10.7	500

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SARCI Calendar – 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26 Tech: OPS (18:00)	Feb 27	Feb 28	Mar 01	Mar 02
Mar 03	Mar 04 WEMR (18:00)	Mar 05 SRDI Meetings (Online: 18:30) Area Search Class: (18:00)	Mar 06 WEMR (18:00)	Mar 07 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	Mar 08 SARCI Training Land (Area) Search (07:00)	Mar 09 Divers Training Pool Session (09:00)
Mar 10	Mar 11 WEMR (18:00)	Mar 12 Tech: Tower (18:00)	Mar 13 WEMR (18:00)	Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 16
Mar 17	Mar 18 SAMSAR Meeting (18:00) WEMR (18:00)	Mar 19	Mar 20 SARA Board (19:00) WEMR (18:00)	Mar 21	Mar 22 WEMR (08:00)	Mar 23
Mar 24 Tech: Pers. Rope (18:00)	Mar 25 WEMR (18:00)	Mar 26	Mar 27 WEMR (18:00)	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30
Mar 31	Apr 01 WEMR (18:00)	Apr 02 SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:30)	Apr 03 WEMR (18:00)	Apr 04 SARA Annual Meeting (18:00)	Apr 05 SARA Training Off-Trail Movement	Apr 06 AHA BLS CPR (08:00)
Apr 07	Apr 08 WEMR (18:00)	Apr 09 Tech: Tower (18:00)	Apr 10 WEMR (18:00)	Apr 11	Apr 12 WEMR (08:00)	Apr 13 Divers Training Pool Session (09:00)
Apr 14	Apr 15 SAMSAR Meeting (18:00) WEMR (18:00)	Apr 16 SARCI Board (Hybrid: 19:30)	Apr 17 SARA Board (19:00) WEMR (18:00)	Apr 18	Apr 19 WEMR (08:00)	Apr 20
Apr 21	Apr 22 WEMR (18:00)	Apr 23 Cliff Pre-Training (19:00)	Apr 24 WEMR (18:00)	Apr 25	Apr 26	Apr 27 Cliff Training
Apr 28	Apr 29 WEMR (18:00)	Apr 30 Tech: OPS (18:00)	May 01 WEMR (18:00)	May 02 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30)	May 03	May 04

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL, INC.

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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

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

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS

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

Meet 1st Wed 19:00, details inside.

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