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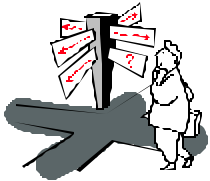
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Special Points

Of Interest

- CSRB Meeting Changes
- NASAR Updates
- Awards
- PLB Update

The next CSRB meeting is July 10th - Alpine Rescue Shack in Evergreen at 1200. Training will be at 1400.



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CSRB Meeting Day Change!

To better accommodate those traveling from across the state, general membership meetings will now be held on Saturdays and include training.

July 10: 12:00 general membership meeting -- brown bag lunch (McDonalds, Burger King and a real restaurant across the road).

2:00 training: Communications issues; Joe Ben Slivka, CSRB Communications Director.

Location: Alpine Rescue Team, I-70 exit 252 to Evergreen. (303) 526-2432. Map on CSRB website at:

<http://www.coloradosarboard.org/csrb-meeting.asp>

Next general membership meetings September 11, November 13.

SAR Advisory Council Update

The SAR Advisory Council held its meeting on May 18th at Frisco. There was a lot of discussion on several topics such as the use of helicopters and their reimbursement, tax supported fire protection districts billing the fund and requests for Tier II and III money and other issues. There seems to be several problems with these areas and because of time, another meeting will be held in September.

Your attendance at CSRB meetings is important to stay on top of developments and to provide your input. The main goal of the meeting was to award the grants. This year there were requests for well over \$600,000. After much discussion \$251,009 was awarded. Tier 1 expenses were 87,848, Tier II was 9,218.07 and Tier III was approx 30,000.

Several of the grants were not well written and letters to the Sheriff's will be sent out saying that without better information next year, your teams grant will not be considered. Several teams did not submit the previous years report on how the money was spent and receipts. Again, if these reports are not in ON TIME, no consideration will be given to your grant request.

A new piece of information provided by staff was if your team is selling COSAR cards and how many. This information was used this year in the process.

The staff in Grand Junction devotes a lot of time and effort on our behalf and I feel this is unusual for a state government organization. I want to commend and thank them for all of their efforts.

-Keith Conquest

News, Notes, and Stuff...

Course Offering

What looks like a valuable, useful course for the emergency community

Transportation Disaster Response - A Course For Emergency Responders

August 9 - 12, 2004 (Monday - Thursday)

NTSB Academy . 45065 Riverside Parkway . Ashburn, Virginia 20147

Course Code TDA402

Overview

Designed specifically for emergency responders and planners, this course will give you the tools to enhance your agency's ability to most effectively manage a major transportation disaster. Audio/video materials, case studies, recent examples and panel discussions are employed to illustrate key principles of the unique aspects of responding to major transportation disasters. The course will be taught by NTSB Transportation Disaster Assistance specialists; Safety Board investigators; and county, state and federal emergency responders.

(<http://www.nts.gov/Academy/about.htm>)

Telluride Filmfest and Team Benefit

Thought some of you Front-Rangers might be interested in this.

The Telluride Filmfest is coming to the American Mountaineering Center in downtown Golden on Thursday, July 8 and Friday, July 9 with a different selection of films showing each night. (Check out <http://www.mountainfilm.org/tour.html> if you need general info on what the Telluride Filmfest is all about. Basically, each show is a great night of awe-inspiring adventure, environmental, and cultural short films relating to mountain life.)

The event is a also fundraiser for the Alpine Rescue Team based out of Evergreen, Colorado.

Shows start at 7pm and tickets are \$16 each if pur-

chased on-line at www.alpinerescueteam.org or, pending availability, will be \$15 at the door the night of the show.

Its always a great show and well worth the price of admission.

Thanks for your time and have a great day!

Steve G.

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CSRB Meeting Minutes
15 May 2004
SARCON—Larkspur, CO

Due to the meeting being held in conjunction with the SARCON, the meeting was an abbreviated version of the normal business meeting.

Intro of Officers and Welcome—Howard Paul
Thanks to the Event Staff—Leonard Ginther
SARCON—How it Happened—Howard Paul

- Call for volunteers
- Search for conference location
- Welcome from Lt. Attila Denes (DCSO)
- Communications—Newsletter and Listserver
- NASAR and DOLA information
 - Need to communicate your ideas
- Info on the Kiley proposal

Open Question and Discussions

- PLB hits and discussion
- Earlier notification of SARCON
- Small SAR teams need more avenues for revenue
 - Funding source discussions ensued
 - Letter was read from Tacoma Mtn. Rescue

Door Prizes were passed out
Peelgrane Fund Award Winner

- Pricilla Hartman from Chaffee County
- Peelgrane video was shown

NASAR Award was given

- Julie Kelble of Flight For Life

J. Hunter Holloway Award(s) presented

- Barry Mitchell of DCSAR
- Bruce Fosdick of DCSAR

A wonderful adaptation of the Starwars theme was presented in a video called SARWARS.

The evening wrapped up with a lighthearted stab at pretty much everyone (focused on your CSRB Directors, mostly!) by the future of SAR: Lord Gray Helmet.

This whole event was wonderfully done and much appreciated by all who attended.

Respectfully Submitted
Dan Remsburg
CSRB Secretary



Above is a photo of Charlie Shimanski (Alpine Rescue Team, American Alpine Club) receiving a special award for "Excellence in Mountain Rescue Education" at the 2004 MRA National Conference in Anchorage, Alaska last month. Besides receiving standing ovation from the membership, Charlie was also elected to serve a two year term as Director at Large, giving the Rocky Mountain Region a long awaited voice on the national Board.
 Thank you, Charlie!

Greg Foley
 Grand County SAR



SARCON
2004



KUDOS TO BRUCE AND BARRY!

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RELEASE DATE: 06/29/04 RELEASE TIME: 8:30 a.m. CASE NUMBER: N.A.

WHAT: Douglas County Search & Rescue Team members honored for lifetime of service

WHEN: Sheriff's Commendation to be presented at County Commissioners' meeting on July 13th at 1:00 p.m.

NARRATIVE: DOUGLAS COUNTY, CO - The Colorado Search and Rescue Board recently honored two members of the Douglas County Search and Rescue Team, Inc., with the prestigious J. Hunter Holloway Spirit Award. The presentation was made at the CSRB's annual conference at the Ponderosa Retreat and Events Center in Douglas County on May 15.

Bruce Fosdick, of Castle Rock, was honored for his 37 years of service to the Colorado search and rescue community. Fosdick started his volunteer SAR career with the Arapahoe Rescue Patrol in 1966 at the age of 15. He spent 32 years with ARP, during which time he also served two years with the Colorado Civil Air Patrol, and served in a variety of leadership and instructor positions with the CSRB. In 1998, he founded the Douglas County Search and Rescue Team, Inc., which performs all search and rescue functions for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, under the authority of the Sheriff. Fosdick continues to serve as the president of DCSAR.

Barry Mitchell, of Parker, was honored for 34 years of service to the Colorado and national SAR communities. He started with El Paso County Search and Rescue in 1969. As a career U.S. Air Force officer, Mitchell was stationed around the country, but during his assignments in Colorado, he was always active with El Paso County SAR. He was also actively involved with the National Association of Search and Rescue (NASAR), the CSRB, and the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC). In the early 1980s, Mitchell undertook an enormous project to catalogue behavioral data about lost and missing persons. The data came from reports from over 100 search and rescue teams across the nation. His work on this project led to the development of the lost person behavior models used by search and rescue teams today. Mitchell joined the Douglas County Search and Rescue Team in 1998. He serves as the Field Director and is a member of the board of directors of DCSAR.

The J. Hunter Holloway Spirit Award has been awarded to a select few individuals from across Colorado who have dedicated themselves to the advancement of Colorado's search and rescue community. The award is discretionary, meaning that it is not awarded every year, but only when a truly worthy nomination is put forth. There has not been a J. Hunter Holloway Spirit Award given for two years. This year, the Douglas County Search and Rescue Team, Inc., was highly honored to have two of its members receive this distinction.

Sheriff Micheal Acree will present Sheriff's Commendation Letters to Fosdick and Mitchell at a County Commissioners' business meeting on July 13, 2004, at 1:00 p.m.. Members of the public and media are welcome to attend.

Updates from NASAR Conference - May 30 - June 6, 2004

Lansdown, Virginia

First, **special congratulations to Cheryl Kennedy** from Larimer County Search and Rescue Team and Search and Rescue Dogs of Colorado (SARDOC). Cheryl received the Hal Foss Award this year for all of her work in search dog standards from the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR). The Hal Foss award is the highest award given out by NASAR. The award is named after Hal Foss, who was State Director for Search and Rescue from the State of Washington for many years and a great contributor to NASAR.

As part of the conference, I attended the State Coordinators Forum and we received several updates from Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) regarding the PLB project and state agreements. Colorado's agreement already spells out the responsibilities for PLBs with CSRB being the State Point of Contact. There have been 52 - 406 MHZ beacon activations this year (most being EPIRBs). Six missions involving PLBs were discussed - none finished as a distress beacon call). Additionally we heard from the US Park Service and the US Forest Service on various SAR items of national interest - national record keeping, wilderness access, etc.

Once the conference started there were 5-6 tracts going on simultaneously. The tracts were Government, Management, Medical, Technical, K-9, Home Land Security and the General tracts for all. The dog tract seemed busy all of the time, often going late into the evening. Call-outs (getting them) seem to have been of great interest by many of the dog team participants.

A tract on Homeland Security often stretched into our thoughts of Urban SAR - searches done in the urban interface with several talks about in-town searches which sometimes have a criminal aspect to them. Many of these missions stretched for weeks - often on and off depending on new clues. There were also discussions on resource typing (most present did not know about Colorado and the typing process) and Mike McDonald gave his presentation on the Challenger SAR response.

The Management tract had several discussions. A major theme seem to be the changing of the search management formula of **POS = POA * POD**. Not that the formula was changing, but rather new thoughts on the individual aspects of POA and POD. The POA ideas have been around for a few years dealing with weighted averages when doing a Matson consensus. One of CSRB's training programs MLSO already incorporates this material.

Ok, what are all of those letters? POS equals probability of success; POA stands for Probability of Area; POD stands for Probability of Detection. All are part of search management classes that are available through

CSRB or other agencies and would be too cumbersome to explain in a short paragraph. MLSO is *Managing Land Search Operations*, a class distributed by Emergency Response International and taught by the Colorado SAR Board.

A more debated part of the discussion is a new method of determining POD - detect ability versus detection. To hear the speakers talk - we are looking for people not clues (the test data looked only for full size victims) and the quality of the ground crew really plays little importance - the terrain determines everything. Critical spacing does not count in the new philosophy. Everything will have to be determined by computer, once a model can be created throughout the entire country. This topic supposedly came around forty years ago and is being successfully used everywhere except the US and Great Britain. From the discussions I heard, this may take some selling to get everyone on board. As you can see, I think more work is necessary to convince this skeptic.

A legal program was put on by an attorney from the northwest and it was well received. She talked a lot about agencies looking at their own policies - starting with their organizational documents - Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to make sure they still apply. She did enjoy showing us a picture of her "cute SAR Dog". Each team should look to it's own legal counsel to determine what is best for them.

The Technical tract kept things going with several presentations for rigging and safety. Several instructors from Colorado participated in these programs. Because of time constraints, I was unable to attend all of the tracts, but was invited to sit on a panel for Dog Section one evening, thanks to Cheryl.

As part of some of the tracts I had the opportunity to sit in on a couple instructor workshops for *Managing the Lost Person Incident* (MLPI), a NASAR course and the licensing program that NASAR is developing. As mentioned previously, NASAR instructors were briefed on new POS discussions by a contract employee of NASAR. The licensing proposals were a little more confusing, but they are based on the agency signing the contract and only for members of that agency. A NASAR Organization Membership is needed for every 30 people taking the program being presented. If we teach three programs of thirty people (no matter which program) we need to purchase 3 organizational memberships and get the instructors trained.

The vendor show was great as usual. There were all kinds of gadgets and toys that most "sar trekkies" just have to have. Because we are involved in emergency services, the price tags seemed to follow as well - expensive!

For those old timers in Colorado, - George Rice was there from New Jersey (formerly El Paso County Search and Rescue Team here in Colorado). He is going to petition to run for the Board of Directors position coming open soon.

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Continued from page 5 An interesting note about the location of the conference. The National Conference Center is an old Xerox facility - with tunnels and halls and multiple spokes. For 6 days, participants spent as much time trying to find their way around as participating in many of the activities. The old "pig room" is gone due to some legal issues surrounding the name, but it lived on in spirit as the hospitality suite.

Colorado was well represented in the list of presenters - Mike McDonald from Douglas County Search and Rescue Team and Civil Air Patrol, Charley Shimanski, Loui McCurley, and Tim LaMacchio from Alpine Rescue Team and Cheryl Kennedy from Larimer County Search and Rescue Team and Search and Rescue Dogs of Colorado. Several of the other instructors that were at the NA-

SAR conference were at SARCON 2004 here in Colorado just three weeks earlier.

A final note, which I hope is explained elsewhere in this edition, the Board of Directors for NASAR voted to get out of the Standards Business and will instead take all of their standards to the ASTM process. That is not to say that they will not be active in standards. They just will not be a separate standard setting board.

Bruce Fosdick

Treasurer, Director & a State SAR Coordinator-CSR

Douglas County Search and Rescue Team

PLB Update

Here is some information on PLBs presented by AFRCC and NOAA at last week's state SAR coordinators meeting held in conjunction with the NASAR conference in Virginia.

There have been 52 PLB missions since PLBs became legal in the US on July 1, 2003. None have been distress. The case with the two activations by the man in New York is still open. He was charged by the state with filing a false distress report on both activations. The case has been bound over for trial, but given all the motions by lawyers, no one knows at this point what is going to happen or when, nor are those on the government side willing to provide many details of the incidents. The FCC is waiting to see the results of the state case before deciding whether to bring federal charges.

One of the non-distress alerts involved the media event held to kickoff PLBs last year in Vermont. The governor, Vermont State Police, NOAA, AFRCC, military, CAP and Boy Scouts were all involved in this simulated mission to show how the system works. Afterwards, one of the scout leaders took a beacon home and somehow it activated while it was in his house.

The California state SAR coordinator presented a case study of the first PLB activation in California. It was near

Death Valley and ultimately involved Calif. OES and Highway Patrol, several agencies in Nevada since the Sar-sat hits bounced back and forth between the two states, several counties, the National Park Service, which launched a fixed wing aircraft, and CAP which was on standby to fly. The PLB was found in the survival kit of a retired Air Force pilot who was vacationing in the area and driving between places in the desert.

It was determined that the PLB was intermittently activated by a magnetic flashlight in the survival kit. There is a warning on the PLB and in the user manual of a "one meter magnetic safe distance." This model of PLB (ACR Gypsy) has an internal magnetic switch. When there is a strong enough magnetic field around the beacon, the beacon will activate even when in the closed and off position.

There is also a problem with the McMurdo FastFind PLB with GPS. These may transmit incorrect GPS coordinates due to a bug in the software. A flashable firmware correction is available.

Ltc. Scott Morgan, director of AFRCC, described a program in which commercial PLB response centers will be run by private contractors. One of these companies is based in Colorado. Since AFRCC is currently in negotiation with these companies, he was vague

about the process and provided no specific details. Basically, these centers would process PLB signals from their clients who pay for the service. The centers would get the alerts directly from AFRCC, then perform the initial investigation to determine if the signal is distress or non-distress. If determined to be distress, the centers would then contact the appropriate authorities. Ltc. Morgan said to think of them as similar to OnStar. He was surprised by the negative reaction he received from the coordinators.

The program to provide the states with computers and software to manage PLB incidents is underway. Vermont and Oregon are complete and Washington is next on the list. Colorado dropped from 7 to 11 on the list because three national parks (Mt. Rainier, Yosemite and Sequoia) and one state moved up on the list (Rocky Mtn. NP is one slot below Colorado). The program is currently unfunded for federal FY05, but funding is expected.

Mike McDonald



CSRB SAR Conference 2004

First I would like to thank all the SAR Teams and SAR Team members that attended the conference. This was a tremendous effort that demonstrated that a SAR Conference is an important event for CSRB to host.

There will be a conference next year. The location and time has not yet been set and will be under consideration for a short while.

I would like to thank the staff that supported the conference. Each one of them put forth outstanding effort to make this conference work. Loui McCurley from Alpine Rescue Group, Brian Stuebe from Arapaho Rescue Patrol, Frank Nieto formerly from Grand County SAR all put special effort to review presenters and set up respective tracks. Rachel Emmer, from Alpine Rescue Group, set up the conference rooms with audio visual equipment and supported the presenters with their classroom needs. Bruce Fosdick, from Douglas County SAR, handled registration and finances for the conference. Howard Paul, from Alpine

Rescue Group, supported the team in many areas. Crawford Rainwater, from Gilpin County SAR, and Gregory Jones, from Summit Rescue Group, went out and contacted organizations to have exhibits and door prizes for the conference. This is a fine example of how several teams from Colorado came together to put together a conference for CSRB.

Not everything went well as there were some minor problems that seriously affected SAR team members. To help correct these things next year I will get a facilities manager to attend to specific needs of the people staying at the conference, conference rooms, or conference resources. Hopefully this will limit the surprises that can arise during these events. I will also work on getting a registration staff sooner so that we can handle direct contact issues. Due to learning experiences and logistics problems we were late with getting registration information out.

This coming conference will need people from all over the state to come together and help put together another successful conference. I will need track managers, facility managers, peo-

ple to support different parts of the conference such as set up, registration, and more. Please volunteer to help keep this conference a success.

While we are at it, people should start thinking about putting together presentations for the conference. Soon we will be putting out a call for presentations again.

Please take an active interest in assisting the Colorado Search and Rescue Board in the State of Colorado. People interested in assisting with the next SAR Conference can get more information by contacting:
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Home Phone (Please leave a message)
or l.l.ginther@worldnet.att.net.



K9 SAR Team News

The K-9 Search & Rescue Team, Inc. spent last weekend in very productive training at a search & rescue exercise sponsored by the Mounted Search and Rescue of Colorado group from Pagosa. The training was held at Beaver Meadows west of Pagosa. Seven dogs and 9 members could attend.

The horse groups represented were teams from MSARCO in Pagosa, Taos, Santa Fe, Los Alamos, El Paso County, Mesa County, and the Colorado Mounted Rangers. The Taos riders are also dog handlers, but did not work dogs on this exercise. Saturday's exercise was a mock search following a real search the night before for a lost person in Archuleta County, for which K-9 was placed on standby. The mock was based on two evasive moving targets in approximately 10 square miles. The dogs were able to establish a direction of travel and narrow the area so that a horse team could locate the subjects.

Sunday's exercise was to locate a single subject on a trail problem. The trailing dog caught the subject in less than half the time he had been in the field. All the air scent dogs located the subject as well. The rest of Sunday's training time was spent working individual dogs.

The Team enjoyed the training and especially welcomed the opportunity to practice with so many different teams.

K-9 is planning their annual pancake breakfast during Escalante Days and the Canine Good Citizen day in September; Montezuma Veterinary Clinic will again offer a vaccination clinic. Please plan to attend both! The Team appreciates your support.

For more information on K-9, visit the web site at www.k9team.org or call 882 4746. New members and visitors are always welcome.

2004 J. Hunter Holloway Spirit Award

J. Hunter Holloway had an enormous influence upon SAR in Colorado. Through his years of work in public safety education, SAR team training, promotion of Colorado SAR to the public, field responses and mission management; team, CSRB and national leadership, and representation of our SAR community on the SAR Fund Advisory Board, Hunter worked tirelessly to advance the skills and professionalism of Colorado's SAR responders and teams. His ultimate goal was to insure the public could travel the backcountry of our state, having in place the nation's foremost SAR community to provide aid when needed. His spirit is remembered by presentation of this award to those in Colorado who carry on his dedication to Colorado SAR.

Past recipients:

Tim Cochrane, Vail Mountain Rescue Group, 1993 and Dixie Ferrick, United SAR, 1993
Mineral County Sheriff Phil Leggett, 1994
Stan Bush, Arapahoe Rescue Patrol, 1995
Ron Bookman & Charley Shimanski, Alpine Rescue Team, 1996
Earl & Betty Berger, Colorado Wing, Civil Air Patrol, 1997
Joanne Stone, Gunnison Co. S.O., 1997
Howard M. Paul, ART, 1998
Drew Davis, LCSAR Team, 1999
Tom Frazer, EPCSAR Team, 2000

At the SAR Conference in May, the CSRB presented this prestigious award to two fixtures in Colorado SAR, Barry Mitchell and Bruce Fosdick

Barry Mitchell was nominated by Dennis McLaughlin of El Paso County SAR team. Barry began as a volunteer in SAR in 1969 with El Paso County SAR. During the early 1980s, he entered 3500 mission reports from more than 100 SAR teams into a subject profile behavioral database, and presented the findings at the NASAR Conference in 1983. This analysis formed the basis for lost persons' behavior used to this day in managing search missions. This three years of work earned him a "NASAR Fellow Award."

He was the Search Technology Chairman of the MRA for two years. He has taught at many, many SAR conferences, including

this one, at which he will teach search tactics. He has been a Director of the CSRB for many years, as well as a State Mission Coordinator.

In 1998 he joined Douglas County SAR and still prefers going afield on missions. He continues today as CSRB Senior State Mission Coordinator.

His dedicated and active service to the Colorado and national SAR community, and citizens of Colorado has been phenomenal for more than 34 years. Dennis McLaughlin said, "He has for many years demonstrated the spirit of Hunter Holloway." He carries that spirit forward today.

Barry Mitchell was presented the 2004 J. Hunter Holloway Award for "Personal commitment to the professional advancement of Colorado's SAR community."

Bruce Fosdick was nominated by Douglas County Sheriff Acree. Bruce began in SAR in 1966, with Arapahoe Rescue Patrol. He served for 32 years with A.R.P., ten years as field coordinator and five years as chief of the Patrol.

He has served the Colorado SAR community as a State Mission Coordinator, CSRB officer, including vice-president and president, and as a teacher and leader.

To this day, he teaches SAR across Colorado, having been a teacher of NASAR's "Managing the Search Function" and its later iterations -- for many years. Many of this state's search incident commanders, operations chiefs and planning chiefs learned search management from him.

He remains a mainstay of this state's professional SAR community, which at the young age of 15, no one could have foreseen.

His nearly four decades of continuous SAR service have made him a Colorado SAR icon, one that carries forward the spirit of Hunter Holloway. We hope that those he teaches absorb his dedication and carry it to future generations of Colorado SAR professionals.

Bruce was also presented the 2004 J. Hunter Holloway Spirit Award for "Personal commitment to the professional advancement of Colorado's SAR community."

NASAR State SAR Award for Colorado

The Colorado SAR community was privileged to have NASAR President Randy Servis at the 2004 SAR Conference. Randy, a SAR Deputy from Flagstaff, Arizona, presented the NASAR State SAR Award for Colorado to Flight for Life Fight Nurse Julie Kelble.

Since the 2000-2001 winter season, Julie Kelble has single-handedly managed and enhanced the Avalanche Deployment program on behalf of St. Anthony's hospital, and the numerous County Sheriffs, ski patrols and mountain rescue units with which they interact.

The Flight for Life Avalanche Deployment program was created in the late 1990s. It uses the medical helicopter for a rapid response to backcountry avalanche accidents. Flight for Life ferries an avalanche dog, dog handler and snow safety technician directly to the avalanche site.

With Flight for Life's "Lift Ticket" program, ski patrollers and rescue mountaineers are trained and tested on the helicopter and the safety features of the aircraft. They receive a "Lift Ticket punch card," certifying then for specific periods of time. Rescuers must show the card before flying on a rescue mission. All potentially responding avalanche rescue professionals are required to test, including dog handlers.

Now, ski patrol units and avalanche rescue professionals call in to dispatch each morning, to pre-identify the day's available on-call rescuers, dogs, and dog handlers at the time of the 9-1-1 call. The program now also has a communications and dispatch protocol for multiple law enforcement agencies, ski patrol units, and mountain search and rescue teams.

Each mission also now includes a post-incident critique and evaluation. Those critiques, and efforts to communicate lessons learned with all involved rescue personnel, have led to many important enhancements to the program have been implemented.

For her countless hours and her dedication to this important search and rescue program that benefits many agencies around the state, and for the important safety enhancements she has built into the program, NASAR's State SAR Award for Colorado was presented to Julie Kelble.

Federal funds for local SAR

The more common name of "payments in lieu of taxes" or the formal name, "Secure rural communities and schools self determination act" mean the same thing regarding SAR the United States: funds for SAR.

Both refer to U.S. public law 106-393, signed by the president in 2000. This short (22 pages) law's stated purpose is "To restore stability and predictability to the annual payments made to States and counties containing National Forest System lands and public domain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management for use by the counties for the benefit of public schools, roads, and other purposes."

Counties in which U.S.F.S. and B.L.M. lands are situated are deprived of revenues (taxes) they would otherwise receive if the lands were held in private ownership. Counties have expended public funds year after year to provide services, such as search and rescue, education, road construction and maintenance, law enforcement, waste removal, and fire protection, that directly benefit these Federal lands and people who use these lands. To accord a measure of compensation to the affected counties for the critical services

they provide to both county residents and visitors to these Federal lands, the Federal Government shares with these counties a portion of the revenues the United States receives from these Federal lands.

What is of interest to SAR is section 302, SEC. 302 (b). USE OF COUNTY FUNDS -- which reads as follows

(b) AUTHORIZED USES.-

(1) SEARCH, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES. An eligible county or applicable sheriff's department may use these funds as reimbursement for search and rescue and other emergency services, including fire fighting, performed on Federal lands and paid for by the county.

Your team should consult your county and determine if they are aware of this law's section 302 (b) and if they have taken advantage of the money it offers.

The full text of the law may be found on the CSRFB web site, titled "US PL 106-393.pdf."

Special thanks to NASAR President Randy Service for bringing this to our attention at the SAR Conference.

A Creed

A creed serves as the guiding light of an organization. It instills direction and purpose in members and serves to tell the public why and how it performs. Dolores County Search and Rescue recently adopted a creed, and we think it one of the best:

By Clinton Cussler, Dolores County Search and Rescue Team.

I'm a member of an elite organization of dedicated individuals from around the area. This organization expects much from me with only one great reward.

Expectations:

I'll be called in the middle of the night.

The weather will be cold.

Wind.

Things go wrong.

To months without action.

That I'll devote many hours of my personal time..

To attend meetings and trainings regularly.

I might be called upon to be a leader or a follower. I cannot accept any kind of gratuity for my gracious services.

To have a smile on my face.

The reward:

After a successful search and I'm standing in the snow with the wind in my face in the middle of the night, I wonder "Why?" I look into that persons face that my organization and I just saved from nature and I see that I am their hero. That is my only reward. I'm proud to be in an organization of heroes that call themselves the Dolores County Search and Rescue Team.





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Upcoming Calendar of Events

CSRB Mtg/Training	7/10	Alpine Rescue Team
CSRB Mtg/Training	9/11	
CSRB Mtg/Training	11/13	
Telluride Film Fest	7/8-9	Golden
Transportation Disaster Trng	8/9-12	Ashburn, VA
ITRS 2004	11/5-7	Albuquerque, NM
SAR 05 (NASAR)	5/25-28/05	Oakland, CA
International Symposium On Mountain Rescue	6/13-19/05	Vail, CO

Remember to send newsletter articles to: "n0vsx@msn.com". Mail to: Dan Remsburg 1913 County Road 782, Woodland Park, CO 80863. Do you have a great SAR photo? Any photos submitted can be scanned and returned.