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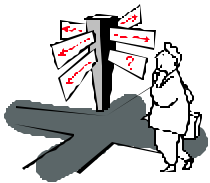
Colorado Search and Rescue Board

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Special Points Of Interest

- CSRB Meeting Changes
- SAR Communications
- Bylaw Amendments
- Peelgrane Change

The next CSRB meeting is Nov. 13th - Alpine Rescue Shack in Evergreen at 1200. Training will be at 1400.



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November CSRB Meeting 11/14/04 Alpine Rescue Team "Shack"

Meeting starts at 1200

CSRB training following the general meeting.

Current issues in Avalanche Rescue

Dale Atkins, Forecaster, Colorado Avalanche Information Center

Topics include:

- 2004-2005 Winter Forecast
- New method of probe line searches and computer model predictions
- Ground Penetrating Radar research by Colo. School of Mines
- Statistical Trends in Rescue and Subject Profiles

SAR Communications Update; State DTR and you:

A lot of talk has gone on recently regarding narrow band requirements and especially the State DTR system and it's impacts on Colorado Search and Rescue. In this article I will try to bring everyone up to speed with state DTR and it's impact on the SAR community. What is it? The DTR system is an 800 MHz digital trunk radio system that had been put together by Colorado State Patrol and several of the front range agencies in order to try and combat interoperability issues within the state and allow for more efficient use of the radios.

The DTR system also known as the CCNC project has some huge potential benefits and some major detractions. Anyone who has been in Search and Rescue for any amount of time realizes the challenges we face when proceeding into the wilderness for operations. Many time the radio communication issue present challenges that have to be overcome with human relays, portable repeaters and the like. The CCNC system will add yet another wrinkle to this challenge. Many if not all of the Front Range agencies will be using 800 MHz by the end of 2005. This means for the SAR community that many of the agencies we work with such as local sheriff, fire departments and EMS service providers may very well be operating within one of there digital talk groups making communication difficult at best.

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News, Notes, and Stuff...

SARCON 2005 Call For Papers

The 2005 Colorado Search and Rescue Conference will be held in May 2005. We would like to invite local, regional, and national educators to submit proposals for presentations at this conference.

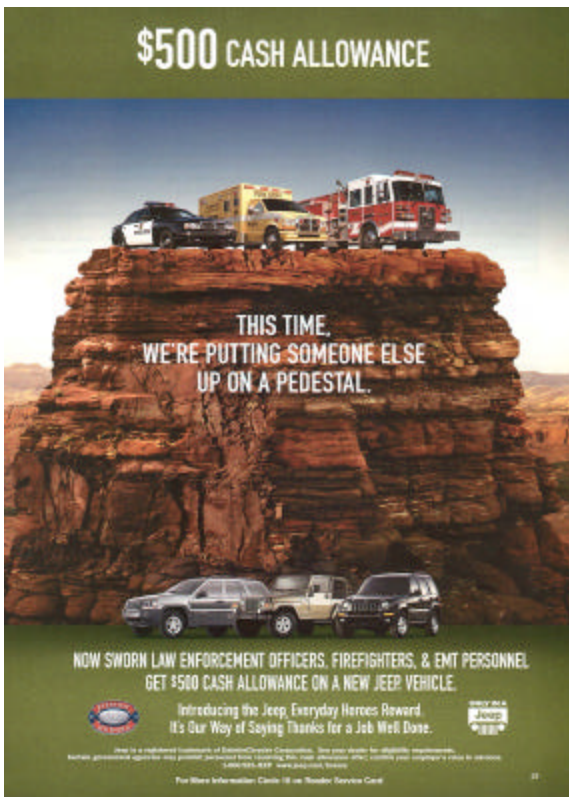
Please visit the CSRB web site at <www.coloradosarboard.org>. For conference information please visit the conference page at <www.coloradosarboard.org/csrb-sarcon.asp>.

Proposal Due Date

Your complete proposal must be received by December 21, 2004, in order to be considered for selection.

Please send your proposal(s) and a brief biographical sketch to:

Curriculum Committee
2005 Colorado SAR conference
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Westminster, CO 80031
Email: <mailto:l.l.ginther@worldnet.att.net>
Phone: 303-426-4955.



This is the Jeep® ad that Howard is referring to on page 6.

E-GADS! (Electronic Ground Search and Rescue Administrative Database System) version 2.2.4 has been released. A number of bugs have been fixed, some minor functionality enhancements have been added and French documentation is now included.

Please refer to the project homepage:
<http://e-gads.sourceforge.net/>

E-GADS! is an open source (free) php/MySQL based administrative database system designed to assist volunteer ground search and rescue teams in managing membership, training and search report information.

February 23-27, 2005

National Conference on Wilderness Medicine.
Steamboat Springs. Contact Wilderness Medical Society, www.wilderness-medicine.org, (719) 572-9255.



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800 MHz has some draw backs mainly you have to have a radio with “permission” to use the system in order to communicate, furthermore you radio will be restricted only to certain talk groups that you are allowed to communicate on. This can spell disaster for larger mutual response situation. Additionally 800 MHz has significantly less ability to cover large areas with signal and do not give you as much “bounce” as a VHF radio does. Because of this we see some challenges with filling in areas especially in the backcountry in our ability to cover and receive audio.

However, there is some huge potential benefit to 800 MHz especially for command work in that it can cover vast areas. Unlike a traditional repeater system where your radio could only talk to other radios that could see the repeater you can be working on a talk group which can cover multiple repeaters and if necessary the entire system. For instance I could be responding to a mutual aid call in Larimer from Summit County and be able to tell there command that I was going in route and my ETA while I was still in Frisco. Additionally I could then call back to my dispatch center and let them know that I had arrived and when I will be clear. This can be very productive from a management prospective knowing who you have coming, what there abilities are and what there arrival time is from any one point in the state to another.

To this end one of the projects that I am currently working on is pulling together a statewide talk group for the purposes of SAR. Now I am not advocating throwing the VHF radios to the ground and crying allegiance to the CCNC system. It does however have some great potential benefits for command vehicles or vehicles that are designated for mutual aid response and I encourage everyone to evaluate there roles within there local government to determine whether this is a tool you should consider adding to you war chest. In addition you should check with you surrounding counties to determine what radio system they use in order to evaluate if this is something you need to add, for instance Eagle, El Paso, Douglas, Jefferson and soon Larimer are all using DTR for there primary dispatch model. If you work with or in these counties consider the potential benefits of going this direction.

As always if you have any questions or need help with any of these issue please feel free to contact me via e-mail at jbslivka@co.summit.co.us or call me at 970-485-0856.

*-Joe Ben Slivka
Communications Director - Colorado Search and Rescue Board
Mission Coordinator - Summit County Rescue*

**CSRB Meeting Minutes
9/11/04
Alpine Rescue Base**

Called to Order at 1222

SARCON—Looking for track managers for the 2005 SARCON. Sites and dates were discussed.

Training—March and Sept classes were discussed. Gilpin and Archuleta Counties (?) MLPI or MLSO. Plans class in Steamboat 10/15/17. IC/SAR—request for info.

SAR Dogs—Proble of paging has been resolved. 2 more air scent dogs are coming up this fall. Testing being done in Larimer.

MRA—Standards compilation. Check the link on the website being done by Vail.

NASAR—Info is being passed out via the CSRB listserver

ASTM—Newest book has been released for F32. F32 will be @ITRS in Albuquerque

SAR Fund—A special meeting was held last week. Discussed the Chaffee situation.

PR/Ext Affairs—Montana has pretty much copied our SAR Fund structure. Howard is reviewing the Utah and Wyoming structure. The BOD has purchased an annual subscription to ProfNet.

Comms—Joe Ben discussed the current status of the 800 trunked system. The NW corner of the state will not be going to it. The Forest Service is staying with VHF-NB. DTR radios discussed. Article in newsletter. All Hazards—SAR is not one of the functional groups. Many changes coming up.

CSRB Legal—Dave Thorson has been appointed as a district judge, so will no longer be able to serve as CSRB counsel.

Other Business—The Alpine Care project was discussed as was the SAR parachuters offer.

MISSION Re ports—Larimer: Estes Park mission-FRS radios were used. CAP had coverage from aloft. Odd things happening such as lost people crossing roads. The

Amendments to CSRB bylaws

At the November, 2004, general membership meeting, three amendments to the bylaws will be voted upon. Each Unit Member shall have one vote as a member of the CSRB and a quorum of 10 is required. Because of the distance some members have to travel to attend meetings of the CSRB, voting by letter and/or by written proxy is permitted if the Board has received the letter prior to the start of the meeting where the vote will be counted or if the individual holding the proxy vote is present at said meeting and if the letter or written proxy specifically relates to the matter at vote. A favorable vote by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Membership present is required to pass.

The proposed amendments are below, along with their rationale. The complete bylaws are available at www.coloradoSARboard.org.

Amendment one. Purpose: The CSRB bylaws state in "Directorship - Article IV, section A, paragraph 2. The Directors shall be elected by the roster of active unit members and active associate members of the CSRB." This conflicts with "Membership - Article V, section B, paragraph 1. Associate Members shall have no vote as members of the CSRB but may be selected as Directors and shall have a vote in the proceedings of the Directorship."

After discussion at its September meeting, the Board of Director's consensus was to eliminate the conflict by referring to the membership this proposed corrective amendment: The bylaws of the Colorado Search and Rescue Board *are amended by striking language*, to read as follows: "Directorship Article IV, section A, paragraph 2. The Directors shall be elected by the roster of active unit members and active associate members of the CSRB."

Amendment two. Purpose: Currently, a vote of the Board of Directors is required to expend any funds for any matter, from purchase of postage stamps to liability insurance. This requires the directors to micromanage the organization.

Proposed amendment two: The bylaws of the Colorado Search and Rescue Board, Article IV, section A, paragraph 6, subparagraph d. is amended with the ADDITION of language to read as follows: "d. The Treasurer is empowered to establish such funds as may be needed. All payment of funds shall be by check with the Treasurer, President or Vice-President of the CSRB signing such checks. However, no payment of funds can be accomplished without approval of a majority of the Directors present and voting UNLESS SUCH EXPENDITURE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AS PART OF AN ANNUAL BUDGET ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTORS. The Treasurer shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and Annual Financial Statement and such State and Federal Tax statements and reports as may be required.

Amendment three. Purpose: To establish a quorum at meetings of the directors, which is currently not defined.

Proposed amendment three: The bylaws of the Colorado Search and Rescue Board are amended by the ADDITION of the following language: "VIII. Meetings, A. Directorship (3). A QUORUM CONSISTS OF A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORSHIP. (4). VOTING BY WRITTEN PROXY IS PERMITTED IF THE DIRECTOR HOLDING THE PROXY VOTE IS PRESENT AT SAID MEETING AND IF THE WRITTEN PROXY SPECIFICALLY RELATES TO THE MATTER AT VOTE."

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE COLORADO SEARCH AND RESCUE BOARD**

RESOLVED, that the first paragraph of the “Application Guidelines” for the Peter Peelgrane Memorial Fund be and hereby is amended to state, in its entirety:

The applicant must be affiliated with a dues paying team or be an individual member of the Corporation at the time the application is made. Applications should be mailed to the address specified on the application. Applications will not be accepted before the January 1st or after the second Thursday in March. Applications must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from a local sheriff or SAR team official. Applicants should at a minimum provide a brief history of themselves as it relates to their SAR work and a statement stating how they foresee this training enhancing their ability to assist those in need.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the 2004 CSARC only application will be considered as long as they are received on or before March 31, 2004.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the corporation at El Rancho, Colorado, on February 21, 2004.

Howard M. Paul, President

ATTEST:

Dan Remsburg, Secretary

Cont from page 3 missing woman in Poudre Canyon from a while back: her jacket just turned up.

Teller: Higher than normal mission load.

CAP: New contact procedure and info is being sent out. DO NOT give out the emergency number to the press.

Routt: Had an assist in Carbon County, WY. Quite bizarre with a guy, his girlfriend and 3 kids involved. Had a 19 y/0 at Fish Creek Falls. Friends left him and he fell.

Mounted: Getting better info from parties calling you out. Involved in discovering a large cache of weapons.

Arapahoe: Crestone body recovery. Very long carry-out.

Alpine: Carryout on Loveland Pass. Report of a body in a cave. It was gone when they got there.

Gilpin: US 6 being shut down for a couple of weeks.

Summit: Plenty of drug and alcohol related missions with the subjects being ahrd to deal with. Mt. Royal mission was for one person but ended up being 2. Lesson learned was to be prepared for constantly changing scenarios. Many pages went out on this. Club 100 wanted to help out in the search. A must to interview thoroughly!

RMR: Helitac crew funding is on the ballot. Nothing special for missions.

Park: Nothing to report

Other—CAP is a great platform if you need a radio relay, even FRS!

Adjourned at 1450 for Training.

*Respectfully Submitted
Dan Remsburg
CSRB Secretary*

Support Your Local Hero!

Heroes are made in the blink of an eye and found where you might least expect them.

Help us locate and honor individuals who exemplify courage, kindness, and unselfish character through their acts of heroism in our local community.

The Mile High Chapter of the American Red Cross is proud to announce the 3rd Annual Breakfast of Champions* to be held on Tuesday, February 22 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the Denver Marriott City Center in Downtown Denver. Breakfast of Champions* is a Red Cross fundraiser

honoring local persons whose heroic efforts have saved lives, and in turn, have inspired others to reach out to help in times of critical need.

Again, we are asking you for nominations of people who have performed a single act of heroism within the last two years. A committee will pick honorees from the pool of nominations and once selected, the heroes will be honored at the Breakfast of Champions*. The awards will be given in different categories to include Professional Rescuer (heroic efforts by a person who has a duty to respond to emergencies), and Adult Hero Award.

Nominations will be taken until December 15, 2004.

To nominate a lifesaving hero, please visit www.denver-redcross.org, then click on Events/Breakfast of Champions/Nominate a Hero to nominate someone today.

Please help support your American Red Cross. Eighty-two cents of every dollar you give directly supports the important programs and services provided by the Mile High Chapter including disaster preparedness and response, and life-saving health and safety classes. Your donation counts.

<http://www.denver-redcross.org/secure/rcdonations.asp>



Carrie McElwee
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Dear Ms. McElwee,

I see in the current issue of *Emergency Medical Services* magazine your \$500 cash allowance advertisement for members of the law enforcement, fire service and EMS professions. Congratulations for recognizing the fine efforts of American emergency service personnel that work, as either a paid or a dedicated volunteer responder, to ensure the safety of the people of this nation.

I find it ironic that the one emergency service that actually would respond to a life-and-death emergency in the terrain you picture in the advert are not mentioned or included in your offer: the search and rescue teams of the United States. It is the members of specialized wilderness, backcountry and mountain rescue teams that routinely climb mountains, rappel cliffs, traverse deserts, avalanche paths and rivers when someone calls for help.

It is the search and rescue teams that venture into the world you have pictured — a world of rotten rock and blistering heat — with the intense training, specialized skills and experience needed on such desert pinnacles.

I trust this is merely an unintended oversight, by agency creatives that do not understand the intended target market of this print advert.

Cordially,

Howard M. Paul
President

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September 21, 2004

CO All-Hazard

Colorado's All Hazard Regions State Advisory Committee has adopted bylaws and included the CSRB as a formal member, along with other disciplines' similar organizations -- EMSAC, CSFCA. While our interaction may be minimal, it is important to forge the connections with our counterparts in emergency services. This committee is the forum in which members from the state's nine "All Hazard" regions exchange idea.

This All Hazard Region concept came about approx 18 months ago. Every entity, discipline and state agency that interacts in an emergency had its own regions, hence there were more than 12 differing maps. Someone from one county (emergency mgmt, public health, EMS, hospital ER, sheriff, telecommunications, et al) might have to attend cross-disciplinary planning meetings in several regions, depending upon the topic. These regions currently administers

federal DHS grants.

As mentioned briefly at our last general meeting, I have asked Joe Ben Slivka of SCRG to represent us to this committee. Joe Ben already is very familiar with its functions, as he represents his region to the statewide committee, on the topic of telecommunications. He will attend their upcoming meeting and brief us at the 11 Sept. board meetings.

Howard Paul

Just so you know—We are not the only ones with this problem! From our friends in New Zealand

Search a waste of time after girl found in bed

04.10.2004 11.00 am

Whangarei police have labeled a search and rescue operation on Mount Parahaki a waste of time and resources after the girl they were searching for was found tucked up in bed.

The search, involving about 40 people, was launched about 8.30pm on Saturday after police re-

ceived a report that a 14-year-old girl had gone missing.

The girl's aunt told police the girl had gone for a walk with family members to Mount Parahaki, but had walked off on her own. Arrangements had been made for the aunt to pick the girl up at a pre-arranged location.

However, the aunt was half an hour late and the girl went to spend the night at another family member's house, where she was located about 5am yester-



day.

Whangarei police Sergeant Graham Povey said staff spent most of the night searching for the girl.

The incident could have been avoided if the aunt and the girl had kept in communication, he said.

"It was a waste of resources, absolutely."

SAR 2005 Call For Presenters

To view the guidelines for submitting workshop proposals for the SAR 2005 Conference in Oakland, follow this link. http://www.nasar.org/nasar/downloads/Call_for_05_Presenters.doc

If the link doesn't work for some reason, just go to the NASAR website at www.nasar.org, click on Education, then click on SAR Conferences.

The theme for the conference is "Gateway to SAR." Some suggested areas of focus for your proposals included:

- *Mounted SAR
- *Wilderness First Aid
- *Homeland Security

- *Urban SAR
 - *Technical and Rope Rescue
 - *Water and Flood Rescue
 - *SAR Management and SAR Theory
 - *Canine SAR
 - *Best Practices at the State and Local Levels
 - *SAR Planning and Operations, Documentation
 - *International Updates and Highlights (Best Practices)
- The deadline for proposals is October 31, 2004.

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Upcoming Calendar of Events

Alaska L.A.S.T. Conference	10/19-21	Girdwood, AK
CSRB Mtg/Training	11/13	Alpine Rescue Base
Plans Section Chief (SAR)	10/15-17	Steamboat Springs, CO
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.