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NEWSLETTER

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Colorado Search and Rescue Board

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Special Points Of Interest

- CSRB Elections
- SAR Updates
- Bylaw Amendments
- MSARCO Event

The next CSRB meeting is Jan. 8th - Alpine Rescue Shack in Evergreen at 1200. Training will be at 1400.



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January CSRB Meeting 01/08/05

Alpine Rescue Team "Shack"

Meeting starts at 1200

1400 CSRB training following the general meeting.

Board of Directors Election at January 8 meeting

*By Howard M. Paul, CSRB President
Member, Alpine Rescue Team*

The CSRB elects its board of directors annually in January, with one-half the directors seats up for election each year. The board has 12 seats and at least seven must be filled. We have been operating with 11 directors for the past few years. Teams whose dues are paid by the meeting are eligible to vote -- and the treasurer will check the books right there!

This is a statewide organization. I am very encouraged that attendance at our bimonthly general meetings has included team representatives from more "far-flung" locations of Colorado, such as Steamboat Springs and Pagosa Springs. As I mentioned early this year, moving the meetings to Saturday and adding a training session was intended to accomplish this. It has!

SAR in Colorado is evolving. See the article about ICS in this issue. It is critical that everything the CSRB does is steered by the influence of many. The

collective insight of team leaders, ground pounders, SAR instructors and professionals from the many varied SAR disciplines, from across the state makes the Colorado SAR community so much stronger. To the benefit of our teams and, more importantly, to the subjects we serve.

Consider running for the board of directors. Add your voice to the discussion. Tell me I'm wrong (or tell me I'm right!) in the direction I have steered the CSRB these last 11 months.

The board of directors elected at the January meeting will elect from all the directors, to one year terms, the four officers for 2005. I intend to run for president again. And I'd be delighted to work with you as a director.



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
8581 Cherry Lane
Westminster, CO 80031
Email: <<mailto:l.l.ginther@worldnet.att.net>>
Phone: 303-426-4955.

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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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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CSRB Meeting Minutes
11/13/04
Alpine Rescue Base

Meeting called to order at 1205.

18 people in attendance.

TRAINING—George and Leonard are in Wyoming doing an MLPI class

-Avalanche class is coming up 12/11-12 in Summit Co. They have a new advanced class being offered to those who have had the beginner and advanced portions. It will be on Advanced Beacon Technology.

- SARCON— Will have place nailed down by the end of November. Will either be in Gunnison (Western States) or in Leadville (CMC).

- MLSO (Search Management) - Wyoming in coming up with numerous training needs. Larimer is working with Laramie folks. Gilpin is online for a class in March

- Summit has 9 ICS instructors for the 200-400 level

- FEMA has the ICS 200 class online on its portal.

SARDOGS—2 new dogs online with about 15 dogs plus specialty dogs

- If you call SARDOC, do not call neighboring counties for dogs, as well. It just messes up the process.

- Air scent dogs are good for bodies within 3 weeks of death. After that, you should call for cadaver dogs.

- Water scent dogs were used recently to locate the car in the lake that was not reported.

MRA—Meeting will be held on Friday nite before the Avalanche seminar.

STANDARDS— Mike sent a printout of the standards and the work being done on them for ASTM.

SAR FUND—Same issues as before were discussed at the last meeting, especially medical helos. The next meeting is in Jan. CSRB will have a table at the CSOC meeting the 2nd week of Jan.

PR—No response yet from Jeep on the correspondence sent to them by Howard.

COMMUNICATIONS—State wide talk group is being set up for 800 Mhz. Was discussed that it would be useful for each team to at least have a 800 Mhz radio in the vehicle they use for out-of-county missions. Discussed that it would be a good idea for the state coordinators to have

these radios. Cost will be a factor. You need to get the radios that have the OmniLink Smart Zone in it such as the Kenwood 5180 series.

- License renewal: Do it now if you are close to your expiration date.

OTHER—All Hazards Committee

- Resource typing is being done. The OEM website has the database of resources to include: overall structure of team, individual skill levels in specific area
Expanding to law and EMS this year.

- 2005: teams have to be typed to receive a check for grants from DOLA. This does not effect the grants this coming summer as these are 2004 funds.

- Committee volunteers for this are Joe, Bruce, Mike, Tim, Mark, Ian, Ann, and Dale.

CSRB legal counsel still needed.

PEELGRANE Committee: Bill, Joe Ben, and Dawn Alpert

BY-LAW Amendment will be done at the next meeting as there are some changes that were requested as well as the incorrect language being in the last newsletter.

MISSIONS—Teller: NTR

- Larimer: Lady in the Poudre river still not found. Did find a new trail along the river.

- Douglas: Just folks being there usual selves.

- CSRB: OEM is staffed fulltime with young military

- FRRD: NTR

- Alpine: The usual

- RMR: Climber who strangled on his own gear in El Dorado canyon

- SARDOC: NTR

- Gilpin: FRS used to call for help.

- Mounted: Weather related issues

- Grand: First year in 4 with no hunting deaths

- Routt: 15 calls with all but 1 being hunters. One had an arrow in his ankle. Discussion on whether to remove or leave in place.

- Summit: Joint missions and trainings. Mission where fractures of the leg/pelvis were not seen.

Meeting adjourned at 1430.

Short break taken before training by Dale Atkins. Very good presentation and discussion ensued after break.

Bylaws amendment vote postponed to January 2005

Due to our having published some incorrect language of one of the proposed bylaw amendments, the vote upon them scheduled for the November meeting was postponed to our January meeting. And, one of the three has been split into two separate amendments, at the suggestion of board member Bruce Fosdick.

The general membership will vote upon all four on Saturday, January 8; the meeting begins at 12:00 noon with your own brown bag lunch. Each Unit Member has one vote 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 four proposed amendments are below, along with their rationale. The complete bylaws are available at www.coloradoSARboard.org.

1. "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." 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."

The CSRB Board of Director's consensus was to eliminate the conflict by amending Directorship Article IV, section A, paragraph 2 to read: "The Directors shall be elected by the roster of active unit members of the CSRB." This still allows associate members to serve on the board of directors, but prevents a block of associate members -- all from one team, for example -- from overwhelming all the other eligible voters.

2. A vote of the Board of Directors is required to expend any funds for anything, 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.

3. A quorum for meetings of the directors 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. Proxy votes shall be permitted for votes of the directors. ***Proposed amendment four:*** The bylaws of the Colorado Search and Rescue Board are amended by the ADDITION of the following language:

"VIII. Meetings, A. 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."

Catching up By Howard M. Paul

CSRB Communications Director Joe Ben Slivka, a member of Summit County Rescue Group, has been representing the SAR profession at the State All Hazard Advisory Committee. This statewide body deals with issues in emergency services from every discipline and every potential direction of emergency incident. It includes the usual folks: FD, EMS, PDs and SOs, as well as SAR, public health, public works and many others.

It is true that the evolution of planning for response to emergencies came about because of the September 11, 2001, terror attacks on the USA. It has also served to greatly increase communication and cooperation between disciplines that have not, historically, worked together in the past. They've just never had to.

SAR has also, historically, been an orphan in the emergency response community. We are specialized, limit ourselves in what we do and have intentionally (usually) taken a low profile among the emergency response professions. That has been detrimental in some instances in the past, as other emergency disciplines have forged forward without us.

But now, with our recognition by our colleagues in those other disciplines, we're becoming more involved at the state level in response planning. This is good -- for everyone. And, I believe, long overdue.

Three topics that have popped up in recent weeks involve the incident command system (ICS). Last February, the CSRB Board of Directors

discussed "resource typing." This is the criteria a discipline defines for itself to classify the capabilities of responders. Long in place in the wildland fire service, it arose last year in a national project of FEMA, to "type" every kind of unit that potentially could respond to a national emergency.

Several Colorado SAR folks had grabbed the bull by the horns when FEMA's contractor attempted to define "types" for mountain SAR teams, including me. The CSRB discussed other similar criteria already established, including that of California, New Mexico and New Zealand.

Now, Joe Ben reports that Colorado wants SAR units "typed." He told us in November that the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) will withhold grants funds from any emergency response agency that is not "typed." Whether or not they can do that is another question, at least with the SAR Fund grants. But, the CSRB is going to take on the task, before someone else does it for (or "to") us. There are several advantages to establishing land SAR "types" (Type IV through Type I, in ascending degree of capability).

Once we learn what is expected by DOLA, we can accomplish this if they will allow sufficient time. We already have a task force of volunteers to work on it:

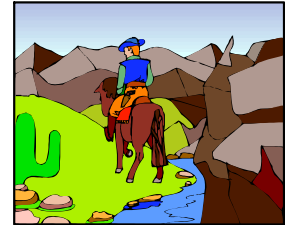
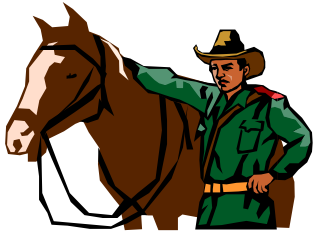
Joe Ben Slivka, Summit County Rescue Group;
Bruce Fosdick, Douglas County SAR Team (who also volunteered the absent Mike McDonald);
Tim Holden and Mark Scott-Nash, Rocky Mountain Rescue Group;
Ann Wichman, Front Range Res-

cue Dogs;
Ian Knowles, Mounted Rescue;
Dale Atkins, Colorado Avalanche Information Center and Alpine Rescue Team.

A second, related, topic was passed on to me by EMSAC President Sean Caffrey, director of Summit County Ambulance Service. At a meeting at which the question was raised as to what disciplines should be involved in an "Implementation of NIMS in Colorado" steering committee, he rightfully stated SAR should be involved. This steering committee will, as I understand it, work on training curricula, courses and the like for emergency response. Once I learn more, I will pass it along.

Lastly, I have had an informal, and very brief, discussion with MRA National Officer Charley Shimenski and C.A.I.C. Avalanche Forecaster Dale Atkins about furthering the injection of the ICS into avalanche response -- certainly one subspecialty that really brings many diverse agencies and disciplines together. A task force to work on this topic could comprise many organizations, including the C.S.R.B., the CAIC, MRA Rocky Mountain Region, National Ski Patrol and American Association of Avalanche Professionals.

More to come, so stay tuned.



Mounted Search and Rescue Colorado (MSARCO)

Third Annual Competition 2005. 17/18/19 June

Building on a very successful event the organizers of **MSARCO 2005** are pleased to announce the plans for the next competition.

Starting on Friday June 17th 2005 with a day of team challenges – teams from across the region will compete for the overall **MSARCO 2005 Trophy** which is awarded to the team with the highest score by Saturday night.



Challenges will be graded according to team levels – Intermediate and for the real needle match Advanced level. Last year, the overall winners were the Sheriff's Posse from **Mesa County** closely chased by the El Paso Mounted team.

On that Saturday, a massive mock search will take place possibly involving up to 100 participants. As in previous years, it is expected that a mixture of resources will take part, including Ground pounders, ATV's, and K9 teams along with the main constituents—Mounted Search + Rescue Teams from around the region.

The days fun culminates in a MSARCO tradition of a FREE Chili dinner and awards presentation on Saturday night along with the famous raffle.

A new website will be launched specifically for MSARCO and the 2005 address is:
www.msarco.org/2005

Registrations open January 1st 2005 and will be LIMITED, costs are expected to be around \$15 a head. Location will be in the area of Canon City to provide a change of terrain, 2006 is presently open for bid (any group wanting it in your area please contact us ASAP)

Enquiries: Ian Vowles, MSARCO Coordinator, 970-731-4062 or ian@modric.net

A Colorado Mounted Rescue organized event. www.mountedrescue.com

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Interested in knowing current developments in GPS technology? Then you can subscribe to a monthly magazine dedicated to cutting edge developments in GPS. It can be a bit technical at times, but a free subscription should attract many in SAR. This month's articles include tracking hazardous materials, stolen asset recovery, affects of the ionosphere, and using GPS to fly remote mini-airplanes with sensors. Many of the articles can also be viewed online.

<http://www.gpsworld.com/gpsworld/>

NIMS Resource Typing for SAR Resources

Resource typing definitions provide emergency managers with the information they need to request and receive the resources they require during an emergency or disaster. Typed definitions for 120 response resources have been completed. Like the Glossary, the Resource Typing Definitions will be continuously updated, revised, and expanded.

Scroll to the bottom of the page and you can see the resource typing for SAR resources which includes; Air Search Team (Fixed-Wing), Airborne Reconnaissance (Fixed-Wing), Canine SAR team (Avalanche, Disaster, Cadaver, Water, Wilderness Air, Wilderness Tracking/Trailing), Cave, Collapse, Mine and Tunnel, Mountain SAR, Radio DF, Swift water, USAR Incident Support, USAR task force, and Wilderness SAR teams. It remains to be determined who will be responsible for the actual typing of resources.

For additional information contact Jonathan Jenkins at Jonathan.Jenkins@associates.dhs.gov.

http://www.fema.gov/nims/mutual_aid.shtm#resources

<http://www.nasar.org/nasar/news.php?id=151>

FEMA Unveils New ICS Course

FEMA's new online independent study course, Basic Incident Command System for Federal Disaster Workers, IS-200, is designed to identify incident command system (ICS) features and principles, describing in more detail elements such as establishment and transfer of command, management by objectives, unified command, ICS management functions, organizational flexibility, unity and chain of command, span of control, incident action plans, resource management, common terminology and clear text, integrated communications, and personnel accountability. A disaster scenario threads throughout the course to describe the common responsibilities associated with incident assignments from a federal disaster response workforce perspective. IS-200 is tailored specifically for federal disaster workers and is not meant to replace Basic Incident Command System, IS-195.

Introduction to the Incident Command System for Federal Disaster Workers, IS-100, is a prerequisite to IS-200.

<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/>.

MRA Honor Guard Posts Comprehensive List of SAR Fatalities

The MRA Honor Guard continues to update and expand its website. A slide show is now available online that briefly explains each SAR line of duty deaths. The page also includes information on requesting the team and how to add information to the web site.

<http://www.mountainrescuehonorguard.org/index.asp>



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Upcoming Calendar of Events

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| CSRB Meeting | 1/8/05 | Alpine Base/Evergreen |
| 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.