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Colorado Search and Rescue Board

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Special Points Of Interest

- CSRB Meeting
- Going it Alone
- Icelandic SAR
- Holloway Award

The next CSRB meeting is March 5th - Alpine Rescue Shack in Evergreen at 1200. Training will be at 1400.



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March CSRB Meeting 03/05/05

Alpine Rescue Team "Shack"

Meeting starts at 1200

1400: Training- "Missing Children and Searching for Victims of Sexual Assault and Homicide: Changes in strategy and tactics that LE and SAR would have to make in searching for the victim of a non-family abduction and murder." Presented by Dennis McLaughlin, El Paso Co. SAR Team.

Don't plan alone, don't search alone, don't go it alone By Howard M. Paul CSRB President

One of the greatest functions of the Colorado SAR Board is the classic, "we can do things together that we can't do alone."

In the last several months, and the last two specifically, we have begun projects or opened lines of communication that were unheard of not long ago. There are things going on today in the SAR profession of real import -- some monumental and critical -- regarding funding, communications, standards and more.

On February 5 the board of directors adopted a budget that includes a comprehensive "State of the Profession" survey of Colorado SAR teams. It will, among other things, ask about diverse subjects such as volunteer recruitment and retention, SAR certification, team's financial strengths, weaknesses and fundraising, SAR training, PSAR and assess the "value" of this profession's contribution to the state, among other things.

Surveying is a science and we will employ experts in that field to ensure that we:

Explain the purpose of the survey
Ask the right questions,
Ask the questions right,

Make it easy-to-complete (and therefore useful),
Interpret the answers correctly, and
Use what we learn to improve SAR in Colorado..

We'll ask the County Sheriffs of Colorado, the SAR Fund administrators in the Department of Local Affairs and Colorado Counties, Inc. to contribute, so that the survey instrument is useful to everyone that is directly, or indirectly, involved in SAR in Colorado.

The budget also includes funds to continue the Resource Typing Working Group, created at the November, 2004, general meeting. We now attend the meetings of the Colorado Resource Mobilization Working Group. Mike McDonald, Douglas County SART, now serves as the SAR rep to that committee.

Mike will also represent SAR on Colorado's new NIMS State Implementation Steering Committee, with Leonard Ginther, Civil Air Patrol, as his alternate. CSRB Communications Director Joe Ben Slivka, Summit County Rescue Group, has been ably representing SAR to the statewide All-Hazards Regions Advisory Committee since the middle of last year. He has been serving in the same role in the state's NW All-Hazards Emergency Management Region, in both communications and IT security.

You may wonder, "why our sudden interest in these large, statewide, steering committees?" It's critical to this emergency discipline that we talk

News, Notes, and Stuff...

Please note that the bi-monthly CSRB meetings in July and September will be on holiday weekends (July 2 and September 3). Please plan accordingly so you can be there!

Thompson Valley EMS will be sponsoring a 6-day, 54-hour WMI at NOLS course. This course is ideal for EMTs, first responders, nurses, physicians, and other medical professionals. This course will upgrade EMTs to WEMT and other participants to WFR.

This course is from August 3-8 at Pingree Park in Fort Collins. Tuition is \$795; which includes tuition for the course, lodging, and meals. Students are required to stay at Pingree Park.

Contact Heather at 970-669-1235 or hdodson@tvems.com for more information.

The Colorado Search and Rescue Board presents

"Managing Land Search Operations," a 32-hour national-standard course in search management.

Hosted by Gilpin County SAR Team, March 12-13 and 19-20, near Blackhawk.

For lodging arrangements for the upcoming MLSO class in Gilpin County, we have the following lodging arrangements.

Quality Suites, 29300 US-40, Golden, CO 80401 (directly across from Alpine Rescue Shack) is the physical address. Call them directly at (303) 526-2000.

Room are 2 queens for \$69.99/night, Balcony rooms 2 queens for \$79.99/night, and Handicap King for \$69.99/night, all are non-smoking. There are eight

rooms available at this time that have been blocked off for this event on both weekend. These are under "CSRB MSLO, part 1 and part 2".

Part 1, RSVP by 25 February for the weekend of 12-13 March weekend.

Part 2, RSVP 04 March for the weekend of 19-20 March weekend.

Email me directly if you have any questions on the lodging information above. Hope to see folks there!

--- Crawford
Gilpin 167, Gilpin SAR Secretary
SARDOC Op-Support

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CSRB Meeting Minutes
01/08/05
Alpine Rescue Base

Called to order at 1211

An explanation of the vacant BOD seats was made by President Howard Paul. He further explained the changes to be made to the by-laws.

A motion was made to close nominations by Bruce Fosdick and seconded by Dave Kater, thereby accepting the 6 members nominated on the list.

Vote was taken on the proposed by-law changes with a unanimous AYE.

SARCON—Need training inputs. This will be at the Powderhorn Resort in Grand Junction. Discussion about doing the SARCON when you are 5 months behind schedule. Need flyer out this week. *(ed note: SARCON for 2005 is cancelled).*

MLSO class to be held in Gilpin 3/12-13 and 19/20. Possible class in Alamoso (Archuleta?) in September

NASAR: Wyoming has SARTECH II and III that they will trade for classes in MLPI. This idea was presented when Leonard Ginther and George Janson taught an MLPI class there.

SARDOGS: Dennis McLaughlin is the new SARDOC coordinator. Six of the m went to Rapid City, SD on a mission. Subject turned up in Missouri.

MRA: Meeting coming up in two weeks

SARFUND: They met this week and went over a new SOP. There were several points of contention. There is a requirement that an actual receipt or invoice is required. You must also use the 3 page DOLA form when requesting reimbursement out of the fund.

Communications: On 12/20, the FCC released its report on Narrow Band. No new licenses will be granted for Wideband after 01/2011. Do not convert to NB in stages. A lot of things will stay WB.

All Hazards: DOLA resource typing for grant money is happening. Teams will have to be listed in the resource directory to be

eligible for DOLA grant funds. CSRB will be the voice for SAR with a committee formed to formulate plans.

Mission Reports:

Teller—NTR
 Douglas—NTR
 CSRB Coordinators—Slow. Ft. Carson helos are not available
 RMR—NTR
 Arapahoe—NTR
 Larimer—Still looking for the drowning victim.
 Gilpin—SD mission. Subject faked suicide. Misioin was well run. Always consider the ROW.
 Alpine—Slow
 CAP—Quiet
 Mounted—Quiet
 Grand—Load has picked up
 Routt—SAR team set off avalanche during mission.

Meeting Adjourned

BOD Meeting after the CSRB General meeting:
 New BOD members were welcomed.

Elected to serve on the board of directors, for a two year term:

Lanny Grant, Garfield County Search and Rescue Team
 George Janson, Larimer County Search and Rescue Team
 Mike McDonald, Douglas County Search and Rescue Team
 Barry Mitchell, Douglas County Search and Rescue Team
 Dan Remsburg, Teller County Search and Rescue Team
 Ian Vowles, Mounted SAR, Pagosa Springs

They join these incumbents, now in the second year of their two-year term:

Bruce Fosdick, Douglas County Search and Rescue Team
 Leonard Ginther, Civil Air Patrol, Colorado Wing
 Phil Luethy, Alpine Rescue Team
 Howard Paul, Alpine Rescue Team
 Bill Young, Larimer County Search and Rescue Team

The board of directors, as a body, elected these officers for 2005:
 Treasurer Bruce Fosdick
 Secretary Dan Remsburg
 President Howard Paul
 Vice-President Bill Young

Six People Survive 300-Foot Drop Off Mountain Pass

CSP Say Seat Belts Saved 6 Lives
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Seat belts are being credited for saving six people after their vehicle slid off a mountain pass and dropped 300 feet down a sheer cliff Saturday afternoon, the Colorado State Patrol

said.
 Five of the victims were able to get out of the wrecked vehicle and rappel 300 feet back up the cliff with help from rescuers with Ouray Search and Rescue. One person who was lifted up in a rescue stretcher was walking around the hospital a few hours later in good condition, the CSP said.

By 6:30 p.m. all six victims were released from the hospital and on the road again.

They were traveling from Durango to Montrose on Highway 550 Red Mountain Pass, about 6.6 miles south of Ouray, when the accident occurred around 4 p.m.

Their identities have not been released. The CSP said the victims are extremely lucky and attributed their miraculous survival to all six wearing seatbelts.

Continued from page 1 with our colleagues in allied disciplines and organizations, and to become involved now in what may seem like cumbersome projects without immediate, apparent purpose. But we need to take the long range view of these projects. A fine example is last year's rush, rush (national) project to create type criteria for "mountain rescue teams" for FEMA. These criteria are now used by states in NIMS, and cannot be altered! Good thing several folks from Colorado (and a few, very few, other states) jumped in and helped whip together what is a reasonably useful template. The same thing can't be said about all of the other templates created by FEMA's contractor for other SAR resources. A few people with vision saw how this might be used as a foundation for other, unforeseen, projects. We didn't know how quickly that might occur.

We funded a project to jointly create, the Colorado Avalanche Information Center and the MRA's Rocky Mountain Region, an ICS Avalanche Response Model -- with the end result being a superb tool that would be adopted by the avalanche rescue community across the nation. We will eagerly invite many others to join us, including the National Ski Patrol, USFS, NPS, sheriffs, CDOT and others.

We will continue to send representatives to NASAR's annual conference and the ASTM F-32 Committee on SAR. It is critical that we maintain open and free communication with our colleagues across the nation, discuss common issues and take part in standards-writing for OUR profession.

The CSRB visited the State Capitol in early February, to testify on behalf of SAR volunteers, at the House Finance Committee's hearing on the 2005 Charitable Contributions Deductions bill (HB05-1125). We tag-teamed with the Colorado Association of Non Profit Organizations' new president, Charley Shimanski, whom many of you know from the Mountain Rescue Association, the American Alpine Club or Alpine Rescue Team.

New directors

We welcome two newly elected directors to the board of the CSRB. Ian Vowles is a founding member of Mounted SAR in Pagosa Springs. He is active in creating

national standards for equine SAR units and has brought the SARTECH qualification process to SW Colorado. He will be a superb "ambassador" to that most-beautiful part of Colorado.

Lanny Grant, Garfield County SAR Team, has been active for years on the SAR Fund Advisory Board, representing the snow-mobile community. He has brought to that recreational niche valuable avalanche safety training.

SAR Conference

At its February 5 meeting the CSRB board canceled the 2005 SAR Conference. We were unsuccessful in securing a facility that met our needs in time to produce an event of the quality that Colorado's SAR professionals deserve. I know that will disappoint many, and anger some, but we have instituted a plan for alternative 2005 training offerings that still will be of benefit to SAR teams, and will be announced by the next general membership meeting, March 5.

In a nutshell, we will have in late summer a three day (Fri-Sun) SAR Management Academy aimed at incident managers. While we are still putting plan to paper, it will likely include three or four of these courses:

Managing Land Search Operations (MLSO)

Planning Section Chief (PSC)

ICS 200 and / or ICS 300

Incident Command: Emergency Response SARTECH certification

It will likely be held at a college campus with lodging included; potentially CMC-Leadville or WSC-Gunnison. Sufficient details will be available by e-mail and at www.coloradoSARboard.org in time to add funds for it to your 2005-2006 SAR Fund Grant request. In the mean time you can figure this: the most expensive course, Plans Section Chief could be as expensive as \$250 - \$300 for the three days. The others will be much less; the MLSO has been \$100 recently. Lodging and meal plans will be kept low, so plan on up to \$75 for the event (and I am guesstimating at this point in February).

Ian Vowles and CSRB Training Director George Janson, Larimer County SART, are

directing this project and have it on a fast track so details can be announced later this winter.

At the January CSRB general meeting the conference was discussed by all present and the consensus was to go ahead, even with the very short time available. However, immediately after the meeting I learned that the site that had been recommended did not have the facilities we require, nor had they been able to supply us with necessary cost information we required for a budget.

A personal note: I feel it is more important to maintain, and indeed always improve, the quality of the SAR Conference, and not just hold a conference "just to do it" or to "maintain momentum." The "better event next year rather than a poor event this year" philosophy. We intend to have a site for 2006 selected by spring of this year, and will begin anew planning a great event for next year. Ian Vowles has already begun site research in the central core of the CSRB membership's geography, the Leadville - Montrose- Gunnison triangle.

We'll meet yet this winter with the County Sheriffs of Colorado and the Colorado Division of Emergency Management (previously called the "Office of Emergency Management," and for you moss-backs, the earlier incarnation was "DODES") to make sure everyone has the same sheets of music and we sing as a reasonable chorus.

I am excited about the progress we are making. Credit goes to many, especially those of you that travel a long distance on those six Saturdays a year to meet with your colleagues. And to the 17 people that serve on the board of directors or as state mission coordinators, or one of the other 14 appointed positions! We've got a superb team, and we're not doing anything alone.

Howard M. Paul is a 20 year member of Alpine Rescue Team of Evergreen. A non-profit association manager, he has served SAR at the national, regional, state and local level in several roles, including ground-pounder, editor, accreditation manager, PIO, PSAR instructor and medical coordinator. His favorite thing in SAR is a nice walk through the woods, search-

Icelandic SAR Members Visit Colorado **By Tom Wood** **Alpine Rescue Team**

Several Colorado SAR teams played host to three members of Iceland SAR last month.



Julius, Palmi, and Magnus at ART

During their week-long stay, Julius Gunnarsson, Magnus Valtorson and Palmi Masson visited Rocky

Mountain Rescue, the Alpine Rescue Team, Grand County SAR and Routt County SAR on a fact finding mission. They are charged with rewriting Iceland SAR's snowmobile policies and guidelines for use, and decided Colorado's SAR teams would be a good place to get a new slant on snowmobiles and SAR. The Icelanders expressed interest in some of the homemade sleds and snowmobile accessories that each team created for their specific needs. They were impressed by many teams' use of vacuum splints for patient immobilization, and were considering purchasing some upon their return home.

Iceland SAR, like our SAR teams here in Colorado, is

completely staffed by volunteers who train hard, perform rescues and spend a lot of time and effort fundraising (their main source of fundraising income is the sale of fireworks for New Year's Eve!). Iceland SAR represents about 100 individual rescue teams in Iceland. Some teams are comprised of only a few members, while some teams have over a hundred. Julius said though Iceland's population is small (About 280,000), they are seeing an increase in searches and rescues of tourists who are discovering Iceland's many glaciers and hot springs to be a major draw. Their visit was a busy one. They participated in Mock Missions with Grand County and Alpine Rescue, gave a presentation to the CSRB, toured the site of Colorado's first avalanche fatality in 2005 at Routt County, visited Dale Atkins at the Colorado Avalanche Information Center and met with Charley Shimanski, Education Director for the MRA. And though their schedule was hectic, the trio still found time to enjoy boarding in the fresh powder in Steamboat, and sample many of the local ales and Colorado hospitality from Routt County to downtown Denver.

The most valuable thing they discovered on their visit, Magnus said via email after returning to their homeland, were the relationships that were forged. All three said they hoped members of Colorado SAR would visit their country soon to further these relationships. To find out more about Search and Rescue in Iceland, visit their website at www.icesar.com/, and click on the English version.

Search and Rescue Dogs of Colorado Statistics for 2004

Certified Search and Rescue Dogs of Colorado (SARDOC) dog teams responded to a total of 124 search missions last year. Of those, 109 were in Colorado, 11 in Utah, 2 in S. Dakota, and one each in Nebraska, Wyoming and Texas. It is estimated that on at least 50% of the missions, the dog teams did not field or were cancelled en route.

SARDOC dog teams had 7 "finds" in 2004 involving 9 people where the dog team actually made the find. These finds involved two lost 5 year old boys, three lost hikers, a drowning victim, an avalanche fatality and a male injured in a traffic accident who wandered away from the scene 33 hours prior to being located by the dog

team. This subject, who was very hypothermic and unable to talk when found, was found in an area previously searched by ground searchers.

In addition, SARDOC dog teams had 4 good "assists" where, for example, a trailing dog team determined the direction of travel of a missing person who was subsequently found by a helicopter sent in that direction, information about the probable location of a drowning victim was confirmed and pinpointed for divers, and a suicidal person was located based on dog alerts.

The largest percentage of missing subjects (total 143), by age, was the group of people in their 20's (22% of those missing or lost), with 10 % of missing subjects being 6 or under and about 7 percent being in

their 70's. As might be expected, 60% of the missing or lost subjects were males.

SARDOC currently has 16 operational air scent dog teams, 3 operational trailing dog teams, 3 operational water search dog teams, 5 avalanche dog teams, 1 evidence certified dog team and 1 human remains detection dog team available to SAR managers and law enforcement agencies. In addition, there are at least 25 other dog teams in training, with several halfway through certification testing.

-Dennis McLaughlin



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

THE WILDERNESS MEDICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS THE 2005 WILDERNESS MEDICINE CONFERENCE IN SNOWMASS AT ASPEN, COLORADO, JULY 23 - 27, 2005

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Colorado Search and Rescue Board's Annual 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, training of SAR team members, promotion of Colorado's SAR team efforts to the public, field responses and mission management, SAR team as well as CSRB leadership, and representation of our SAR community on the Division of Wildlife's SAR Advisory Board, Hunter worked tirelessly to advance the skills and professionalism of Colorado's SAR responders and SAR system. His ultimate goal was to insure the public could travel the backcountry of our state, having in place one of the nation's foremost SAR communities to provide aid when needed. His spirit is remembered by presentation of this award to those in Colorado who best exemplify his dedication to Colorado SAR.

Past recipients of the award include:

- Tim Cochrane, Vail Mountain Rescue Group, 1993
- 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, Alpine Rescue Team, 1998
- Drew Davis, Larimer County SAR Team, 1999
- Tom Frazer, El Paso County SAR Team, 2000
- Bruce Fosdick, Douglas County SART, 2004
- Barry Mitchell, Douglas County SART, 2004

Who Is Eligible:

Any individual, whether or not directly affiliated with a SAR team, is eligible for this award by having demonstrated their dedication to the Colorado SAR community, or to (a) subjects(s) of a SAR mission in any of the following areas:

- Personal effort in public preventive safety education.
- Personal effort in professional education of the SAR community.
- Extraordinary efforts in a search or rescue mission, either afield or in mission management.

- Extraordinary efforts in ongoing support of SAR missions during the entire year.
- Personal commitment to the professional advancement of Colorado's SAR community.

Deadline:

Nominations will be accepted from any member of the CSRB or CSRB member organization, or any Colorado county sheriff. Nominations are due to the CSRB by April 1st. The award will be presented at the CSRB meeting in May.

How To Nominate:

Nominations should include, at the minimum:

Name, address, organizational affiliation and telephone number(s) of the nominee.

Name, address, organizational affiliation and telephone number(s) of the nominator.

Complete SAR biographical profile of the nominee

Relevant personal biographical information

Complete details of the events, or ongoing service, for which the nominee has been chosen.

The greater the detail of the above information, the easier it will be to evaluate the appropriateness of making such an award.

Mail nominations (due by April 1) to:
J. Hunter Holloway Spirit Award
Colorado Search and Rescue Board
7645 North Union Blvd., #424
Colorado Springs, CO 80920



PMB 424, 7645 North Union Blvd
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Upcoming Calendar of Events

MLSO Class	3/12-13 & 3/19-20	Gilpin SAR
SAR 05 (NASAR)	5/25-28/05	Oakland, CA
International Symposium On Mountain Rescue	6/13-19/05	Vail, CO
Wilderness Medicine Conference	7/23-27	Aspen, CO
International Technical Rescue Symposium 2005	11/4-11/16	Ft. Collins, CO

<http://www.nasar.org/nasar/conferences.php?id=146>

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.