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Special Points

Of Interest

- SARMA 2007
- Volunteering

The next CSRB meeting is May 5th - Alpine Rescue Shack in Evergreen at 1200 hrs.



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May CSRB Meeting

05/05/07

Alpine Rescue Team "Shack"

General Membership Meeting starts at 1200

Don't just do something — Stand there!

By Howard M. Paul

CSRB President

You, all of our teammates and I joined a SAR team to accomplish important things — as did every member of every other team. Our personality is drawn to the emergency service disciplines to see things get done and help that stranger who **really** needs help, frequently at o-dark-thirty in miserable weather.

We are fortunate that some of our colleagues also see a tad bit further than the next mission and recognize the "bigger picture," taking on leadership positions within our own agency and at the international, national, regional and state levels. We recognize their skills and then nominate them for office or suggest that they apply or quickly appoint them. Without them our profession would be mired in the practices of decades ago.

Years ago, I examined my schedule that resulted of my various commitments to SAR. I enjoyed every one of the several roles I had been asked to accept or been elected to, or for which I had happily volunteered.

But what? I was astounded; it could not be right. To meet the commitments I had made to friends and colleagues, teams, associations and boards I had 38 meetings a year on my schedule. These were not job-related meetings, they were all on my dime and clock, both around the nation and local.

It was then that it dawned on me that I never read books anymore. I had no time to read — none. Yet, reading is one of my favorite pastimes. I had usually read two or three books a month. I decided to fix that, so I began an earnest process to peel off some of those commitments and their attendant meetings.

The most useful tool was a shovel — to get through all the papers on my desk. I dug down and found, to my astonishment, several more layers of papers from projects I had accepted, or created, from years earlier — and had forgotten! I had never realized that before I completed some of those projects, or terms of office, I had taken on more. My contribution to each suffered, dreadfully, and so did the project's organization because they depended upon me.

It took me more than a year to extricate myself from every "yes, I'll do it" I had uttered.

Aside from obviously hurting yourself by taking on too many commitments — a position on the unit's board of directors, serving on a county council, chairing a regional committee, managing an accreditation program, editing an organization's journal — can you do justice to the many organizations you ostensibly want to help?

Your peers expect you to contribute. They might count on you to research and draft a policy, chair a committee, manage a critical project. Perhaps they expect you — because you agreed — to manage a

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News, Notes, and Stuff...

Comprehensive Colorado SAR surveys expected in any day

We hope all of you are nearing completion of your 2006 CSRB Comprehensive Survey of SAR. We'd like to ask a couple of things from you to ease our compilation of the data from everyone.

When you save the Excel file to e-mail in, please title it such as this:

Comp Survey 2006 XYZ County SAR.xls.

Also, you may recall we originally distributed it in late 2005 so everyone could see what we were asking should be tracked throughout 2006. So in the version you should have please change the date range from "2001-2005" to "2002-2006" as in:

What was your team's annual budget in 2006?

2005?

2004?

2003?

2002?

Lastly, at the end, on line 130 please enter the name, e-mail address and a phone number of the person that completed the survey, in case our statistician, Jerome Stiller of Alpine, has any questions.

Avalanche Research Media Library

This site contains a large collection of videos, accident reports, photographs, maps, television shows, and audio files about avalanches. The site lists a goal of acting as a memory bank for the avalanche community on both a local and global scale. Users can browse the collection and submit their own videos and documents for the community.

<http://www.avalanche-research.com/>

Lost Tourists Often Hide from Rescuers

In New Zealand , people who get lost in the wilderness have the benefit of a well-established, often fully-staffed search and rescue system to come to their aid ... at no cost. However, tourists often believe they will have to pay for their rescue. Authorities discovered that this belief can lead tourists to hide from searchers in order to avoid paying the cost. To set the record straight, National Search and Rescue Coordinator Senior Sergeant Geoffrey Logan says, "The view we have in New Zealand is the Government pays for search and rescue operations. We want to find people as quick as we can so we want them to be willing to be found."

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/3953105a11.html>

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CSRB Meeting Minutes

03 March 2007

Alpine Rescue

Meeting Called to Order at 1207.

RESOURCES

Dogs—FRRD—Called to assist in a training role for the apartment fire in Colorado Springs to search for human remains. SARDOC declined. Two teams from FRRD responded and did have some alerts.

SARDOC—Snowmobiler in the Twin Lakes area was missing. Dogs found him. Holding training in Denver today.

Barry—The two resources that presented at the last meeting did contact CSRB to become a resource. Recommended that they contact their local teams for familiarization.

- There was a question on the folks who have the remote control planes. Need to get some one on one with them.

MRA—Albuquerque passes their recert. There is a new MRA team in the Santa Fe area: Adelya (sp?). Aspen is coming up for recert May 19-20.

NASAR—Discussion on Bob Koester's data collection. Howard Paul is going to the NASAR Conference.

TRAINING—Leonard—One class is set up for Steamboat Springs (Routt) 4/21-22 and 28/29. Three instructors are signed up now but may need 1 more. Class in June for Mesa County is in the works. El Paso may possibly host a class in September. There will be a SAR Management class at SARMA.

Ian—Rick Goodman is coming into Cortez in April to teach a Search Management Class.

SARMA—Discussed the classes being taught. MLPI class is 4 days and will require an additional \$35 for meals and lodging.

COMMUNICATIONS

There is an issue getting the new frequencies out for use. JB Slivka, Barry Mitchell and Scott Whitehead need to get together for an afternoon to map out the pairs, etc. Barry stated that we need to start programming radios as we only have 12 months to tell the FCC we are operational on the new frequencies. Howard Paul will get this done before the next meeting. Barry went over the frequencies and how they are to be used and discussed VTAC frequencies.

Motion: *Barry Mitchell motioned that CSRB direct the CSRB Communications Director to approve existing requests for use of CSRB Industrial Radio Service itinerant, narrowband frequencies for secondary use to their existing primary VHF licensed frequencies. Seconded by Glen Krantz. Vote: Unanimous AYE.*

During the discussion, the definition of secondary frequency was clarified: Secondary use means that individual teams should use their team's existing licensed Public Safety frequencies as their primary frequencies. CSRB Industrial Radio Service itinerant frequencies can be used by CSRB member teams (if approved for secondary use by the CSRB Communications Director) as temporary squad frequencies, portable repeater pairs, or other secondary uses), when needed (for particular SAR incidents and training). They may also be used for mutual aid incidents where there is no expectation that all teams/persons requiring incident communications would have 155.160 or other common frequencies or where additional channels are needed. Secondary use authorization specifically is not intended to apply to the cases where (1) the CSRB team is not otherwise licensed for operation in the VHF Land Mobile band, and desires to use the CSRB license (with permission) in lieu of other FCC authorization, or (2) the team desires to use the frequency as their primary frequency for conducting the day-to-day operation of their team. This stipulation of secondary use may or not be permanent. It is currently intended as a temporary work around until a meeting is held between Slivka, Mitchell, and Whitehead to propose a more permanent plan that can be approved by CSRB.

PR/Ext Affairs

State Trooper announced that folks need to heed the road closed signs during blizzards. CH 2 news stated that SAR will bill you for rescue if they have to come out. Howard contacted the station to explain the reality.

EquiSearch in Texas was in the news regarding a body recovery in the Caribbean. Another SAR team popped up called Front Range Rescue. Associated with the Colorado Crawlers. Seems to be the same group who has been trying to insert itself into the SAR scene.

Tax Rebate issue—IRS ended the ability to pay volunteers an on-call stipend. This legislation wanted a tax break for Emergency Services volunteers. The bill did pass the House.

CREDENTIALING

Mike McDonald—Credentialing is the big issue right now for the Sate IMT.

SAR FUND

Bruce Fosdick—There has been talk of buying a \$40K sonar instrument for body recovery, avalanche, etc. Question whether TIER II funds can be used for this. State Parks has one available, if needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Arapahoe Rescue is celebrating 50 years during our SARMA weekend.

Secretary requested approval to buy a microphone to record the meetings. Request approved for \$40 or less.

Make sure you complete your CSRB SAR survey ASAP! E-mail it in to Howard or Jarret.

MISSION REPORTS

Routt—Lots of snowmobilers!

Summit—Death of a 14 y/o male on Vail Pass. Was an intense mission with lots of family members, lousy WX. They used a county bus to get out of the weather.

CAP—Helo had a hard landing 10 miles West of Eagle.

Archuleta—Reported plane crash on the NM border. People saw the plane 150ft off the deck, then smoke and flames behind a hill. No ELT. CAP was in the air and media all over the place. No aircraft was found. Turned out that a snowmobiler had built a large fire. The SO needed to let the SAR team work.

RMR—Had a snowcave practice where the caves sealed up during the night. Multi-caves did not.

Aspen—Had a quiet winter. Couple of snowboarders had to spend the night out of bounds.

Arapahoe—Couple of in-town searches where the subjects were injured.

Garfield—Been quiet since hunting season. Amount of snowmobilers are increasing.

Mesa—Quiet. 8 or 9 with only 1 going more than 1 day.

Alpine—Had a one-legged snowshoer that had a heart attack and fell into the water in Waterton Canyon.

Next meeting is 05/05/07

Respectfully Submitted

Dan Remsburg

CSRB Secretary

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major, keystone component of the organization such as the web site (which interacts with every other department or committee in the agency). Your important, and most valuable, commitment may be as simple as recording and certifying the minutes of meetings.

Many changing outside factors have a bearing on your ability meet your commitments. Family needs may take more of your time or your job duties might change (for the better or worse). You hold back the work of others that count on you — and your organization —if your job becomes so busy that you can't return phone calls and e-mail or meet schedules.

Life is fluid; it's not wrong to admit, too, that your interest may have waned.

If you can no longer get the job done, you will earn the respect of your colleagues, your fellow directors or officers, or your supervisor if you just tell them. Don't let fear of incomplete work freeze you into remaining silent. To the contrary; I would rather have a colleague tell me, "Look, I just don't have the time I did when you appointed me. I wish I could, but I can't get Xxxx done" than to have to continually ask, "When can you report so we can complete the project?"

I recall one gent elected to a board of directors that attended not one of its meetings in two years — not one. It was obvious he didn't care about his constituents. To this day I have no idea why he ran for the position, other than, perhaps, to pad a résumé. And of another whose job function has to be regularly reassigned to others so the organization can continue its mission.

If you are a conscientious leader, one that does a job very well, you will still be invited, or appointed, to accept more of these positions. Can you do it? Does your current situation and its responsibility, necessary time and commitment to high quality **really** leave time for another responsibility? As much as you might want to accept another opportunity to help in another area, will the quality of your work everywhere suffer?

If you've been asked to contribute, it is because your peers value

you and the quality of your results. They deserve to receive what your reputation leads them to expect from you. So does every person that our many organizations indirectly assist — people that are lost, injured, trapped, sick and scared (and their family).

You can be remembered as someone who "Did a superb job, an excellent chairperson/officer/coordinator/advisor that we can count on" or you can be remembered as someone who "Usually didn't finish what s/he took on and only did a half-assed job when they did."

To do your best at times you must say no. You will earn my respect if you say, "Thank you for asking me, but right now I am committed to "xxxx." Your project deserves time I would have to take away from "xxxx" and both would suffer if I could not give each my best effort.

Some will ask, so let me tell you I had no particular person in mind when I wrote this. People I know from many years ago to today serve as an illustration of this syndrome. If you do think, however, that you see yourself in this article, it is time to reevaluate your ability to commit to "yes."

By the way, I now read three to four books a month again and love it. I'm thinking of other areas in which I might be able to help (if others wish) but only after my current responsibilities come to their end.

Howard M. Paul is a 22-year veteran of Alpine Rescue Team, Evergreen. He has held at least 13 elected and appointed positions at the national, regional, state and local SAR level; has lead, coordinated or assisted with eight major projects; has taught at 20 national and state emergency service conferences. He is glad that today he has limited himself to two local and one statewide position.

Rope Ascender Has Potential to Assist Military and Rescue Personnel

The Atlas Powered Rope Ascender—a new device created by an engineering student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology—was designed at the request of the military. It may soon help troops in Iraq and Afghanistan literally pull themselves up and out of dangerous situations—in a matter of seconds. The 15-pound device, the size of a hand-held power tool, can lift a 250-pound load more than 600 feet into the air at nearly 10 feet per second on a single battery charge. It could be used to drag obstacles out of the road or to rip a door off its hinges. Further development on the device may enable it to lift people who are wounded.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=7813024>

Academy 07 – Latest News!

Search & Rescue Leadership and Management Academy

We look forward to welcoming many folks to our second biannual Academy – present registrations are very encouraging from our local teams and with folks from out of state.

We will do our very best to accommodate all who want to take a course – but it is true that there limitations of size of class and space—therefore, please register as soon as you can so we may ensure you get on the course you want.

The IC and Plans Section Chief courses are filling up fast and we will probably be starting a wait list for these by mid May - ** IF you are waiting for DOLA grants we will accept your registration subject to grant arrival – for this please email me direct for instructions (Ian@modric.net). If you email and do not hear in 2 -3 days, do follow up – unfortunately spam filters do sometimes catch my legitimate mail!

The 4 day NASAR MLPI course is the longest course we offer this year, in significant depth this course covers Managing the Lost Person Incident, this is a NASAR certificate course.

The other courses are filling up steadily. We have a few to draw to your attention that are very helpful and hard to find:

Team work and Leadership—One of the vital areas for any group is the development of existing and prospective leaders. This course will be taught by Kimberly Kelly who also teaches leadership and management to a wide spectrum of public safety and Fortune 500 companies. We often make the mistake of thinking that leadership only requires us to be out front – Kimberly will introduce you to a whole new way of thinking that will have dramatic effects of your team members. Learn easy and simple ways to motivate or channel the enthusiasm of your members. This is an all-hazards course as the lessons apply as well to our SAR teams as to the local EMS or Sheriff's office. A rare opportunity to learn from a nationally acclaimed teacher.

Search Management Systems—Presented by Rick Goodman. Learn the quick and simple methods for handling the emergency when it happens at 2am! This course is well suited to those who are fairly new to managing Searches – ideal for the Sheriff's office who has new staff or teams who have new members moving toward mission management. Rick, who is nationally well known, presents a simple step by step system that will allow a complete novice to become familiar and comfortable with directing the initial response to an emergency. This course has been widely used for training the immediate responders both here in the USA and overseas. At \$149, this course offers a chance to learn skills that you can use on almost every event.

ICS 300—We have now confirmed that we can offer this often hard to locate course FREE!! Thanks to fire safety picking up the majority of the costs we are able to make this available at no charge for the course. Accommodation is still a chargeable cost (sorry, couldn't swing that as well!) – Thanks to Drew Davis for getting us this support. The instructors for the ICS300 are both very experienced and knowledgeable. This course offers a chance to learn from some of the country's most experienced instructors.

Volunteer SAR Agency Admin + Leadership—In most of our volunteer activities, we have a variety of tasks that we must attend to as basic housekeeping. Often things get dumped on the treasurer or secretary or just plain ignored. NOW your teams have the chance to send some of your leaders and potential leaders to learn from Jack Russalesi and a cadre

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of highly qualified instructors who will guide you through a wide spectrum of issues; dealing with dismissal of volunteers, avoid sexual harassment claims – policies, finances and how to avoid irregularities, how to develop easy budgets and controls, and plan for exciting futures! Bruce Fosdick, CSRB's well know treasurer will share secrets of the trade, J. Cavanaugh O'Leary— CSRB's legal council will provide tips on issues of law many of us may be ignorant of as well as general guidance to avoid issues. Jack Russalesi, apart from probably sharing his Cabo pics (he's just back from great vacation in the sun), will provide the low down on recruiting and retention – no more "Please Volunteer" ads in the local paper but a dynamic system for increasing recruits so easily it becomes normal practice. There is very much more to this course which is packed with exciting and very useful information – do not miss this one !

Our accommodations will be the dormitory(s) at Western State College where we always find a warm welcome. This year's academy presents a significant opportunity to enhance your skills and network with your peers from almost every discipline and many states. I'm just waiting for our first "International" registration – then watch us brag !

Seriously, the team is very much looking forward to welcoming you. We believe we have a tremendous academy for you.

See You in Gunnison! Ian Vowles, Academy Coordinator

CSRB President Howard Paul recently sent a letter to The Honorable Diana DeGette, Doug Lamborn, Marilyn Musgrave, Ed Perlmutter, John Salazar, Tom Tancredo and Mark Udall -- our delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives. It concerns a bill "to amend the Internal Revenue Code to exclude from gross income mileage reimbursements to volunteer emergency medical responders and volunteer firefighters and to increase the mileage allowance for charitable contributions for the benefit of volunteer fire departments, and for other purposes."

Dear Representative,

The **Volunteer Emergency Responder Fair Mileage Act of 2007** greatly increases the ability of Colorado's thousands of volunteer firefighters, and EMTs with volunteer ambulance services, to continue to save lives and property by decreasing their personal cost of volunteering. Using their own vehicles to both respond to emergencies and travel to required training, our state's emergency volunteers are the only (non law-enforcement) emergency personnel in many rural communities.

Many volunteers literally pay dearly to volunteer, yet continue because no one else can, or will, answer that 9-1-1 call at all time of the night and day. Fine examples are the volunteers of the ambulance service and fire department in Holly, which was struck just last

week by a devastating tornado. The work of unpaid firefighters and ambulance personnel alone deserve the support of H.R. 606.

Equally deserving are Colorado's (as well as every other state's) volunteer search and rescue (SAR) responders. As in other Western states, SAR teams are another emergency service, independent of a fire department or ambulance service. The volunteers of Colorado's nearly 60 SAR teams commonly travel even further than firefighters or ambulance volunteers (in their personal vehicle), as they work in the most remote areas of their county.

I offer a personal example, my own: I traveled 4,420 miles in 2006 for SAR missions, trainings and meetings. An enhanced mileage rate would help me recover more of the many hundreds of dollars I expended while I, and my teammates, worked for hours — sometimes days — to save the life of another.

The member teams of the Colorado Search and Rescue Board ask you to **support** and **cosponsor** H.R. 606, and to propose to Mr. Hayes an **amendment** of language to include all volunteer emergency personnel in all emergency service disciplines.

Cordially,
Howard M. Paul
President

CSRB Training Team

Managing Land Search Operations Classes:

9 students attended managing Land Search Operations class in April at Steamboat Springs. Students attended from Routt, Sam Miguel, and Moffat County Search Teams. There will be another class June 2-3, 9-10 in Grand Junction.

There is still a need for an Eastern Colorado team to host a MLSO class in the fall. Teams interested in hosting a class for 2008 Spring and fall are urged to contact me to make arrangements.

Training Team:

The training team is working on training new instructors and training lead instructors. People interested please contact me for more information.

Last meeting the training team met and reviewed several sections of the MLSO training material to correct problems and update with Colorado Information. There will be a

schedule prepared and sent to the instructors to continue the format to update the presentations and map problems.

Leonard Ginther

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TRAINING FOR MOUNTED SEARCH & RESCUE HORSE TEAMS !



MSARCO 2007

The fourth annual open training event will take place June 22nd - 24th in the area of Beaver Meadows, between Pagosa Springs and Durango. Registrations are now being taken for Mounted Teams and a small number of Ground Teams / ATV teams.

Web: www.msarco.org

Early Check In : June 21st noon onwards

Start Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd 0800

West of Pagosa Springs on highway 160—watch for signs for "Beaver Meadows" around mile market 110.
Approx UTM of turnoff is : 13S.278975 E4129165N



- Teams compete for bragging rights for a year !
- Camp at trail head many facilities available
- Inter team competitions—have fun and win prizes
- All welcome space for trailers as well as tents !
- Free Sat night Chili dinner
- Extensive forest land to ride.
- Distance from highway approx 30-40 minutes up the mountain !
- Train in Paradise !

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*We train ;
"That others may live"*

MSARCO—Mounted Search and Rescue, Colorado, 2007 Fourth Annual Open Training Event.

Building on the success of past years events and after many requests Mounted Rescue are pleased to again offer one of the best Mounted Search and Rescue events for the Region.

Each day there are challenging scenarios provided to each team to enable serious training but in a relaxed and pleasant environment—skills that would be used in real life situations get the chance to be practiced in a very realistic atmosphere.

There will be 4 camp areas along with the base area, facilities provided will be "porta potties" at each mini site along with plentiful supplies of potable water for the horses & folks.

You need to bring your own food and camping equipment—the camping areas are set up to include facilities for travel trailers as well as tents .

Set in the high Alpine areas of Beaver Meadows the scenery is spectacular and the air rare and clean—come visit a truly beautiful area and hone your Search and Rescue skills at the same time !

Costs : Registration is \$15 per person, plus \$5 for a full size Topo map — each registrant will receive FREE ticket to the very special Saturday night Chili dinner and presentations !

Although MSARCO is designed as an event for horses we are pleased to welcome a small number of Ground Teams to come and join in the fun ! This years event will allow use of ATV's as well as ground teams.

If you have an interest in a "hands on" SAR event , we **hope you will** :

Come Visit !

If you have questions please call 1-800-739-0202 from 0700—2200 .

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Upcoming Calendar of Events

CSRB Meeting	5/5	Alpine Rescue
NASAR Conference	5/31-6/2	Charlotte, NC
MLSO Class	6/2-3 & 9-10	GrandJunction
MRA Annual Conference	6/21-24	Ogden, UT

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.