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## NEWSLETTER



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January 2009 Issue

The next CSRB meeting is January 3rd at Alpine Rescue Base, El Rancho, CO



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Colorado Search and Rescue Board

### January CSRB Meeting

01/03/09

Alpine Rescue Base, Evergreen, CO (El Rancho Exit off I-70)

General Membership Meeting starts at 1200

#### January Meeting

The January 3, 2009 meeting will be held at Alpine Rescue Team's building in Evergreen (off the El Rancho exit on I-70 - it will begin at 12:00 noon, Per the by-laws, the first item of business is the elections for voting teams (those who have paid their dues). The new directors will meet immediately after the regular session to determine officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) for the coming year.

#### Dues Bills

Dues bills for 2009 are in the mail. Remember, those teams wishing to vote in January, need to be current on their dues. If you are running close to the meeting date - January 3, 2009 and wish to vote, please bring the payments with you. Otherwise, the mail is fine. This year's dues remain the same as the last several years; individuals - \$15, Teams, Organizations and Sheriff's departments - \$50. Dues and training classes are the only way CSRB funds itself. We are not eligible for DOLA grants.

#### Elections

There are six seats up for election this year (as every year) - current holders of these seats are;

George Janson (Larimer County Search and Rescue Team)- currently Vice President - opting to run again

Dan Remsburg (Teller County Search and Rescue Team) - currently Secretary—opting

to run again.

Mike McDonald (Douglas County Search and Rescue Team)- currently the Treasurer - opting to run again

Lanny Grant (Garfield County Search and Rescue Team)

Ian Vowles (Mounted Rescue) - choosing not to rerun

Glenn Kratz (Summit County Rescue Group)

Also nominated to run

Diane Bigby from Pagosa Springs (Mounted Rescue and Archuleta County Incident Management Team)

Nominations are also allowed from the floor.

#### State Search and Rescue Coordinators - New

CSRB welcomes two new State Coordinators to the fold - Paul "Woody" Woodward of Alpine Rescue Team and Greg Foley from Grand County Search and Rescue Team have begun their duties as Apprentice Coordinators. Welcome guys!

# News, Notes, and such...



Resume for

Diane R. Bigley

*For election consideration to the Board of Directors of the CSRB*

My involvement in SAR began in SW Colorado in 2004 due to a sincere interest in the search and rescue process and the desire to help others in need. I was fortunate to have a mentor who was very involved in Archuleta County SAR, New Mexico SAR, and served on the Board of Directors of the CSRB. This mentor encouraged my participation in the SAR community on many levels. I would like to become a member of the CSRB Board of Directors to increase the exposure and scope of SAR in SW Colorado, increase my own exposure for continued learning, and contribute to overall SAR efforts on a statewide basis.

### Volunteer Experience

- Member of Colorado Mounted Search and Rescue (MSAR) for 4 years (Director & Secretary)
- Member of Archuleta County Incident Management Group for 2 years (Vice Chairman & Secretary)
- Member of New Mexico SAR for 2 ½ years
- Member of the Colorado Public Health Medical Volunteer System (Admin)
- Member of Navajo River Ranch Board of Directors

### SAR Skills Experience

I have been a Plans Section Chief for 2 ½ years and have been an Incident Commander/Field Coordinator for 1 ½ years.

I have participated in approximately 40 missions, either as responder or command staff (13 as Plans Section Chief and 18 as Incident Commander/Field Coordinator). While many missions were completed during the first operational period, my larger missions include the 2007 medical plane crash in

Archuleta County (Plans SC) and the 2008 missing snowmobiles/families in Chama, NM (IC/FC).

### Training/Certificates

#### SAR:

- NASAR SARTECH II
  - ERI Applied Search Management
- NMSP SAR Incident Commander – Type IV
  - Introduction to Tracking
- NMSP SAR Plans Sections Chief – Type IV
  - PADI Certified Rescue Diver
- FEMA Certified IS (100, 200, 300, 700, 800)
  - Firearms Safety
- Helicopter LZ and Safety – Tri State Care Flight
  - Various SARCON Classes
- NMSP SAR Safety Officer – Type IV
  - Colorado State Parks OHV Rider Course

#### Medical:

- American Heart Association – CPR & AED
- CDPHE Public Health Emergency Preparedness 101
- CDPHE Disaster Behavioral Health Awareness 201
- CDPHE Introduction to Disaster Response in Colorado 301

### Work History

- Pine Bay Seafood, LLC – Partner      Retail/Wholesale Seafood Market  
2001 – 2004
- NOVA Information Systems – VP      Electronic Payment Processing  
1992 – 2001
- National Data Corporation – Sales      Electronic Payment Processing  
1985 – 1992
- First Union National Bank – Director      Merchant Processing Services  
1977 – 1985
- Various jobs in retail management

### Education

- Ohio University – English/Communications
- University of Central Florida – English/Communications
- Various management training programs

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**Colorado Search and Rescue Board  
Meeting Minutes  
01 November 08  
Pagosa Springs, CO**

*Called to Order at 1209 hrs local.*

**In Memory**

Dixie Ferrick services to be at the funeral home in Cortez.

**New Address**

Please ensure you use the new CSRB address for all correspondence. Joe Ben Slivka will be making changes to the FCC info. It is P.O. Box 631452, Highlands Ranch, CO 80163

**Resources**

Barry Mitchell went over a bit of history on the coordinators and resources, Described the availability of the overhead teams and that the coordinators are considered unpaid DEM employees.

**Standards**

ASTM is in Albuquerque next weekend. Discussed Type 3 IMT and who would get called.

**Legislation Updates**

Discussed the House Bill dealing with the Volunteer Act. Had a hand-out about it. The DPS is working to take SAR away from the Sheriffs but CSOC is fighting it. Still some discussion circulating about credentialing trackers with a state certification. Seems to be dying out. Workers Comp—what you have is it. You need to work out the coverage with your agencies. CSRB does not provide any.

**Training Report**

MLSO class this weekend and next (Pueblo). Pagosa Springs will be hosting next spring. We had an explanation of what MLSO and MLPI are. Still trying to get 2 classes sponsored per year. Meeting and training with other teams is an important part of the training. SARTech—Still working on getting evaluators. SARMA—7/16-19 at WSC in Gunnison. Class list in the newsletter. WE want to have a larger conference in 2010 for SARCON. The K9 track is already done.

**Organization Reports**

MRA—3 teams are up for recert next year in the April—May time frame.

**SAR Fund**

Bruce Fosdick went over what the SAR fund was and how it operates. Some tips:

- Medical helo: they do not like paying for these unless they are part of the search/rescue effort.
- Body recovery. Using these was a dicey issue for cost.
- The grant apps are getting better. Make sure your request is SAR specific.
- Training: must be specific, not career oriented classes such as EMT.
- Your expenditures must be documented.
- Are you selling/promoting the COSAR card?
- Misconceptions about paying for SAR.
- Letters out to SOs the 2nd week of Feb.
- The originating agency is the one who can submit expenses for mutual aid missions. Make sure your expenses are including with their request.

**Communication**

Covered an overview of the SPOT system. They are becoming popular and are an addition to a PLB, not a replacement. Two competitors are coming up. CSRB is the state agency receiving the contact info for SPOT activations and will contact the appropriate team based on geographical fix. The 121.5 mhz is being turned off the 1st of Feb. Private aircraft will not be required to carry an ELT or PLB. Barry Mitchell reminded that WideBand VHF will be turned off on 1/1/2013. You will not be allowed to use it. You must be converted to NarrowBand by then so you may need to budget radio replacements if you have not already done so. He also went over some info on the 800 Mhz and the tactical frequencies.

**Other Business**

CSOC show—CSRB will be there. 1/7-8/09. Barry Mitchell has informational briefings available. There were lots of questions/discussion on requesting assets, especially helos. Discussed the jurisdiction on tribal lands.

**2009 Meeting Locations**

Discussed possibility of having conference calls to get a group rep to be a part of the meetings. Further discussed the possibility of regional CSRB reps that would be the liaison to CSRB for a certain portion of the state. WE are open to suggestions, so please call anyone on the BOD with ideas. Around the room:

- Keep up the traveling meetings.
- Look at the regional concept
- Nov 7, 2009 CSRB meeting to be held in Durango
- Ian Vowles—Can we create the SW region and have Chuck (Melvin) as the first rep to the CSRB?

**CSRB Elections**

6 spots are open for nomination. Ian Vowles has nominated Diane Bigley.

**Local Team Presentations**

Mounted—Archuleta has an Incident Management Group. Went over their Resource Book, mounted group, Upper San Juan SAR, Mounted Rangers, and the fixed wing group. Chuck Melvin talked about the K9 track and SARCON10.

**Mission Reports/Lessons Learned**

Mounted—need to generate a list of the outfitters in the area and contact information.  
United—pretty normal. Attraction works!  
USJ—Important for the teams to demob as a group.  
K9 SAR—Had the major mission on Wolf Creek for the missing folks in the ski area.  
EPSAR—Fire Protection District blessing (have or need?)  
Larimer—Business is picking up. Dementia/Alzheimer's subject was not responsive. Needed more area saturation.  
TCSAR/RMT—Soldier mission on Pikes Peak with EPCSAR. Went over a bit about RMT (Rocky Mountain Trackers) members, training, etc.  
Douglas—Lot of in-town missions. Heart attack subject: short handed with a very long carry out.

Adjourned at 1500

*Respectfully Submitted  
Dan Remsburg  
CSRB Secretary*

## CSRB Elections 2009

Firstly, I would like to thank all those I have been privileged to work with over the past 4 years. It has been both stimulating and highly instructive.

As many of you know, I have become involved in the marine world, and specifically the US Coast Guard Auxiliary with particular interest in Navajo lake in the SW corner of the state. As of Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 I take over as Commander for this area and have a large commitment to live up to. This will require a large amount of time. I therefore decided not to stand for re-election as a CSRB Director in 2009 – I did not believe I could do both jobs to the level of quality required.

I am remaining as Academy Director for 2009 because we have a great team with new folks shouldering the burdens !

In this regard I would like to thank my fellow CSRB Directors who are involved in the Academy 2009 – Dan, Mike ,George and Barry in particular who will be carrying a lot of the load ☺ . I also would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you my Deputy for Academy

2009 and likely conference director for 2010 – Diane Bigley.

Diane is running for CSRB Director this year (2009), I would like to encourage you all to vote for her and give her the support and encouragement I was so honored to receive. I am fortunate to have worked with Diane for several years in the our avocation of SAR – she brings a cool head and wonderful intelligence to any event, and is a master of organization , it my very genuine feeling she will bring great value to the CSRB board, not only as regards conferences or academies but in all aspects of CSRB work.

In closing, thank you all – members of CSRB across the State, it has been a great honor to serve on your board, I wish you and CSRB well for the future. If any of you are ever down in the SW and would care to spend some time on the lake please email me ahead of time and I will have the fleet ready !!

Best wishes

Ian Vowles

Pagosa Springs / Arboles

## Colorado Search & Rescue Management Academy 2009

The third bi-annual Management Academy will take place in Gunnison, Colorado over the long weekend July 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Based at Western State College, the three day management academy will offer the following classes:

Incident Commander – First Response

Plans Section Chief – with emphasis on multi-operational period events

PIO / Media awareness and success

SARTECH II – 2 day fast class plus certification exams on day 3

Hands on training for management software – carry your mission on a thumb drive !

The classes are being firmed up over the next few weeks, costs are estimated to fall between \$359 and \$199 all included.

All classes will earn certification for successful completion, at present the only class with a surcharge for certificate will be the NASAR SARTECH II class.

In early February we will begin mailing brochures and reservations will open March 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes will be strictly reserved in order of registration as there will be class size limits to preserve the learning experience for the participants.

We are looking forward to bringing you a dynamic and highly constructive Academy – mark your calendars now !!

For the Academy management team,

Ian





## CSRB Training Team

### Managing Land Search Operations (MLSO) Classes:

CSRB trained 36 students in Managing Land Search Operations and Managing Lost Person Incident this year. Alpine Rescue Group and Pueblo Emergency Services hosted Managing Land Search Operations classes this year. Members attending the Pueblo Class were from Custer County SAR, Pueblo Emergency Response Team, Arapahoe Rescue Group, and Fremont County SAR.

*As a minimum CSRB needs at least 12 students; at the current rates, that just covers expenses for materials and instructor expenses. The instructors need a classroom that can hold the class with either enough space to break out the map problems or separate rooms to work map problems. A PowerPoint projector also helps. The instructor group brings all other materials needed for the class. The cost of \$150 per student then covers books, presentation materials and most of the instructor's expenditures. This is a bargain as most business management classes start at \$3,000 a student. CSRB has worked hard to keep these costs low and have not changed prices in a couple of years, despite rising prices everywhere else.*

The next class is not yet scheduled, but Larimer County Search and Rescue and Archuleta County Search and Rescue teams have expressed an interest in hosting classes next year. Is your team interested in hosting a class? Contact me to find out how relatively simple it is to do so!

### Training Team:

During the SAR Academy 2007 we were approached by multiple teams to look into supporting NASAR's SARTECH program. After looking into the process I have convinced the board to consider putting together an evaluator cadre. Now we need people to train to be able to support the SARTECH II program as evaluators. At the NASAR Conference in Colorado Springs in May, I made contacts with some NASAR evaluators. CSRB is willing to underwrite some of the costs of becoming a SARTECH II evaluator at future CSRB SAR Academy and SAR Conferences. Evaluators will have to conform to NASAR requirements as well as be willing to commit time to SAR Conferences and SAR Academies to help CSRB present evaluations at these events. What a fantastic opportunity to support your own team and others around the state! Please contact me for more information. People who have con-

tacted me already should contact me again and I will update them with the NASAR requirements and see if we can put together a proposal to have SARTEC evaluations at the next SAR academy.

The CSRB Training Cadre met in August to complete reviewing class presentations. Most of these presentations were available for the Pueblo MLSO class. As always, people interested in joining the training team are encouraged to contact me at: [l.l.ginther@att.net](mailto:l.l.ginther@att.net).

The CSRB training team will also sponsor instructors for NASAR's Plan Section Chief and Incident Command classes. Again, the May NASAR conference will be the best possible opportunity to attend the instructor's workshop. Applicants must meet NASAR's requirements; and commit to occasionally teaching for CSRB for three years in exchange for CSRB sponsoring the candidate through the workshop and apprenticeship.

Feel free to make suggestions on how CSRB can assist SAR teams with training.

Leonard Ginther

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Figure 1: Pueblo MLSO Class Nov 2008

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Bill Ritter, Jr.  
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November 28, 2008

Mr. Bruce Fosdick, President  
Colorado Search and Rescue Board  
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Dear Mr. Fosdick:

I am writing today regarding a recent legislative change and its implications to volunteer organizations such as yours. On April 24, 2008, Governor Ritter signed House Bill 08-1097 into law. The bill, effective August 6, 2008, provides leave and job protection for volunteer emergency management, emergency services and disaster workers under certain circumstances. Also, under that law, the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) is charged to maintain and make available to various governmental agencies, a list of qualified volunteer organizations.

In order to qualify, volunteer organizations other than Civil Air Patrol must be certified to the Executive Director of DOLA by one of the following: a state agency director; sheriff; local government; or local emergency planning committee (LEPC). The certification attests that the volunteer organization has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with one of the above-referenced entities. The MOU pertains to use of the organization and its volunteers during disaster emergencies.

Once the organization is certified and listed, a volunteer member's employment is protected during emergency volunteer service to that organization, provided that the volunteer performs satisfactorily during the emergency, and at the request of a state agency, sheriff, local government, or LEPC. The volunteers employed in the private sector must also provide certification from the qualified volunteer organization to their employer.


Even with this law in place, employers are not required to grant leave to more than 20 percent of staff at any one time. Employers can deny leave to staff deemed essential to the employer's operations and income, or who are assigned to work on the disaster.

Emergency Volunteer leave allowances vary. For example, private sector employees are entitled to 15 days unpaid leave. Government workers are entitled to up to 15 paid leave. Although volunteer firefighters may be eligible under this law as well, they are provided job protection for fire calls under another statute. Eligible Red Cross volunteers may receive a maximum total of 15 working days leave under this law and the Red Cross leave provisions. All are protected against loss of job, seniority, retirement benefits, rank, etc., while on qualified leave.

If your organization provides volunteers in support of disaster or emergency services activities, it may be beneficial to have your organization nominated for qualified status. Have your members access the list at the above web site. The link and certification request form may be accessed at: [http://dola.colorado.gov/dem/volunteer/volunteer\\_leave.htm](http://dola.colorado.gov/dem/volunteer/volunteer_leave.htm).

Please disseminate this information to your membership. If you have questions regarding House Bill 08-1097 or the required procedures, please call the Department of Local Affairs, Division of Emergency Management at 720-852-6600.

Sincerely,

  
Susan Kirkpatrick

## Funds for Rural Public Safety Services

Community facilities — such as health care clinics, police and fire stations, schools and child care centers — are essential to the quality of life in any rural community. Through the Community Facilities Loan and Grant Program, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development is striving to ensure that such facilities are readily available to all rural Americans. The commitment of USDA to this effort is at the core of our mission and promise to help build stronger, more vibrant rural communities across the nation.

Rescue vehicles, fire trucks, communications centers, police and fire stations and jails are examples of essential public safety community facilities; as are clinics, ambulatory care centers, hospitals, city halls, courthouses, schools and school buses and many other necessary services and facilities.

### Purposes that are eligible

Construct, enlarge, extend or improve essential community facilities for health services, public safety and public services.

To obtain necessary equipment for the operation of these facilities.

Reasonable fees such as: engineering, legal, administrative, environmental analysis, surveys, and planning.

Costs of acquiring interest in land; rights, such as water rights, leases, permits, rights-of-way, etc.

### Funding

A limited amount of grant funding may be available for qualifying projects to develop essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Rural Development can make direct loans and guarantee loans made and serviced by lenders such as banks, savings and loans, credit unions, and mortgage companies which are part of bank holding companies, members of the Farm Credit System, or insurance companies regulated by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

### Who is eligible?

Nonprofit organizations (including associations, private corporations or cooperatives) if they can demonstrate significant ties with the local rural community.

Public Bodies such as municipalities, counties, special purpose districts and authorities, such as hospitals, schools, or fire districts.

Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations and other federally recognized Indian tribes.

### How to apply

Applications may be submitted at anytime and compete for funding with other applications on hand. For direct loan and grant funding, contact your nearest Rural Development Office. Grant

funding is available on a graduated scale based upon the Median Household Income & population of the service area, as well as the repayment ability of the facility. Grant funds are limited and will only go to the most needy projects. Guaranteed Loan applications may be submitted at anytime and compete for funding with other applications on hand. The lender and borrower jointly prepare applications.



Committed to the future of rural communities.

USDA Rural Development has six Colorado local field offices, along with the state office in Lakewood to assist communities with funding. Contact the office which serves the county where you are located.

Alamosa - (719) 589-5661, ext. 4. Alamosa, Chaffee, Conejos, Costilla, Custer, Fremont, Mineral, Park, Rio Grande, Saguache and Teller.

Cortez - (970) 565-8416, ext. 4. Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan, and San Miguel

Craig - (970) 824-3476, ext. 4. Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt

Delta - (970) 874-5735, ext. 4. Delta, Eagle, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Lake, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, Pitkin, and Summit

Las Animas - (719) 456-0120, ext.4. Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, and Pueblo.

State Office (Lakewood) - (720) 544-2903 or (800) 424-6214. Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, El Paso, Gilpin, Jefferson, and Larimer.

Wray - (970) 332-3107, ext. 4. Cheyenne, Elbert, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld, and Yuma.

For more information about the program visit [www.rurdev.usda.gov/co](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/co).



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**Upcoming Calendar of Event**

CSRB Meeting/Elections	1/3/09	Alpine Rescue Base
CSRB Meeting	3/7/09	TBD

**Remember to attend the upcoming CSRB meetings being hosted across the state!**

**It is a great opportunity to get out and meet fellow SAR folks!**

*Remember to send newsletter articles to: "n0vsx@ccvnet.net". Mail to: Dan Remsburg, 1978 High Chateau Rd., Florissant, CO 80816. Do you have a great SAR photo? Any photos submitted can be scanned and returned.*