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# NEWSLETTER

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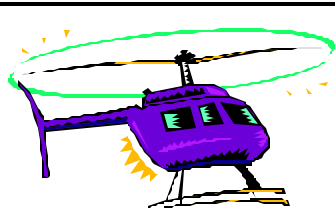
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### Special points of interest:

- CSRB Election Results
- Salvation Army Kettle Run
- Legislative Updates



**The next CSRB meeting is March 8th at Camp George West in Golden**



### Gloomy Skies

All Sheriffs have been sent a message that the Colorado National Guard will start charging for SAR missions from the beginning of the mission.

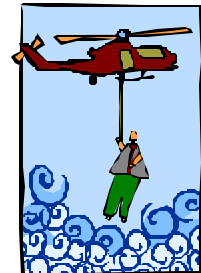
CSRB coordinators can no longer request this as we cannot incur cost for the sheriff. Only the Sheriff or Undersheriff can make this request and it must go

through the Colorado Office of Emergency Management. It takes a long time to find them after hours from our past experience.

This also means that we can no longer request federal air help. One federal regulation says that if local help is available, they will not fly. Since the National Guard is holding itself out to fly all missions now, help is available. Another regulation says that cost can NOT be used as a factor for federal aircraft to fly.

CSRB has been talking with several people in state Government trying to get help in this matter. This is all of the information I have for now, I will keep you informed as we know more.

Keith Conquest  
Senior Coordinator  
CSRB VP



### CSRB Memorial

With Dave Bartels' death in August of 1999, there was a realization that there was no avenue to acknowledge all those who have given of their time and talents to Search and Rescue. Chris Wambach and Search Dog Network, Inc., the canine organization Dave founded, decided to start such a perpetual memorial in his honor. This plaque has name tags which can include the individuals name, birth/death year and the primary County they served in. In order to have an individual's name placed on the plaque, the representative county needs to submit in writing, the above information and a short description of how the individual served his/her county and Colorado. The information should be submitted to CSRB and it will be forwarded to Search Dog Network to be engraved on the plaque. The permanent housing of the plaque will be at the new County Sheriff's of Colorado Headquarters in Highlands Ranch. Thanks to Chris and the members of her team for this great tribute to the SAR community.

Keith Conquest  
CSRB Vice-President

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## Inland Search and Rescue Class

Finished Saturday February 24 with 20 people graduating.

7 Civil Air Patrol Representatives  
 4 National Park Service Representatives  
 3 Douglas County SAR Representatives

2 Weld County Sheriff Representatives  
 2 Civil Air Patrol Liaison Officers  
 1 Larimer County SAR Representative  
 1 Colorado Army Guard Representative

Thanks to all who assisted in putting this event together.

Leonard Ginther

Dear Mountain Pro,

I work for Pioneer Productions, a UK based TV production company specializing in science and weather documentaries.

The program I am currently working on is a 2 hour TLC special called "Whiteout". We are looking to tell the most astonishing, dramatic and unbelievable stories of human survival at the hands of Mother Nature's winter wrath. I have just obtained a copy of "Accidents in North American Mountaineering 2000" and have be-

gun looking through it for such stories (I got your address from this book). However, you may be able to help me directly (I hope so).

If you have an amazing story to tell, then please get in touch with me as soon as possible. You may know of someone who has survived a blizzard, fallen into a deep crevasse or narrowly avoided becoming an avalanche statistic. You may yourself have had a lucky miss.

I also want to find video footage of rescues and dramatic mountain happenings- sheering glaciers,

whiteouts and blizzards.. just anything snowy and cold!

We are planning to shoot the film in February and March so please mail or call as soon as you can.

Thanks for listening,  
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 Researcher, "White Out"  
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**If attending the SAR2001 NASAR Conference in Colorado Springs in May, be sure to write in "CSRB" where it asks for NASAR number (if you do not have one) on the registration form so that you may get the discounted NASAR member rate.**

*Elections for the CSRB Board were held at the last meeting. The following is your new slate of Directors. Please let me know of any errors or omissions. If you are listed and an e-mail address is not shown, please send me a message so I may update our records. Thanks, Dan*



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Nelson	Bill	nelsonwd@co.larimer.co.us	D
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McDonald	Mike		D
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Stevens	Joe	stevens@cmn.net	D
Warner	John	jwarner@yampa.com	D

*(After hearing so many people complain about how cold it was and using a certain metaphor to describe it, I decided to delve into the origin of that metaphor. Here is the result of my research)*

### **NAVY LORE THAT WAS NOT EXPLAINED IN THE BLUE JACKETS MANUAL**

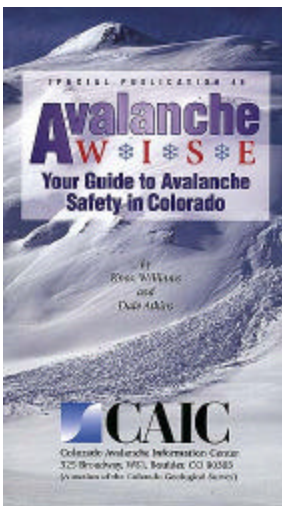
Every sailing ship had to have cannon for protection. Cannon of the times required round iron cannonballs. The master wanted to store the cannonballs such that they could be of instant use when needed, yet not roll around the gun deck. The solution was to stack them up in a square-based pyramid next to the cannon. The top level of the stack had one ball, the next level down had four, the next had nine, the next had sixteen, and so on. Four levels would provide a stack of 30 cannonballs.

The only real problem was how to keep the bottom level

from sliding out from under the weight of the higher levels. To do this, they devised a small brass plate ("brass monkey") with one rounded indentation for each cannonball in the bottom layer. Brass was used because the cannonballs wouldn't rust to the "brass monkey," but would rust to an iron one.



When temperature falls, brass contracts in size faster than iron. As it got cold on the gun decks, the indentations in the brass monkey would get smaller than the iron cannonballs they were holding. If the temperature got cold enough, the bottom layer would pop out of the indentations spilling the entire pyramid over the deck. Thus it was, quite literally, "cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey."



Nowhere else in the United States are avalanches more deadly than in Colorado. **Avalanche Wise: Your Guide to Avalanche Safety in Colorado is a pocket-sized booklet to help you stay safe while playing in Colorado's high country.**

Written by Knox Williams and Dale Atkins, 1999. CGS Special Publication 48 \$2.50

See the book and look at the offered courses at: <http://www.caic.state.co.us/>

**Great new book to check out.**

### **International Society of Professional Trackers**



Learn more about this group by visiting their website at:

**"www.ispt.org"**

ISPT is a worldwide organization for the purpose of connecting all kinds of trackers. The benefits of connecting will be to share knowledge and interest in tracking and to further the use of tracking for deadly serious things like law enforcement and Search and Rescue to animal tracking for both serious trackers and those who are just interested.

### **Fingerprints for EMTs (HB01-174):**

Authorizes the department of public health and environment ("department") to certify emergency medical technicians ("EMT"). Grants rule-making authority to the board of health.

Requires rescue service units, service agencies, or ambulance services that employ EMTs or utilize volunteer EMTs to require a complete set of fingerprints from such person for the purpose of furnishing the fingerprints to the Colorado bureau of investigation and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history check.

Allows the department to acquire the criminal

history record of a certified EMT from the federal bureau of investigation, in addition to the Colorado bureau of investigation. Allows an employer of an EMT to acquire the criminal history record of an EMT from the Colorado bureau of investigation.

Requires an applicant for EMT certification to obtain a fingerprints-based criminal history record to submit with the application for certification. Provides funding for fingerprints-based background checks for EMTs who work or volunteer for public entities in counties with small populations.

Makes an appropriation.

Makes conforming amendments.

# DOLA Grant Input Deadline Nears

For the teams that are requesting TIER III end-of-year grant money, time is rapidly running out to get your requests into DOLA. The application deadline is April 1, 2001. Remember that funds received during 2000 must be spent and final reports submitted prior to applying for 2001.

## Rescue Team Needs Help

Rocky Mountain Fire Rescue Service of Commerce City, Colorado needs your help. We have had one of our 6X6 Medical ATVs stolen right off of our Ambulance, trailer and all. We were preparing for an event the next day when this happened. This happened sometime between 11 PM on 2/10/01 and 7:00 AM on 2/11/01. We are asking that if anyone of you, while you are out and about, should happen to see it please call us at 303-289-5912 or email us at [rmfrs@qwest.net](mailto:rmfrs@qwest.net). You can also contact Adams County Sheriff Officer Williams @ 303-655-3535

Our 6X6 is a Green Polaris Big Boss

500. It has our specially designed aluminum box on back and a light pole with a blue beacon light. Our trailer is a tilt trailer, white with a metal storage box on the front. Miscellaneous tools and things are inside the box.

This 6X6 is used at all of our Motor-Cross events which we cover in the state of Colorado. It has a special designed box on back which can carry all of our medical equipment and a spinal immobilized patient safely off of the track. We have heard from some of the motorcross participants that there is a ring of thieves stealing bikes. We hope our 6X6 was not part of the ring but in case it was, we are asking if all of you could please keep an eye and or ear out if someone tries to sell you a

used 6X6.

Thanks to all of you for any help you can give.

David Baker

[rmfrs@qwest.net](mailto:rmfrs@qwest.net)

Rocky Mt Fire Rescue Service - A Special Events Emergency Rescue Company

Model is similar to below:



**SAR 2001, Colorado Springs, Colorado, May 24-27, 2001**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE...**

*YOU ASKED... WE LISTENED!!!*

NASAR's 29th Annual Conference and Exhibition, SAR 2000, has been rescheduled for May 24-27, 2001 and will hence be re-named SAR 2001. The conference will still be held at the Sheraton, Colorado Springs, and all scheduled events, room rates and registration fees remain the same.

<http://www.nasar.org/>

### Registration Hours

Wednesday, May 23 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Thursday, May 24 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday, May 25 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday, May 26 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Conference Schedule

### Thursday, May 24

9:00 am - Noon Opening Session & Awards

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Workshop Session I

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Workshop Session II

6:00 pm Presidents Reception

Evening Special Interest Groups

- Medical
- Swiftwater
- Instructors
- SAR Dogs
- Canadian
- State SAR Coordinators

### Friday, May 25

9:00 am - 10:15 am General Session

10:30 am - Noon Workshop Session III

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Workshop Session IV

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Workshop Session V

Evening Friday Night at the Movies

### Saturday, May 26

9:00 am - 10:15 am General Session

10:30 am - Noon Workshop Session VI

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Workshop Session VII

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Workshop Session VIII

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Exhibitors Reception

Evening OPEN

### Sunday, May 27

8:00 am - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:00 am - 10:30 am Motivational Closing Session



## 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 CSRFB 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

- ◆ 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.

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:

Nominations will be accepted from any member of the CSRFB or CSRFB member organization, or any Colorado county sheriff. **Nominations are due to the CSRFB by March 1st.** The award will be presented at the Annual CSRFB SAR Conference in May.

Nominations must 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 to:**

**J. Hunter Holloway Spirit Award**  
**Colorado Search and Rescue Board**  
**7645 North Union Blvd., #424**  
**Colorado Springs, CO 80920**

Ever been on a mountainside and returned to mission base to find a hot cheeseburger and green chili waiting for you courtesy of The Salvation Army? Maybe a cold bottle of Gatorade, hot cocoa or coffee. Have you ever told them, "if you guys ever need anything let me know"? Well, we're letting you know.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEEDED TO SUPPORT SPECIAL SALVATION ARMY EVENT

(DENVER) May 19, Saturday, The Salvation Army, Emergency Disaster Services Program is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Kettle Run at Cherry Creek State Park.

There are three events associated with the Kettle Run:

- A 5 K Run for the die hard runners
- A Fun Walk for adults and children
- A children's run

There will be food, door prizes, and prizes for the adult and child who collects the most money in pledges, and, of course, the runners and walkers. (Contact for details)

Displays and demonstrations from fire departments and law enforcement agencies, including antique fire engines,

clowns and other entertainment are needed. Any SAR group or other public safety agency that wants to provide a demonstration or have a booth can do so free of charge, regardless of whether anyone registers for the run or walk.

*Oh yeah, guess who will be serving a hot breakfast to you that morning?*

The service area of the Metro Denver Emergency Disaster Services Team includes 10 counties. A lot of assistance is needed to make this a successful event. Representatives of The Salvation Army are available to answer questions, speak to your agency, group or association. Funds raised will allow us to replace some of our aging vehicles and equipment.

Michael Gelski  
Program Director  
Emergency Disaster Services  
The Salvation Army  
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Emergency Disaster Services  
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**Public Comment Sought On Mount McKinley Rescue Study**

The National Park Service is seeking public comment over the next month as it prepares a study on search and rescue policies on Mount McKinley in Denali National Park. The study, required by Congress in legislation passed last fall, will examine three topics:

- § The suitability and feasibility of recovering the costs of high altitude rescues on Mount McKinley.
- § The suitability and feasibility of requiring climbers to provide proof of medical insurance prior to the issuance of a climbing permit.

§ Review the fees charged for climbing in Denali and a recommendation for changes where appropriate.

For the past several years, about 1,100 climbers have attempted the summit of Mount McKinley. Roughly half are successful. In 2000, there were 13 major search and rescue incidents, costing the NPS \$73,137. There were no climbing fatalities in 2000. Since 1995, the park has averaged about 11 major search and rescue missions per year, and an average of two fatalities per year. The park requires climbers on Mount McKinley and Mount Foraker to pay a \$150 climbing fee and to register at least 60 days in advance of their

climb. There is no requirement for medical insurance.

The Department of the Interior, of which the National Park Service is a part, is required to submit the report to Congress in early August. Public comment is requested to be submitted by March 9 by mail to Denali National Park, Attn. Mike Gauthier, P.O. Box 588, Talkeetna, AK 99676, or by e-mail to [mike\\_gauthier@nps.gov](mailto:mike_gauthier@nps.gov).

National Park Service -- Alaska Regional Office 2525 Gambell St. Anchorage, AK 99503-2892



The International Technical Rescue Symposium 2001 (ITRS) will be held in Denver from November 2-5, 2001 and will be sponsored by Pigeon Mountain Industries, Inc and CMC Rescue, Inc.

It is the only nationwide gathering in which persons from all spectrums of rescue can meet and share news of advances in equipment and techniques, solutions to technical problems, and other issues of mutual concerns.

ITRS is attended by a wide variety of people involved in rescue including persons from the field of mountain rescue, law enforcement, military, park service, water rescue, outdoor recreation, fire service, and rescue squads, along with equipment manufacturers and distributors. The presentations range from subjects that may be theoretical in nature to those that have immediate practical application.

More details will soon be available on the MRA website, [www.mra.org](http://www.mra.org)

# Legislative Updates

*This section is designed to keep you, the SAR volunteer, informed of legislation in the works that affects the way you do business in the SAR community. These two Bills are the most current ones under review and process.*

*Howard M. Paul, Public Affairs Manager, Colorado SAR Board*

## Senate Bill 57 -- the "SAR Fund Card" bill

The meat of the matter is the following language:

(c) (I) THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS SHALL MAKE A COLORADO OUTDOOR RECREATION SEARCH AND RESCUE CARD AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH (c) TO BACKPACKERS, HIKERS, MOUNTAIN AND TRAIL BIKERS, CROSS COUNTRY SKIERS, AND OTHER PERSONS WHO USE THE COLORADO BACK COUNTRY FOR RECREATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE LICENSING OF VENDORS WHO SELL THE OUTDOOR RECREATION SEARCH AND RESCUE CARD, THE PRINTING OF SUCH CARDS, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH CARDS TO VENDORS FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC.

(II) THE COLORADO OUTDOOR RECREATION SEARCH AND RESCUE CARD SHALL COST THREE DOLLARS AND SHALL BE VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE VENDORS TWO DOLLARS FOR EACH COLORADO OUTDOOR RECREATION SEARCH AND RESCUE CARD, WHICH SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE AMOUNT TO THE SEARCH AND RESCUE FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION. THE REMAINING DOLLAR SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE VENDOR AS THE VENDOR'S FEE.

(III) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A MULTI-YEAR COLORADO OUTDOOR RECREATION SEARCH AND RESCUE CARD THAT SHALL BE VALID FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED FIVE YEARS. SUCH MULTI-YEAR CARD MAY BE OFFERED AT A REDUCED RATE TO VENDORS WITH

A REDUCED VENDOR FEE TO REFLECT ADMINISTRATIVE COST SAVINGS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

*The CSRB has the many suggested titles for the "card" mentioned in the bill, which we'll be chewing on that list. I suggest we recommend only 2 or 3 possible names to Sen. Dennis and DOLA.*

*In researching the subject today, I learned that Utah now has a "Search and Rescue Financial Assistance Program," which is nearly identical to the Colorado SAR Fund.*

*Also, Idaho dedicates some of its fuel taxes to their "SAR Fund," which is decided into a "cost reimbursement account," a "training account," a "catastrophic search account" and an "equipment purchase matching account." Additionally, Idaho imposes a \$7.50 fine on top of fish and game law violations' fines. Anyone that would like a copy of these two state's statutes, let me know by e-mail.*

## Senate Bill 1237, Standards for Emergency Vehicle Operation

Senate Bill 1237, Standards for Emergency Vehicle Operation was heard in Committee yesterday (2/14/01). The bill passed committee, 10-1. Two negotiated-compromise amendments were made, which I will advise of when available.

This bill seeks to remove the intertwined issue of Colorado Governmental Immunity Act provisions in dealing with liability of driving an EV, by modifying the portion of the traffic code to more clearly state when an operator of an EV is liable for damages that result from a crash. This came about after last year's Colo. Supreme Court decision in the case against Pueblo Co. Sheriff Corsentino (see

EMSAC Star, Sept/Oct. 2000).

The testimony and questions were interesting, from both a practical and legal perspective. The only overt opposition was from Rep. William Sinclair, R-Colo. Springs; who was concerned that a heightened protection from liability would benefit drivers of private EV, such as a private ambulance, as well as drivers of governmental agency EVs. He stated that drivers of private ambulances in his area were not as well trained and did not drive as well as those that drove ambulances from government agencies; and that he had received similar complaints from constituents in his house district.

The testimony offered, including that of this author, was well received by the committee and things were rolling along smoothly until a representative

of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association spoke. He testified that the bill would deprive citizens from receiving just compensation in case of a crash with an EV, and that it would be difficult to hold responsible an EV driver that was at fault. However, Carolyn White, Colorado Municipal League, told me that he was merely attempting to confuse the committee with issues that were not relevant. He was somewhat successful, as Rep. Witwer, R-Evergreen, (who is a physician) had to promise to the committee to meet with the CTLA and the coalition that drafted the bill last year, to resolve the differences.

The House Committee on Transportation and Energy passed HB-1237 with amendments to the House Floor on 14 February.

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***Remember to send newsletter articles to: “[remsburg@bigfoot.com](mailto:remsburg@bigfoot.com)” or fax to 719-687-5457.  
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.***