



Weber County Sheriff

Search and Rescue Training Newsletter



June 2003

TRAINING AND EVENTS CALENDAR 2003

JUNE

- 03 Advanced First Aid at WCSO; 7 pm. **Everyone else meet on 9th Street South.** (see director's msg.)
- 06-08 Cache County track aware class (see May 2003 newsletter for details) John Sohl
- 07 Practical: Water rescue & recovery Dive; Middle Inlet, Pineview; 9 am Art Pluim
- 13-15 MRA 2003 National Spring Meeting; Idyllwild, California John Sohl
- 14 OHV & Dirt bike Familiarization Ride; Monte parking lot; 9 am Travis Baird, Jeff Woody
- 21 Final class of Advanced First Aid at WCSO; 8 am–noon Ryan W., Steve Ericson

JULY

- 04 Parades
- 08 OHV classroom certification training, WCSO; 6:30 pm Travis Baird
- 08 WCSO, Two-person professional CPR Recertification, WCSO; 7 pm Ryan W.
- 12 Two-person professional CPR full course, WCSO; 8 am Ryan W., Jeff Stark
- 12 Scree evacuation, 1100 North and Mountain Road; 7 am Rick Schroeder
- 24 Ogden Parade
- 25-27 Familiarization Climb TBA (Tetons? City of Rocks? Cancel?)

AUGUST

- 06–09 Climbing Wall, County Fair PSAR

SEPTEMBER

- 02 Classroom: Trauma/Bone Injuries, Underwater Recovery and Salvage
- 06 Practical: Underwater Recovery and Salvage
- 06 Practical: Rappelling and Ascending (People & K9), passing a knot, Aid Climbing
TBA OEC recerts and classes

OCTOBER

- 07, 11 Classroom and Practical: Incident Command System, Search (3-season)
- 18, 25 First Care course

NOVEMBER

- 04 Classroom: Logistics/support (Radio Protocol, Etc.), Map/Compass/GPS/Orienteering
- 08 Practical: Orienteering

DECEMBER

- 02, 06 Classroom and Practical: Avalanche I (Full course including beacons)

PROPOSED TRAINING AND EVENTS CALENDAR 2004

JANUARY

- 06 Classroom: CPR, Winter Raising/lowering, Winter Survival (Snow Caves/Trench/Clothing/gear)
- 10 Practical: Raising/lowering, Snow Anchors, Winter Survival
- 10 Familiarization/Certification Ride: Snowcat, Snowmobile; Monte
- 10 Familiarization Hike: Snowshoes, Skis, Boards; Cuttler Ridge
- 17, 24 First Care Course

FEBRUARY

- 03 Cold Weather Injuries (Hypothermia, Frostbite), Winter Patient Packaging & Transport
- 07 Practical: Search (winter)
- 20–22 Winter Survival Seminar

Please visit the calendar on the WCSSAR web site planet.weber.edu/sar for updates.

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WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF SEARCH AND RESCUE

AIRBOAT RESCUE; BACKCOUNTRY SKIERS; EXTREME TEAM; K9 RESCUE; MEDICAL; MOUNTAIN RESCUE; MOUNTED POSSE; OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES; SEARCH; SWIFTWATER & UNDERWATER RECOVERY & RESCUE; WINTER RESCUE

APRIL/MAY CALLOUTS:

May 18th—an almost call out. **A husband, wife and two children** (4 & 6 years old), all from Louisiana, hiked up from the **Beus trailhead**. Apparently the wife and kids got tired and returned but the husband continued. Being new to the area, she couldn't give accurate information on the possible location and route. She said that his goal was to "walk out at 12th street." By the time **Lt. Jeff Malan** and **Sgt. Brad Randall** figured out where he was, the husband had given up on the hike and walked back out to the Beus trailhead on his own. This was just before we were going to do a call out.

May 26th—**Lost autistic boy** at Nordic Valley Ski Resort. A young boy wandered off from the neighborhood below Nordic Valley Ski Resort and hiked up one of the ski slopes. He then hid in the bushes next to a ski run. The entire neighborhood was out looking for him when we were called. (This likely destroyed the scent trail for **Jeff Stark's** bloodhound.) Four boys and a dog staying at a house nearby located the patient. Unfortunately the patient was afraid of animals and became agitated and uncooperative but would not say why. One of the boys came down to **Dep. Brandon Toll's** sheriff's truck and told him of their find. Toll drove the patient's father up via a snowcat-track to recover the patient. The father hiked up the remaining distance and picked the child up and checked him out as being OK. While hiking back to Toll's truck, for unknown reasons the dad started to run downhill for the last quarter of the way. He fell on the rocky slope with the child. This split dad's toe open and caused significant bleeding. The patient, who was dropped by dad and now had skinned knees, was crying. Brandon tried to get the dad and child into the seat of his truck but the autistic child refused because of issues associated with the seat belts. Finally, with the child in the front seat (with seat belts on) and dad in the truck bed, they slowly drove down to the parking lot. By this time WCSSAR members were arriving to discover that the search had been successfully completed. After a medical assessment the child was released to his parents.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE—JOHN SOHL

CHANGE OF MEETING NOTICE: If you are not in the First Care medical class, then the June 3rd, **Tuesday night, meeting location will be at the rocks just above the top of 9th Street South** (head east from the traffic light at Harrison Blvd and 9th Street near Ben Lomond High School). We will have both our normal business meeting and a roped training session. The training will be raising and lowering a litter and rappelling and ascending a rope. You do not have to participate in the hands-on training if you are not on the climb or technical climb teams, but you can if you want. (If you have a harness, helmet and other appropriate gear—bring it!)

If you are in the First Care medical class then you must meet at our regular meeting room in the Sheriff's Office Annex on June 3rd at 7 pm. **Do NOT** go to the other meeting location, your medical training is more important. Then, on Saturday, June 21st, we will have the 3rd and final class for your Advanced First Aid. This will be at WCSO and will last from 8 am 'till noon.

Because of potentially hazardous weather, the May water training was postponed to June 7th at 9 am. It will be a **combined water training at Pineview Reservoir** and we will meet at the middle inlet swim area. This will involve all water teams, specifically the dive team, the K9 team, the swift water team (kayaks and throw baggers) and the airboats. We are going to do a bunch of different activities that will involve all interested team members. The primary target teams will be dive and K9. To get there, follow the road around Pineview and (assuming you are coming from the south) as you reach the turn off of SR 39 to Monte Cristo go straight. The main road will take a 90 degree bend to the west, then in less than a mile will bend 90 degrees to the north. About 0.5 miles after the road heads north there will be a small road going west to the swim area. This access road intersection is at **41° N 16' 38", 111° W 46' 38"**. (People launching boats will meet at the Cemetery Point boat ramp. Pilot your boat around to the middle inlet area once you have launched.) **Lt. Jeff Malan** will talk to the gate staff for Middle Inlet so they will be aware of the training. **You will need your sheriff's SAR ID to get in free!**

The dive team will practice searches with support from the kayaks. The throw bag teams can practice both throw bags and shore and boat support for the dive and K9 teams. The K9 team will practice water/cadaver searches. The main goal of all this is to have ourselves ready for the summer water call outs and to cross train together.

We will be **certifying the ATV's** starting this month. This is a two-step process. First is the June 14th familiarization ride: ATV's & Dirt bikes should meet at the Monte parking lot at 9 am. You must contact **Travis Baird** or **Jeff Woody** to if you are planning on riding. The second part is watching a video at the Sheriff's Office. This is scheduled for 6:30 pm on Tuesday night, July 8th, just prior to the regular monthly meeting.





You can get the new **Search and Rescue license plates** being offered by DMV. You will need to go to DMV, show them your WCSSAR Identification, your vehicle information and pay \$5.00 for a regular SAR Plate. You will receive your plate at that time. If you want a personalized plate the fee increases to \$57.00 and there are only 5 characters available on the plate. It will take up to two weeks to receive your personalized plate and they will not mail it to a P.O. Box. You can find out more at: <http://www.dmv.utah.gov/licensespecialplates.html>



Ham radio call numbers can be placed on the SAR plates but this requires a letter from the Sheriff stating that you are a SAR member prior to applying for your plate.

CLIMBERS/BACK COUNTRY SKIERS NEWS:

Please **welcome our two new members—Andrew Georgi and Patrick Coleman**. Andrew can follow 5.13 but is new to natural pro lead climbing. Andrew is also skilled at backcountry telemark skiing. Patrick is a climber who can follow at least 5.7 and is starting to learn lead climbing. Patrick has extensive experience with military SAR work.

Rick Schroeder is working on the **new litter wheel**. He is currently evaluating the strengths of materials and hopes to have the wheel completed in the next few weeks.

DIVE/SWIFTWATER/AIRBOAT NEWS:

Joint underwater recovery practice in June. The field session will be June 7th at middle inlet at 9 am. This will be a combined training with all water teams. There will also be some training in boat handling for those who don't work with the boats very often. You can find more details in the director's message.

Our **gaffing poles** were damaged last time they were used and need to be replaced. **Don Olsen** and **Richard Schroeder** will assemble and weld them. **Art Pluim, Travis Baird** and **Richard Schroeder** will get together to make a new drag bar as well.

We are setting up a schedule to have a **diver up on Pineview Reservoir** on the weekends during the summer months. **Lt. Jeff Malan** talked to the people that run Anderson Cove and they agreed to allow the families of the divers to come up and stay at Anderson Cove when the diver is out on the reservoir. If you can help out please contact **Jeff Malan** or **Art Pluim**.

Starting June 7th, the **dive trailer** will be kept at the Guard Shack in Huntsville for the summer.

The WCSSAR Airboat team was given the okay to take the lead in creating a **SAR scenario for the Great Salt Lake**. This will involve teams from several other counties. **Jeff King** is in charge of creating it and will coordinate with **Lt. Jeff Malan**.





K9 NEWS:

We are working with the Dive, Airboat and swift water teams on June 7th to do **underwater cadaver searches**. See details in the director's message.

LOGISTICS/DISPATCH NEWS:

Nothing new.

MEDICAL NEWS:

Ryan Werenskjold and **Jeff Stark** are now certified to instruct the **Professional Rescuer Two Person CPR** course. We will offer the professional CPR training free to all WCSSAR members. Remember that CPR is a minimum skill requirement for SAR work and must be renewed yearly. The recertification course will be held at the Tuesday night meeting on July 8th. If you have never had the professional CPR (or any other skill level) course before, the course for first timers will be held Saturday, July 12th at the Sheriff's Office.

The final two classes for the **Advanced First Aid** training (the National Ski Patrol's First Care course) will be June 3rd and 21st. You must also have a current CPR certification to pass the First Care course.

MOUNTED POSSE NEWS:

Nothing new.

SEARCH/OHV NEWS:

We need a **current list of SAR members that are OHV owners**. Travis Baird and **Jeff Woody** are working on this. If you are on the OHV team (or want to be), please contact either Travis or Jeff immediately.

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Spring is here, **please make sure that your OHV equipment is in good functioning condition**. It is our intention to call at least a small number of four wheelers on nearly every call out for everything from direct search and rescue to support efforts such as ferrying people and equipment up the trail. Also, by county insurance rules we must always have proper protection equipment such as helmets, stout boots, gloves, etc. You are not supposed to be allowed out of the parking lot without proper equipment.

WINTER RESCUE/SNOWCAT NEWS:

Nothing new.

PREVENTATIVE SEARCH AND RESCUE NEWS:

Nothing new.

FINAL NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

*Thanks again to **Patsy Winchester** for her fantastic minutes!!!*

When attending a call out (or any SAR event) always sign in/out on the attendance roster.

This newsletter is intended to be for the benefit of all WCSSAR members.

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