



# Weber County Sheriff

## Search and Rescue Training Newsletter



July 2003

### TRAINING AND EVENTS CALENDAR 2003

#### JULY

- 04 Parades ..... Jeff Malan
- 08 OHV classroom certification training, WCSO; 6:30 pm ..... Travis Baird
- 08 WCSO, Two-person professional CPR Recertification; WCSO; 7 pm ..... Ryan W.
- 08 Written Exam for the First Care course; WCSO; 7 pm ..... Steve Ericson
- 12 Two-person professional CPR full course; WCSO; 8 am ..... Jeff Stark
- 12 Scree evacuation; 1100 North and Mountain Road; 7 am ..... Rick Schroeder
- 24 Ogden Parades ..... Jeff Malan
- 25-27 Familiarization Climb; City of Rocks, Idaho ..... Roy West

#### AUGUST

- 05 General meeting at Weber Co. Fairgrounds to set up the wall; 7 pm ..... Kent Jensen
- 05 Practical Exam for the First Care course; WCSO; 7 pm ..... Steve Ericson
- 06-09 Climbing Wall; Weber Co. 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
- 06 OEC refresher; Powder Mountain Lodge; 8 am ..... Steve Ericson

#### OCTOBER

- 07, 11 Classroom and Practical: Incident Command System, Search (3-season)
- 18, 25 First Care course
- 31-11/2 International Technical Rescue Symposium; Salt Lake City ..... John Sohl

#### 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](http://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**



## MAY/JUNE CALLOUTS:

Jun. 1<sup>st</sup>—**Drowning at Pineview.** Divers were just getting suited up when the anchor from a boat latched onto the victim. Victim was a 15 year-old male who suffered asthma. He apparently was on a log and decided to swim to shore with a friend. He, for some reason, changed his mind and tried swimming back to the log. He apparently yelled to his friend once but never let anyone know he was in trouble. He was also wearing boots, which could have assisted with the drowning. WCSSAR had a good turn out from the dive team and support personnel.

Jun. 3<sup>rd</sup>—An **eleven year-old girl** got separated from her father near where WCSSAR was training on top of 9<sup>th</sup> Street. She was **missing** for approximately half an hour when the father contacted us. She was supposed to meet up with her group at a house near the top of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. She was located near an LDS Ward house on 11<sup>th</sup> Street where she came out from the wrong trail head. Art Pluim was the one that spotted her.

June 14<sup>th</sup>—**Life Flight helicopter parts search.** The OHV certification ride was canceled due to a request from Salt Lake to assist with the search for parts from the Life Flight Helicopter that crashed. The search for the parts of the Life Flight helicopter was attended by Brandon Toll, Jeff Malan, Steve Carver, Scott Combe and Chad Geilman. It lasted from 7 am until around 3 pm. The parts were recovered. On a related note, the Life Flight memorial was attended by Don Olsen, Scott Willis and Branden Loock. They all said that it was very moving. Our presence was greatly appreciated.

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE—JOHN SOHL

The **July training** will be: OHV, CPR, First Care exams and scree evacuation. There will also be a climbing session at the City of Rocks reserve in Idaho.

The **OHV training** will be the classroom session that is a short videotape. This tape will be shown before the regular meeting at 6:30 pm. The field session is being rescheduled. The new time and date will be announced at the meeting and via page out.

There will be two different **CPR sessions** this month. On Tuesday night, July 8<sup>th</sup>, there will be a recertification class that will last about an hour. The full course will take half a day and will be held on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Sheriff's Office. This is not the "lay person" CPR course but is the full-fledged two-person professional CPR course.

The **First Care course** (advanced first aid) will have the written exam on Tuesday night, July 8<sup>th</sup>. The following month will have the hands-on exam session.

One of the most common roped rescue situations that we face is called a **scree evacuation**. This is where you must lower a litter over loose rocks and boulders. This training will be held on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the trailhead near 1100 North and Mountain Road. To escape the heat we will start early. Please be in your harnesses and ready to walk at 7 am.

On the weekend of July 25<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup> we will be at the **City of Rocks National Reserve** in Idaho. This is intended as a chance to climb together and try some simple roped litter handling. If you have done very little rock climbing and would like to try some more this is a good chance. Also, if you are a sport climber and want to lead some easy natural pro routes this is a good chance to give it a go. We will try to reserve the group camp.

There is a **new metal building** going up on the east end of the annex. We are told that three quarters of the building will be for SAR to store supplies in.

The **National Association of Search and Rescue** held its annual conference in Reno and WCSSAR was well represented. Those who attended say that the training was very good. A lot of the sessions were geared toward dogs. Mike Jenkins and his dog participated. The Sheriff is looking at us becoming an affiliate of NASAR. This is an important change that will affect everyone on every team. This will involve training (and testing) to specified national standards.

We had four WCSSAR members attend the annual **Mountain Rescue Association** meeting in Idyllwild, California. More details can be found in the Climbers News section.

It is our plan to continue to attend both of these conferences in the future. Anyone interested should keep this in mind and let Jeff Malan know of their interest in advance. The 2004 MRA Conference will be in Anchorage, Alaska. The 2005 conference will be in Vail, Colorado.

The **parades** are still up in the air as of the writing of this newsletter. The word is that the Sheriff's office is cutting back on some of these parades. We will do a page out when we have the information.



The **Weber County Fair** is August 6<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup>. We will have our general meeting (unless you are taking the First Care practical exam) at the fairgrounds. This is so that we can set up the climbing wall. This climbing wall is our only annual fundraiser and major PR event.

**Jeff Stark** is the new **representative** for Search and Rescue with the **Weber Fire District**.

## CLIMBERS/BACK COUNTRY SKIERS NEWS:

This month's training will be **scree evacuation**. We will use ropes to lower the litter down the boulder field near 1100 North above Mountain Road. We are meeting at 7 am to beat the heat. Please arrive early and be ready to walk out of the parking lot at 7. You must have a harness and helmet. Also useful are gloves, a carabineer or two and a length of about 10 feet of 1" tubular webbing. You do not need to be on the climb teams to join us for this. Of the various roped rescue operations that we do, this is far and away the most common for us.

I strongly encourage everyone interested in roped rescue to join the closed list **MRA email list**. Since this is a closed list the number of messages are only a few a week with no spam. You can join the list by sending an email to Dick Sale. You must state in your email that you are a member of Weber County Sheriff's SAR. You can get more information at <http://www.mra.org/list.html> and Dick's email address is [dsale@mra.org](mailto:dsale@mra.org)

The **MRA web site** contains a lot of good information it is at <http://www.mra.org> as a minimum you should check out the training information. Also, as WCSSAR moves towards adopting NASAR and MRA as our standards you will need to know what the MRA standards are. You can find those at <http://www.mra.org/Polices2001.pdf> look in sections 103 through 105. These standards cover everything from vertical terrain rescue through medical skills.

The **2003 MRA conference** was good. They had helicopter training as well as technical sessions on rescue loads on roped systems. Approximately 125 people attended with four from WCSSAR.

Here is a look into the future. The 2004 MRA Conference will be in Anchorage, Alaska. This will be a really good conference, the sessions planned so far look like they will provide excellent training. The 2005 MRA Conference will be held in Vail, Colorado, and will be a joint conference with IKAR, the International Commission for Alpine Rescue. We already have eight countries that have committed to sending teams. The 2008 conference will be held at Mt. Hood and will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MRA. 2006 and 2007 are undefined at the moment.

The **International Technical Rescue Symposium (ITRS)** is a technical meeting gathering people from across the spectrum of rescue disciplines to share news and views on advances in equipment and techniques, technical problems and issues of mutual concern. Topics covered include new developments in equipment, improved techniques, comparative discussions of team techniques, medical considerations in rescue, analysis of high angle accidents, developments in helicopter rescue, equipment testing and industry standards. This meeting is full of numbers, data and statistical analysis. The next meeting is very close by. It will be held October 31<sup>st</sup>–November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003, at the Downtown Salt Lake City Marriott. Let Jeff Malan or John Sohl know if you are interested in attending this conference.

We need to **purchase new ropes**. The training ropes look really used. Richard Schroeder is going to get a list together and give it to Jeff Malan.

John Sohl is on the **national grant committee** for MRA. This task involves reviewing technical research grant proposals for SAR equipment studies and failure analysis.

Richard Schroeder now has the materials for making the **litter wheel**. The company supplying the metal tubing gave us a 10% discount!

## DIVE/SWIFTWATER/AIRBOAT NEWS:

The **water training** on June 7<sup>th</sup> went very well. We had an excellent turn out. There was cadaver and live victim training for the dogs. It was extremely helpful to have the county boat involved. The dive tanks have been filled and returned. This training was enormously helpful for the K9 team (see below).

We need to check the **equipment in the Dive Trailer**. In particular we need to put one individual in charge of the dive trailer like we have for the climb trailer. i.e., we need a quartermaster for the dive trailer. If you are interested in this please talk to someone on the executive committee. To get an idea of what's involved you can talk to Richard Schroeder who is the quartermaster for the climb team trailer. There are various supplies needed for the boats and call outs such as better marker buoys. This is the sort of thing a dive team quartermaster would need to organize.

We need to discuss the concept of having a **tethered diver** being able to dive by him or herself in the future.

Richard Schroeder has completed construction of both the **drag bar and hooks** for use on the boat. We still need to complete the gaffer poles that were destroyed on the swiftwater search in Salt Lake County.

The WCSSAR **Airboat team** has been given the okay to take the lead in creating a SAR scenario for the Great Salt Lake. This will involve teams from more than just Weber County. Jeff King is in charge of creating it and will coordinate it with Jeff Malan.





### K9 NEWS:

Mike Jenkins attended the **NASAR national meeting** in Reno and gained much valuable information from the K9 sessions. Of special interest were lectures on scent theory, disaster searching for wilderness dogs, statewide (as in California) standards, for K9 units and integration of the K9 resource in ICS.

The K9 unit is very appreciative of support from the dive team and other SAR members during the **water drills at Pineview**. The K9 unit fielded 5 dog/handler teams for the training. All are certified avalanche dogs from WBR and Snowbasin. Mike is hopeful we can integrate these dogs into year round WCSSAR work by testing them to NASAR standards. The next training is tentatively scheduled to include tracking drills with Jeff Stark instructing.



### LOGISTICS/DISPATCH NEWS:

Brad Randall will be on days for next three months and will get the **paggers put onto the dispatchers' system**.

### MEDICAL NEWS:

The **written final exam for the Advanced First Aid training** (the National Ski Patrol's First Care course) will be Tuesday night, July 8<sup>th</sup>. The hands-on practical exam will be Tuesday night, August 5<sup>th</sup>. You must also have a current CPR certification to pass the First Care course. There will be full and challenge professional CPR courses offered this month, please see the calendar.

The **OEC refresher for 2003** will be held at Powder Mountain Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 8 am at the Powder Mountain Lodge. The refresher will last until 4 or 5 pm.



### 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 will be working on this. If you are on the OHV team (or want to be), please contact either Travis or Jeff immediately.

### WINTER RESCUE/SNOWCAT NEWS:

Nothing new.



### PREVENTATIVE SEARCH AND RESCUE NEWS:

Please start thinking about helping out at the **Weber County Fair with the climbing wall**. You do not need to know anything about climbing to help! We need people to do simple tasks and we can easily train you on the spot. We especially need help from late afternoon on Friday through late evening (about midnight) on Saturday. Please, try to clear your schedule for a few hours between August 6<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kent Jensen, Rick Schroeder, Lane McPheeters or John Sohl.

### 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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