



Weber County Sheriff

Search and Rescue Training Newsletter



August 2000

TRAINING CALENDAR 2000

AUGUST

- 01 Law Enforcement National Night Out, 7-10 pm Terry Thompson/Brad Randall
- 04 Variety Show Annual Fund-raiser: Roy High School, 6 pm Doug Croft
- 05 Parades in Roy and Washington Terrace, 9 am Terry Thompson
- 05, 06 K-9 camp-out and mock search: Logan, 5 pm Fri.-12 pm Sat. Mary Lehman
- 08 Mtn. Rescue monthly meeting and set up climbing wall: 7 pm, Fair Grds. Lane McPheeters
- 09-12 Weber County Fair: PSAR and annual fund raiser Art Haney/Brad Randall
- 17-20 Jeep Patrol Convention: 40th Anniversary Steve Carver
- 25-27 Universal Man Tracking: Downey, ID—registration required Steve Carver

Sep-Nov OEC recertification sessions Steve Mayne

SEPTEMBER

- 07 Tentative schedule of Awards Dinner, 6 pm, Riverdale Pavilion Art Haney, Brad Randall
- 09 Airboat Mock Search: via airboats and transponder locating Jeff or Mont King
- 14, 16 Cave Rescue w/ UT Cave SAR:
Team mtgs. at Complex 7 pm; Class 7:30 pm; Practical Logan Cave w/ Cache Co Steve Carver

OCTOBER

- 03, 07 Orienteering: Map & Compass, GPS Class; Practical Dave Lehman

NOVEMBER

- 02 Briefing Meeting Winter Rescue Curt Smith, Travis Baird
- 07, 11 Mock Search: Incident Command System Class; Practical Art Haney/Brad Randall
- 16, 18 Snowcat: Class; Practical Steve Carver

DECEMBER

- 01, 02 Tentative Avalanche and Transceiver training for Winter Rescue: Class; Practical John Sohl
- 05, 09 Helicopter and Medical: Packaging, splinting, hypothermia, frostbite, etc. Steve Mayne
Sponsor Sub for Santa family Kevin Christensen

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JANUARY

- 02, 06 Avalanche: Class; Practical. John Sohl/Jeff Hirschi
- 20 Ice axe self arrest: Don Roberts

FEBRUARY

- 06, 10 Winter Mock SAR: snow evac., snow anchors, SKED, OSSII Class; Practical John Sohl
- TBA Ice climbing and vertical rescue on ice Don Roberts
- TBA Winter Survival Seminar Art Haney/Brad Randall

MARCH

- 06, 10 Tension Traverse & V-rig: vertical pick-off from tension traverse Class; Practical John Sohl

APRIL

- 03, 07 Urban Rescue: Class; Practical Dave Black

MAY

- 01, 05 Regional Interteam/agency Exercise Richard Schroeder

JUNE

- 05, 09 Swift Water: Class; Practical Jeff Hirschi

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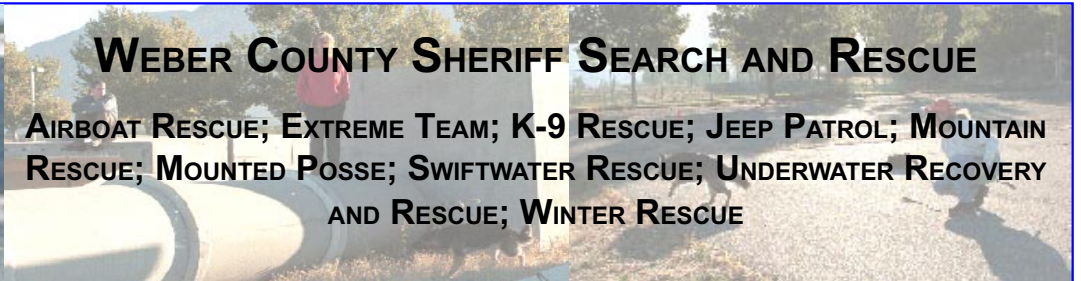
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WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF SEARCH AND RESCUE

AIRBOAT RESCUE; EXTREME TEAM; K-9 RESCUE; JEEP PATROL; MOUNTAIN RESCUE; MOUNTED POSSE; SWIFTWATER RESCUE; UNDERWATER RECOVERY AND RESCUE; WINTER RESCUE



TRAINING CALENDAR 2001 (CONT.)

JULY

03, 07 Vertical Rescue: Class; Practical Jeff Hirschi
Please visit the web site <http://planet.weber.edu/mru> for the training schedule through 2001.

JULY CALL OUTS:

On **July 7th** the divers were called out on **I-15** to search for a possible body in the canal from a car wreck. No one was found.

On **July 26th** there was a **body recovery in the Ogden River** at 500 West Exchange Road. The Jeep Patrol and Divers were called out. The body was found in 30 minutes by Art Pluim.

There WCS and visiting SAR teams at the MRA Intermountain Regional Conference were put on standby on **July 22th** for the search of two lost boys at North Fork. The boys were found before the Deputy arrived.

SEARCH AND RESCUE NEWS:

The Sheriff's Department will be asking for help during the month of August for **Law Enforcement Night Out**. Sgt. Terry Thompson is coordinating SAR participation in the event, scheduled for 7 pm on August 1, 2000. This event is an open house at various precinct headquarters for the public to meet local law enforcement teams. Terry has assigned volunteers of the various SAR teams to be staged at each precinct with their equipment and he will work with the commanders on details and specific times.

Sgt. Terry Thompson stated there were two more **parades** still to come, both are on August 5th at 9:00 a.m. One is in Washington Terrace and the other is in Roy City. Contact Thompson for more details.

Sheriff Slater made some **changes in the Search and Rescue command structure** within the Sheriff's office. Sgt. Terry Thompson is reassigned and will no longer be involved with Search and Rescue other than to still assist with the Jeep Patrol State Convention. Lt. Art Haney will be commander of Search and Rescue, Lt. Jeff Malan will be directing more of his attention to running the Patrol Division, however, he still anticipates coming out on calls and will fill in when Art is out of town. Deputy Brad Randall is still working with Search and Rescue. New office numbers for personnel are: Jeff Malan's work number is 778-6643, Art Haney's work number is 778-6644, Art's cell phone is 726-9076 and his pager is 591-2112. Art has two email addresses, ahaney@co.weber.ut.us and alnewol@aol.com.

The **Weber County Fair** is August 9–12th. The position of command post will change this year to the North entrance. Lt. Art Haney will call the fairgrounds to find out the location for the climbing wall. Entrance for our personnel will be the north gate. Wear your t-shirts! We will also have shirts with the mountain rescue cartoon and "Support Weber County Search and Rescue" available for the public. A \$15.00 donation gets you a t-shirt and a climb on the wall, otherwise climbs on the wall are \$1.00. John Sohl is repainting the surface of the climbing wall and Rick Schroeder is sandblasting and painting the scaffolding. This event is usually a good fund raiser so anyone who wishes to help during the fair please contact Lane McPheeters. The August **MRU meeting on the first Tuesday is rescheduled to Tuesday, Aug 8th at 7 pm**.

AIRBOAT NEWS:

The **Mock Search** training will be September 9th.

JEEP PATROL NEWS:

The **Variety Show** is August 4th at 6 pm at Roy High School. There is a call for all teams to participate and make this a good fund raiser.

Jason Monson requested a leave of absence for 9 months and it was decided to remove him from Jeep Patrol. He can reapply when he returns.

Kevin Christensen stated that the Jeep Patrol is investigating **ham radio certification**. This will not conflict with ARES and will be strictly to facilitate person to person communications on the mountain.

The **Man Tracking training for Tracker I** is August 25-27th in Downy, Idaho. Everyone planning on attending this training needs to be preregistered. There is also a possibility of asking the instructor to come to Ogden to teach this class in the future.



The **Desert survival seminar** is July 28–30th.

The **National Convention** will be hosted by WCSSAR on August 17th–20th. The range has been set aside. The State conference stated they have everything ready to go.

Steve Carver and Lane McPheeters are corresponding with the **Utah Cave SAR** for the training to be held September 14th (classroom) and 16th (practical). The Mtn. Rescue team will also hold their monthly meeting on September 14th at 7:00 pm and the classroom session will begin at 7:30 pm.

K-9 NEWS:

The next **K-9 training** is August 5th, at Tony's Grove in Logan area. We are inviting Cache County to attend. Everyone interested in this training will meet on the 5th at 5 pm, stay over night and track on Sunday morning. Contact Mary Lehman for more information.

MOUNTED POSSE NEWS:

The Posse looked great in the All Horse and Pioneers Day **Parades!**

MOUNTAIN RESCUE NEWS:

The **monthly meeting** has been moved to 7 pm on August 8th at the Weber County Fair Grounds to put up the climbing wall. The Fair runs from August 9–12. Please sign up to help with this PSAR and fund raiser.

Intermountain Region Mountain Rescue Association Summer Recertification—Report by John Sohl.

A successful and enjoyable recertification/conference was hosted July 21-23, 2000, by the Weber County Sheriff's Mountain Rescue Unit. Seven of the eight regional teams (counting the prospective team from Ravalli County, Montana) were in attendance. Two teams did not recertify: Western Montana Mountain Rescue Team and Bonneville County (Idaho) SAR team. The former did not have any members attend the recertification and the latter had too few team members (only four with seven being required) in attendance.

This recertification completes the recertification process that was started in March with the technical snow rescue conference hosted by Bonneville County, Idaho.

The summer recertification covered three main areas of mountain SAR operations—vertical rock rescue, scree evacuation, and search. The rescue scenarios consisted of a victim placed in vertical to overhanging terrain followed by a short scree evacuation. In a departure from the usual *table top* search operations testing, we choose to involve teams in an actual search ending with initial patient assessment. The following teams easily passed the summer recertification (listed from south to north): Utah, Salt Lake, Davis, and Weber Counties (all in Utah), and Idaho Mountain SAR (headquartered in Bosie). Since these five teams also completed the snow recertification, they are now fully accredited teams for the Intermountain Region of the Mountain Rescue Association.

Ravalli County was on hand to observe the certification process and plans to certify within the next two years. Bonneville County SAR plans to set up a recertification session for themselves and will need evaluators from other MRA teams. There has been no word of the plans for Western Montana MRT.

Other highlights of the conference include a Friday night session on the failure of mountaineering equipment used for rescue work. Tom Moyer from Salt Lake County SAR and Scott Willis of the Weber County Jeep Patrol worked together to test-to-failure various items ranging from Gibbs ascenders and prussiks to ropes and webbing slings. On Saturday night, Dr. Mikel Vause presented the keynote address on trekking in Nepal and on setting up clinics and computers for schools in remote Nepalese villages. Sunday morning was filled with a technical session on the inner workings of GPS systems followed by an in-the-field practical presented by Dave Lehman of WCS K-9.

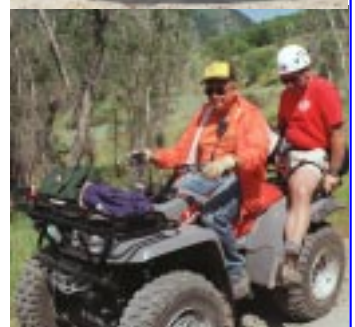
Also part of the conference was a discussion of the 2002 Winter Olympics and out-of-venue SAR operations. This included a discussion of the current status and anticipated plans for using MRA teams for support.

Local businesses provided everything from raffle prizes (coordinated by Jeff Hirschi) to bagels. America-On-Line, Kirkham's Outdoor Products, Igage (maker of All Topo Maps), Black Diamond, Powder Mountain Ski Resort, Barnes and Noble, Sheri Trbovich, and Einstein's Bagels all contributed products to the conference. Additionally, everyone loved the humorous T-shirt graphic designed by J. Montoya.

The local newspaper, The Ogden Standard Examiner, had a reporter and photographer on site. An excellent story appeared in the Monday, July 24, newspaper on page B1. The article (unfortunately without the nice photos) can be read at: <http://www.standard.net/stories/local/07-2000/ftp0270@local@24practice@ogden.asp>.

The conference was organized by John Sohl and Sheri Trbovich and ran well due to the tremendous team work of the Weber County Sheriff's Office SAR members. The rescue testing was headed by Roy West and Steve Mayne. The search testing was organized by Marty Radwin and Dave Lehman. In addition to the excellent work done by all the members of Mountain Rescue Unit, the Jeep Patrol (Scott Willis, Scott Combe, Kris Harrop, and Jeff Stark) and the K-9 unit (Dave and Mary Lehman, Jeff and Cindy Stark, and Patti Donohoo) also provided exceptional assistance. Special thanks to Ron Hodson for the barbeque. Finally, without the help of the sheriff's office personnel and their wives (Brad and Les Randall, Jeff and Sherry Malan, and "Archie") the conference would have been impossible. The conference expenses and registration fees balanced almost perfectly being slightly in the black.

Thank you to all who attended and helped with the conference!





Due to a very busy summer and multiple training opportunities in September, the Mtn. Rescue Team will join the Jeep Patrol in September for their classroom and practical training in **Cave Rescue** on the 14th and 16th respectively. Helicopter training will be rescheduled for December in combination with the currently scheduled Medical class.



UNDERWATER RECOVERY AND RESCUE NEWS:

Art Pluim stated that the motor is not running and the trailer needs **repairs**. Art would like to put the **Zodiac** in the dive trailer and leave it inflated which would make it more convenient for call outs. So he is proposing trading the dive team's larger raft to the Jeep Patrol for the Zodiac. We have an air compressor for the dive trailer for rafts, etc.

Lt. Jeff Malan stated he would like an on call dive team **standby list**, especially for holiday weekends.

WINTER RESCUE NEWS:

The **briefing meeting** will be held November 2nd. Notification letters needs to go out in October. Deputy Brad Randall will follow up with Smitty for a current team list.

Travis Baird would like work with Mtn. Rescue to conduct **avalanche and transceivers training** in early December. This training will be mandatory for extreme team members.

We anticipate **February will be a busy month**. This is the last winter before Olympics! We are continuing efforts to involve **Morgan County SAR** in our training.

The State needs to approve the blueprints of the **building at Snowmobile Parking** before we can begin construction. We will also need as many team members to volunteer contractors, materials and work crews.

Radios will be given out at the scene of a search by the incident commander. Talkabouts for members and Team Leaders will also be available. Brad will design a sign up list for radios.

FINAL NOTES

SAR is going to order red **t-shirts** and John Sohl will get information to the Commanders as the Mtn. Rescue Unit just had some shirts run.

We also need another **litter** for back country use, "a wheeled rig".

Lt. Jeff Malan suggested the **awards dinner** be held on September 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Riverdale Pavilion.

Jeff Stark suggested putting some **O₂** in the trailer. Lt. Art Haney will follow up on it.

Everyone was advised to keep an eye out for the **Northface order**. We don't want to miss it again.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the **July Parades**.

Please remember to remove the **WCSSAR stickers** from your vehicles before you sell them or if you no longer participate as an active member in team activities.

Reminder: when attending a call out (or any SAR event) always **sign in and out on the attendance roster**. For the sake of state SAR reimbursement, your sign in/out times are from when you receive the call to your return home. Mileage estimates are important—including training, meetings, and call outs.

Note from the Editor. A special big thank you to **Patsy Winchester** for quickly typing and sending the minutes of the Commanders meeting. This newsletter is intended to be for the benefit of all WCSSAR units.

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