

# **ESAR NOTEPAD FOR MARCH 2011**

## **CALENDAR:**

- 3 21<sup>st</sup> & Cushman Board Meeting, PCC, 1900 hours**
- 5.6 Winter Training. (TBA)**
- 12 Urban Search Tech Class, TPD Hdq. 0900 RM1210**
- 17 General Meeting, PCC, 1900 hours**
- 19-20 Course 4, Location TBA (All BM and Course 3 Trainees)**
- 24 Training Meeting, PCC 1900 hours**
- 26 Retreat, PCC, 21<sup>st</sup> & Cushman, 0900 hours**

## **TRAINING:**

*Congratulations to those of you who have continued with the Brushmonkey course. It has been long and hard time for you and the staff. We are all ways looking to those that will "stay the course". We had 89 people start the Training in October and November, but we are now down to 55 Trainees. Now comes the best part, Course 4. That is a practice mission; you have done the hard part. In the meantime, if we have a mission in Pierce County all Trainees that have completed Course 3 will be eligible to participate in that search and rescue mission. This is even before you have completed Course 4!!! You are on call as of last Sunday evening. So make sure your pack(s) are ready to go. We have had 7 calls for Missions already this year. That is an unusual number for this time of year. Normally, we have a number of Evidence calls in the winter and early spring time. But, it is different this year.*

## **DISASTER TRAINING:**

*We are being asked to look at what part ESAR would play if we had a disaster in this area. I am sure you all have been watching the events in New Zealand. That very easily could be us!! We are in that ring of fire and we should also prepare for any event that we could be of help. The plan is to have a 4 hours class prior to the Training, which we understand will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The Deputy, Doug Pressel would like a count of people participating by April 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would contact Carolyn Tyrrell by e-mail at [carolyntyrrrell@att.net](mailto:carolyntyrrrell@att.net) so she can start to get a head count. This is important to our community and ESAR.*

### URBAN SEARCH SKILLS:

*This is the 2011 WESAR Training being held at the Tacoma Police Department Headquarters at 3701 S Pine Street. It will start at 0900 hours and will be done before 1430 hours. It is your opportunity to learn more about Urban searching as we are doing more of that kind every year. The class is being lead by Roger Ramsdell of Thurston County ESAR and Stacey Smith, formally of Pierce County ESAR. If you have not notified Roger, you can e-mail him and inform him that you want to attend. There is plenty of room for more people. Rogers e-mail is [tcwesar@comcast.net](mailto:tcwesar@comcast.net).*

### GENERAL MEETING:

*This meeting is important to the Trainees before Course 4. It is a time to brush up on some of the skills you learning in the Brushmonkey courses. The meeting starts at 1900 hours and is over by 2030. You will also be told where Rendezvous is and the time. It is important that you attend. It is also an opportunity to ask that question about SAR that you have had for some time.*

*Remember, the General Meetings are for EVERY member of ESAR. We try to bring up items of interest in the SAR field. We have speakers about subjects that are of interest you and your team. If you are not attending the meetings, you are missing out of information that might be really important on the next search or rescue. In SAR, you never stop learning. Once you think you know if all, you will find you have only scratched the surface. You always want to learn more, it will make you a better searcher!!!*

### RETREAT:

*We are having our Annual Retreat on Saturday th 26<sup>th</sup> at the Peace Community Center, 21<sup>st</sup> & Cushman at 0900. Now everyone thinks that the Retreat is only for Adults, it is not. It is for everyone in the ESAR. It is a planning session for the future of ESAR. We talk about how to raise money and then the discussion turns to things we need in the program. Do you have an idea for raising money? Do you have a idea on what is needed in ESAR? Then you need to attend. Remember, Search and Rescue missions are only 15% of the program. The rest is in Public Relations, Training, Recruiting, Administrative,*

*and fun activities. Do you have an activity you would like to see ESAR doing in the future? Come to the Retreat, you will find out a great deal about ESAR.*

### **PCESAR YAHOO SYSTEM:**

*Some of you already are receiving this NOTEPAD on the Units e-mail: [pcesar\\_list@yahoogroups.com](mailto:pcesar_list@yahoogroups.com). Some are receiving it by e-mail that I forward to make sure you receive all the information about items going on in ESAR. If you would like to get on the PCESAR Yahoo system, you can log in at <http://pcesar.org/maillinglist>. You can join the rest of us in ESAR on the list. It really makes it easier for you if you are on the Yahoo system with everyone else. If for some reason I can not forward the message, you might miss out on some very important information. You will notice that we send out a great number of information items at least once a week on the average. So please sign up so you do not miss out of happenings in ESAR.*

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

#### **JUNIOR DAFFODIL PARADE:**

*April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Mason Methodist Church at 27<sup>th</sup> & Madison Street in Tacoma is the Headquarters for the Parade. The Parade starts at 1000 hours. ESAR has participated for many years to help in this endeavor. The Coordinator for ESAR has not been selected yet, but plan on helping on that day. The Parade is done by 1200 noon or shortly thereafter. We are all given different tasks and we will need about 20 to 25 people. More information to follow before April.*

#### **DAFFODIL PARADE:**

*April 9<sup>th</sup>, is the Grand Floral Parade. ESAR has entered the ESAR Van and Trailer, ESAR Truck and ESAR RV in the Parade. We go to the 4 Cities. The Coordinator has not been selected yet. We usually meet at the Firemens Park and 7<sup>th</sup> & Pacific Ave at 0800 hours. The Parade starts at 1000 hours. Plan on being finished about 1800 hours in Orting. It is a fun time for those that have participated in the past, so for those of you who are new to ESAR, plan on coming to the Parade!! More information to follow before April.*

## NEXTELS:

*If you have a Nextel Phone please let me know. I would like to add you to the ESAR Nextel's and my Nextel phone. My code is 112\*22658\*10. We have 3 Nextel phones in ESAR. One is in the Van, one in the Truck and one in the RV. Just for your information, all the SAR Deputies use Nextel's; also the Tacoma Police Dept. are also on the Nextel system.*

## ESAR PHONES:

*There are two phones in the Operation Center (RV) in case you need to make contact to find out the Base location. The Verizon phone number is 253.381.3922 and the Nextel phone number is 253.255.4070 and the code for the Nextel is 112\*22658\*13, if you have a Nextel phone.*

## MISSIONS TO DATE:

*February*

- 7 Request to search for a 70 year old male with Alzheimer's. Subject was located before we were are to call everyone out.*
  
- 12 Request to search for 14 year old subject who had been missins since 0800 in the morning. Some members in the Gig Harbor area were able to get to the Base, others were driving from Tacoma. Subject was located before we could mount a Team into the field. 20 people responded, 39.5 manhours, 17 vehicles, 488 miles driven, Savings of \$1,553.18.*
  
- 13 Request to search for a 52 year old male with Alzheimer's. Subject was located before arrival at Base. 3 people responded, 3.5 manhours, 3 vehicles, 33 miles, \$204.51 savings.*

### **Totals to date:**

*13 Mission requests, 75 people, 315 manhours, 56 vehicles, 1791 miles, \$ 8,429.64 savings.*

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