

## ESAR NOTEPAD FOR MAY 2011

### CALENDAR:

- 5 BOARD MEETING, PCC, 21ST & CUSHMAN, 1900 HOURS
- 5 SAFECO BOOTH, REND. FIFE, 1445 HOURS
- 7 DISASTER PRACTISE, 19209 CANYON RD, 0800-1700 HOURS
- 14 COPSEY SEARCH, BUCKLEY, EVIDENCE MISSION, 0700 HOURS
- 16 SAFECO BOOTH, REND. FIFE, 1445 HOURS
- 18 GENERAL MEETING, PCC, 21ST & CUSHMAN, 1900 HOURS
- 27 SAFECO BOOTH, REND. FIFE, 1445 HOURS
- 30 SAFECO BOOTH, REND. FIFE, 0815 HOURS

### NEW MEMBERS:

24 of the new members attended the ESAR APPRECIATION DINNER on April 17th. There were 96 ESAR members and family members in attendance for a great time. Hope you were one of them, if not, you missed a great opportunity to meet your fellows ESAR members and their families. Those that were not in attendance will receive their Brushmonkey Certificates in the mail. If you were not able to attend, we hope that you will still continue to respond to missions. 86 people started Course 1 and only 42 completed all four courses. Many that finished Course 3 will be given another opportunity to complete their Training on June 25-26, 2011 at Bigfoot for the Pierce County Sheriff's Office. Congratulations to all those that have joined ESAR for an experience that will last a life time.

### DISASTER PRACTICE:

If you have notified Libby Hayward, libby@ronhayward.net or called her at 253.851.1657 or have not, please contact her today. She needs to know if you want to learn what ESAR's function will be in a Disaster. We are a part of the ring of fire, the same as Japan and New Zealand. We need to be ahead of the game as we will be called on to help in a disaster.

Bring your 48 hour pack, but plan to use a 24 hour pack with food, water, raingear, etc. If you have a GPS, bring it as ESAR does not have enough for everyone. There is basic reading material with information on disaster search and you must be familiar with it before you attend. Libby will send you the information to those that are signed up to attend.

Again contact Libby as soon as possible.

### SAFECO BOOTH:

For those of you who ask, "Why is ESAR working so hard at Safeco?" First, we make a great deal of money for the Program working at Safeco. We only work 20 dates or games to make that money. This is our 9 year to work and we have raised over \$130,000 in 8 years. Why work so hard? ESAR does not have dues!!! If we did, it would have to be @ \$15 a month. We are aware that most people could not afford to participate in ESAR if we had dues. What would you be willing to pay per month? There are organization in the area for Teenagers that cost \$57 a month. This was on TV a short time ago. Would you be willing to pay that amount to be a member of ESAR? I don't think so. Therefore we work at Safeco so we do not have dues in the ESAR program. I understand that some of the sports played at School now has a fee to play!! I have heard to play football there is a \$300 fee. Should we have that or work at Safeco? I think Safeco is a better deal!

If you have not thought about working, now is the time. Contact Andy Florek, Safeco Coordinator, [esarflorek@aol.com](mailto:esarflorek@aol.com) or 253.617.8068. Call him if you have questions. He needs people to work and earn credit to get a pager or an ESAR Jacket. If you are not helping, what is your plan to help raise money so we do not have to have dues? Search and Rescue is not cheap. Radios, vehicles, GPS's, tools, gas or diesel, and any items that support the mission are very expensive. Thank you to those that have stepped forward to work at Safeco. It can be time consuming, but it is also great fun to those that have worked this year.

#### COPSEY SEARCH:

On May 14th, ESAR will assist the Pierce County Sheriff on a search in Lower Burnett for her remains. She disappeared 1992 from the Puyallup Fair grounds and no trace has been found. We will actually be working for the Puyallup Police Department as this is their case. The search is being organized by the PCSO, because Puyallup does not have a SAR Coordinator or knowledge of the Volunteers involved.

If you plan to participate, contact Brian Ralph, [blrsar@comcast.net](mailto:blrsar@comcast.net) or call him at 253.874.6344 or 253.797.9440. As in any Mission, the Operation Leader needs to know if you are going to participate. He needs to know by April 30th. This NOTEPAD is late, but you can contact him ASAP, he can still use you on the mission. Rendezvous will be Saturday, May 14th at the SOUTH HILL PARK AND RIDE, TIME 0700. Always bring your 48 pack, but probably you will break down to a 12 or 24 hour pack. Bring work gloves. Lunch would not be a bad thing either!!!

This mission is as important as any other mission. There is no chance she will be found alive, but this is for her family. Think about it, if it was someone in your family, would you not like to know where or why they disappeared? This is to help bring closure for the family.

#### MISSIONS:

1 Pacific County Sheriff. Evidence mission to search for Bones and clothing. Mission response was cancelled as it only gave us 6 hours to develop a group to respond. We need at least a day to develop a response. If it was for a live person, we would have responded without question.

23 Mason County Sheriff, Evidence search. A skull had been located by tree thinners. The person had been missing about 5 years. Kitsap, Mason and Pierce County ESAR were on scene. The lower jaw was located, which proved that they had the right person. We made a park in the woods for the County!!! It was hands, knees and elbows from our people that made the difference. Thanks to all of you that responded to the mission. 24 personnel, 257 hours, 14 vehicles, 1575 miles, Cost savings \$ 5,948.63 (12 of those that responded, just became members this year. Good show everyone) .

25 Pierce County Sheriff. Search for a 13 year old Autistic boy. Mission was cancelled in a few minutes after the call.

Missions for the Year to date:

13 calls, 8 mission responses

138 people responded

820.5 Manhours

92 Vehicles

4665 Miles

Cost Savings to the State: \$ 20,099.04

Rules of the road on Missions:

-Start with a full tank of gas; get filled up before arriving at Rendezvous

- Sign in the first thing upon arrival at Rendezvous.
- Please drive with your head lights on, day or night.
- Make sure you know where you are going or the Base location if you get separated from the lead vehicle.
- Have Magnetic Door ESAR stickers on your vehicle. It is easier to spot an ESAR vehicle if they are having mechanical challenges.
- Do not pass the vehicle in front of you.
- If you have a CB, we use channel 32 in route to the Base camp, make sure the OL knows you are on a CB.NO RADIO, get Cell phone number of OL or ESAR Vehicle Drivers before leaving Rendezvous
- Give your mileage to the OL before you leave a Base camp. That proves you drove on the mission in case of a claim, plus we need the figures for the IC. (Incident Commander)
- If going out of county, or driving over 100 miles or going on a mission that is 24 hours old (only one is required), you can recover your cost of gas. Unless you are rich and do not need the money, you can donate it to ESAR!!! Get a gas claim form from the OL for that claim.

For those of you, who drove to Mason County, send your Claim form to ESAR, P O BOX 11322, TACOMA WA 98411. Attach your gas receipt to the form before mailing. If for some reason you did not get a Gas Reimbursement form, let me know, I can send one to you. sarsmith3@comcast.net.

#### DAFFODIL JUNIOR PARADE AND GRAND FLORAL PARADE:

Thanks to all of you that helped at both of the Daffodil Parades. It shows people that we do more than just search for people or evidence. We are e community organization and that we need people to join us. We had 19 people help on the Junior Parade and 11 on the Grand Floral Parade. As the Past President of the Daffodil Festival in 2000, I want to thank all of you that helped out. The Festival is only as good as the people who make it happen!! Smitty

#### ESAR ALERT SYSTEMS:

ESAR has two systems we use for Call Outs for missions. One system we use is Texting to your phone and/or pager. The other is the system called ESAR ALERT SYSTEM we use with the Department of Emergency Management for Pierce County. We have found that no system is perfect. We do need to know if you are getting the Texts or the calls on you phone from DEM. If you are not please inform Smitty 253.565.8980, sarsmith3@comcast.net or Sally Moore, 253.272.0846 mooresar@juno.com.

We also need to know if you are getting this NOTEPAD twice. If you are, please let me know. I am trying to be sure everyone in ESAR receives communication about what is taking place in Search and Rescue.

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