

ESAR NOTEPAD FOR JUNE 2011

CALENDAR:

- 2** Board Meeting, PCC, 21st and Cushman, 1900 hours
- 4** Disaster Training, EOC, 2501 S 35th, 0800 (Need to be registered to attend)
- 3** Safeco, Rendezvous, Fife. 54th and Pacific Hwy East, 1445 hours
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- 16** General Meeting, McCormick Forest Park, Gig Harbor, 1900 hours
- 25/26** Bigfoot SAR Practice for Pierce Co Sheriff, TBA & Called out.
- 29** Safeco, Rendezvous, Fife 54th and Pacific Hwy East, 0815 hours

Future Date:

July 29-30th 50 Mile Trail Run, Buck Creek Campground

SAFECO:

Andy Florek, Safeco Coordinator, has worked very hard to schedule people from ESAR to work at Safeco. His list shows only 30 people willing to work for the good of ESAR. We have over 150 members and only 30 people are willing to work? That is not enough people!!! Andy needs more people to step forward and help out. It is very taxing on the same people to work and know that others are not willing to help out. If you are 16 years of age or older, you can work at the Safeco. You need a Food Handler Permit to work. If you are 21 years of age you must have your Alcohol Servers card. You can get both on line now. Contact Andy and volunteer to work at Safeco. The life of ESAR depends on the money we raise at Safeco. The only other way to raise money is to have a dues program!!! Andy's contact is esarflorek@aol.com or 253.617.8068. If you have a better way to raise money, we are all ears!!! Raising money for a Volunteer organization is one of the toughest things to do. Safeco is 20 games, with only 13 games left. Are you going to call Andy and Volunteer? All he needs is for you to work 2 games or if you work more, 5 or 6 games, you get credit for an ESAR Jacket. Andy and ESAR needs your help. Give him a call today and plan on being a supporting member of ESAR.

DISASTER TRAINING:

On June 4th, Pierce County DEM, paid for by FEMA is holding a indoor class for everyone in SAR. You do have to be registered to attend. So far 22 ESAR folks have registered with DEM to attend. This is a continuation of the Training received on the 7th of May. The class will last about 4 hours. It should be done about noon on the 4th of June.

2011 WASHINGTON STATE SAR CONFERENCE:

It was really great to see 17 of our members attend the SAR Conference in Kelso on the 20th to 22nd of May. The weather was great until Saturday, but not as bad as last year in Stevenson. The classes were great, but some were packed with people. Over 700 people attend the conference, including 38 members from Iceland, South Africa, Canada, England and naturally from the USA. This is the largest Conference in the world that is why people come from all over the world to attend. If you attended, you had a great time. Lethaniel provided 5 meals for us and they were as good as usual. Plan on attending

next year. It is planned for the same time in May in Goldendale, Washington. If you want to learn more about SAR, this is the way it can be done. If the SAR standards are accepted by the Sheriff's of Washington State, it will be a requirement to receive Continuation of Education (10 Hours) to remain a member of a SAR team or go on a SAR mission (10 Hours) at least once a year. Plan on attending the Conference next year, it will be your best way to get additional training for the year.

GENERAL MEETING:

The General Meeting will be an opportunity for you to learn GPS. Libby is planning on holding a class for all members to learn the GPS. The General meeting will be held at the McCormick Forest Park in Gig Harbor. So if you plan on being a Team Leader or Field Leader you need to attend. School should not be problem on the 16th as some school maybe out, others will not, but school work might not be a big problem. Plan on attending, as everyone who is only a Brushmonkey can become a Team Leader. If you are not going to be a Team Leader, attend anyway. It will be Continuation of Education for you in ESAR. You can contact Libby at 253.851.1657 or e-mail her at libby@ronhayward.net.

BIGFOOT SAR PRACTICE:

Pierce County Sheriff is holding a practice mission for all SAR Units on the 25th and 26th of June. This is our test to show the SAR Coordinators that ESAR can accomplish the tasks given on a search. It is being planned to be held at Buck Creek Campground. But, there has been a discussion about us being used to find a missing skier at Crystal Mountain. That decision has not been made yet.

For those of you that were not able to attend Course 4, this can be used as a make up of that Course. If you participate in Bigfoot, you will be given your Brushmonkey Certificate and eligible to go on any search and rescue mission that ESAR is called on in the State. It will be a normal call out as we find that the call out systems we use do not always work the way we want them to. Be sure and put this on your Calendar for June. Do not miss it; it is important to you and ESAR that we respond with a great number of people. Be sure to contact Libby Hayward, 253.851.1653, cell 253.279.2585 or libby@ronhayward.net that you are going to participate. The Sheriff needs to know if you are coming. Contact Libby ASAP. (she needs this before 5/31, if this is late, contact her anyway).

MISSIONS:

May 7th KAMLICHE MISSION. Mason County Sheriff. Request to assist on the mission for which we worked on in April. We could not respond as we were scheduled to do the Disaster Training on the same date.

May 14th LOWER BURNETT. Pierce County Sheriff requested our assistance to search for the Copsy girl who has been missing since 9/17/1992. 26 members responded to the mission. The weather was great this time, no rain!!! No account of the activity for the mission as the report has not been sent in for the file.

Missions have been slow so far this year. We have had 16 calls and responded to 9 so far. SAR can be strange at times. Many missions can be lower in number than normal. If

you go into the back country, there is a tremendous amount of snow. Many people are not getting into the back country yet because of that fact. Many of you might be disappointed because of the lack of missions, do stand by, there are missions out there for us to respond to. Are you ready?

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