

ESAR NOTEPAD FOR AUGUST 2011

CALENDAR:

- 4 Board meeting (cancelled for this month)
- 12 SAFECO - rendezvous: Fife, 54th & Pacific Hwy E., 1445 hours
- 16 SAFECO - rendezvous: Fife, 54th & Pacific Hwy E., 1445 hours
- 21 ESAR picnic for everyone – Keith's place, directions & time TBD
- 25 Training meeting – location and time TBD
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SAFECO:

As usual, as in all organizations, a few do the work of many. Many of us have not stepped forward to help out at SAFECO. This is a great money maker for ESAR. The next mission you are on, look at the equipment ESAR has and think about how it was purchased. Yes, the truck and RV were donated, but we had to establish that our unit could purchase that equipment if we did not receive the donation. Both of those vehicles were paid for by the Employees of Boeing from their Community Fund. The van was purchased from funds we raised at Safeco. All the radios, GPS, metal detectors and many other items are from funds we raise at Safeco. Equipping a search and rescue unit is very expensive. Can you help? Yes, if you are at least 16 years of age. How? Contact Andy Florek at 253.617.8068. He will advise you on what you have to do to be a worker at Safeco. Do it today, we still have 7 games for us to work. You have noticed numerous e-mails from Andy requesting help. Are you willing?

MISSIONS:

7/20 CARBONADO, DEM #11-2271, 13th mission for ESAR this year. Object of the mission was to locate a body of a person dumped by someone else. That subject was not found. 15 people participated, 92.5 hours, 6 vehicles, 410 miles, \$1,951.35 tax dollars saved. Remember one thing - we are a SAR unit, and some of the missions are not always pleasant missions. You have to make a choice if you want to go on a mission of this type and again, it is your selection to go or not go!!

This year we have had 20 calls, responded to 13 of those calls.

TO ALL PARENTS OF ESAR MEMBERS:

I have received a number of requests from Mom's and Dad's in the past that they would like to receive information that ESAR sends out periodically. If you are one of them, please send me a request and your e-mail address. I will build a list of just parents WHO WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON!!

As a parent of 3 boys, I sometimes had to find out from others what was going on in their lives. It was all good, but it really helps if you know what they are involved in. So send me those e-mail addresses, and I will see that you are informed about the opportunities ESAR has for your kids. We know that ESAR only can do so much, but it is the parents that make it operate properly!!!

TRAINING MEETING:

We need to have a training meeting this month to make plans for the new standards that will be accepted by the Sheriff's at Police Chiefs in Washington State in September. They are using WESAR as the standard, but there are some things we need to add to our training. If you want to know more, watch for the announcement of the location of the training meeting and be a part of it. Standards affect everyone in ESAR. We have to show that we are able to complete and accept the standard for PCESAR if we wish to continue searching outside of Pierce County. We want to be prepared for the WASPC meeting in September!!! We are the leader, now we just need to show it.

CORE COMPETENCY (Standards):

There are some of the Standards I believe we should start to follow.

Clothing: Clothing should clearly identify the person as a search and rescue volunteer. Clothing should be red, yellow or orange in color. ESAR colors have been red for over 45 years. With our new ESAR jackets, we are in vogue! Clothing is defined as shirts, hats, sweatshirts, and jackets. We also have red caps, but our shirts are gray in color. We may have to change that.

Training Education: 24 hours of continued education per year. 8 hours can come from a mock search approved by the Chief Law Enforcement Officer. The 8 hours could be done on a SAR mission if approved by the SAR Coordinator.

Tests: Tests have been set aside for now. It is figured that might take a couple of years to occur.

ESAR PICNIC:

ESAR will hold its annual picnic for everyone in ESAR and their families. Please attend - you might find someone you went through Brushmonkey training with. The information and location will be sent to everyone soon. The date will be the 21st of August, so put it on your calendar now so you will not forget. Keith Schlemlein is our host, and he will be sending out the information so you can locate his cabin on Tanwax Lake.

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