

# ESAR NOTEPAD FOR OCTOBER 2011

## CALENDAR:

- 4 Pierce County SAR Council, TPD headquarters – 1900 hours
- 4 Orientation, Gig Harbor library, 424 Fosdick Dr. NW – 1900 hours
- 5 Orientation, University Place library, 3609 Market Place W – 1900 hours
- 6 **Board meeting**, PCC, 21<sup>ST</sup> & Cushman – 1900 hours
- 12 Orientation, Parkland library, 13718 Pacific Ave – 1900 hours
- 13 Orientation, Bonney Lake library, 18501 90<sup>th</sup> E – 1900 hours
- 18 Orientation, Lakewood library, 6300 Wildaire Rd SW – 1900 hours
- 19 Orientation, Steilacoom library, 2950 Steilacoom – 1900 hours
- 20 **General meeting**, PCC, 21<sup>ST</sup> & Cushman – 1900 hours
- 20 Orientation, Graham library, 9202 Steilacoom – 1900 hours
- 22-23 **Team Leader Training**, TBA
- 24 Orientation, Sumner library, 1166 Fryar Ave. – 1900 hours
- 27 Orientation, Summit library, 5107 112<sup>th</sup> St E – 1900 hours
- 27 **Training meeting**, PCC, 21<sup>ST</sup> & Cushman – 1900 hours

## REIMBURSEMENT FROM WASHINGTON STATE:

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is requiring the State of Washington to have every person who receives a check from the State to have a vendor certificate on file. Everyone in ESAR should have received one by e-mail recently. If you did not get the e-mail with the paperwork, please let me know, and I will send it to you. Better yet, come to the Board meeting, and I will have the paperwork for you to complete. If you have a claim for lost or damaged equipment, gas reimbursement, medical bills or lost wages, you will have to complete the vendor forms for the State. I have only received 4 so far, even though claims already in the progress with the County will have to have those forms completed. Please send them to me ASAP so you can get your money back. If there is any possibility that you might have a claim in the future, please complete the forms. You only have to submit the paperwork once to have it on file. I will keep a log of everyone who has filed, so that their reimbursement claims will not be delayed.

## NEW TEAM LEADERS:

Joe Brentin and Zach Castle are looking for members to become Team Leaders. If you have an interest in being a Team Leader, give them a call.

Contact	Phone	Cell
Zach Castle	253-891-8270	253-569-0618
Joe Brentin	253-686-7560	

Leadership is open to everyone in ESAR. This includes adults also. The general meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October at the PCC, 21<sup>st</sup> and Cushman will be the first of many opportunities for you to receive additional training to be a Team Leader. The second opportunity will be the weekend of October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at a location that will be decided at the general meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>. This will help many of you get your 24 hours of additional training for next year completed. If you decide to become a TL or FL, be sure to respond to missions that will be coming in the next few months. This will prove you really are interested in being a leader in ESAR.

**SAFECO:**

It is time to say THANKS to ESAR members and non-members who took the time to work at Safeco for ESAR. Their efforts have enabled ESAR to continue to operate with the funds received. No volunteer organization can operate without funds. To everyone who spent their time to work for the benefit of all of us – Thank You! Thanks to Andy and Sheri Florek, our Safeco Coordinators, for doing an outstanding job putting the teams together for each game and for working so many games. I know they are relaxing now, but we all need to say THANKS! to them and everyone who worked. Your work did not go unnoticed.

**MISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER:**

- 7 Granite Falls, Snohomish County – 29 year old hiker – we did not respond to this mission.
- 12 Evidence Search, South Hill, Pierce County Sheriff – No further information on this mission. No report has been received.
- 19 Camp Fife, Yakima County – 23 year old hiker missing from Camp – found OK by Yakima Search and Rescue. We did not respond to this mission.
- 21 Noble Knob, Pierce County – 2 missing hikers from Hiking Group – 80 year old and 75 year old. Both were found OK. 14 personnel, 177.5 Man-hours, 10 Vehicles, 1,171 miles driven, Savings of \$4,676.41.

**YEAR TO DATE TOTALS:**

Missions	Personnel	Man-hours	Miles Driven	Savings
30	278	1,934	12,042	\$45,868.71

**BEAT THE DRUM!!!**

It is that time again. Orientations have started, and Curt Read, Recruiter for ESAR, is doing his usual outstanding job. He has nine orientations lined up for this month. How many of you have talked to family, friends and relatives about the value of being a member of ESAR? I hope all of you have! If you have not, now is the time. Look at the list in the calendar above and select the one that works best for you. We have many people who show up for Course 1 without the benefit of first attending an orientation. This makes it difficult for the course trainers, who have to bring them up to speed. Please encourage anyone to attend who is interested in joining ESAR and responding to missions. For anyone considering joining ESAR so they can graduate from high school, please remember WESAR and ESAR have a policy that community service credit does not start until after Brushmonkey training is completed.

**HUMANS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAT HARDWARE.**

**QUALITY IS BETTER THAN QUANTITY.**

**DO NOT CONFUSE ENTHUSIASM FOR CAPABILITY.**

**COMPETENT SAR VOLUNTEERS CONNNOT BE MASS PRODUCED.**

**COMPETENT SAR VOLUNTEERS CANNOT BE CREATED AFTER AN EMERGENCY OCCURS.**

**MOST SAR OPERATIONS REQUIRE MULTI-AGENCY SUPPORT.**

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