

ESAR NOTEPAD FOR NOVEMBER 2011

CALENDAR:

- 2 Orientation, Milton library, 900 Meridian E, 1900 hours
- 3 Board meeting, PCC, 21st & S Cushman, 1900 hours
- 12, 13 Course 1, Frontier Park, Graham, 0700 hours
- 15 Orientation, University Place library, 3609 MARKET PL. W, 1900 hours
- 17 General meeting, PCC, 21st & Cushman, 1900 hours
- 22 Orientation, Summit library, 5107 112th St. E, 1900 hours
- 24 Thanksgiving - Have a great one....
- 30 Orientation, Parkland library, 13718 Pacific Ave S, 1900 hours
- 12/3, 4 Course 1, Frontier Park, Graham, 0700 hours

ESAR JACKETS:

An order for ESAR jackets will be going into the supplier soon. If you would like a jacket, contact Libby Hayward (Libby@ronhayward.net) today. If you worked at Safeco for ESAR, you might have enough credit to help you purchase a jacket. If you want to find out about your credits and how you can use them, contact Andy Florek, (esarflorek@aol.com). If your family helped out, their work goes toward your credits. The jacket color will be red to identify you as a member of ESAR as required by the Standards. Orders have to be submitted to Libby before November 17.

GAS REIMBURSEMENT:

Recent missions have brought this to mind. Many of you have driven on missions that made you eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of your gas. One of the requirements is that you have to start with a full tank of gas and on your return home fill up again. Be sure to get a receipt for the gas, fill out a claim form, and send it to ESAR, PO Box 11322, Tacoma, WA 98467. This should be done no later than one month after the mission. If you have not sent in your State vendor registration and W9, please contact me (sarsmith3@comcast.net), and I will send you one by e-mail. A number of people have sent theirs in, and I have forwarded them to the State. Don't forget to put in your claim!

PRIDE IN ESAR:

The new Standards require that on missions we wear something red with a patch or insignia that shows we are search and rescue volunteers. This will help us look professional as ESAR members.

Also, be sure that your vehicle is easily recognized as search and rescue when you bring it to a mission. If you do not have magnetic ESAR signs, I am sure that Theresa Spencer (theresaesar@yahoo.com) can help you out. When we travel in a caravan of cars, it can be difficult to know whether or not a vehicle is part of the caravan. It's a big help to everyone to have your vehicle identified. Plus, it is a matter of pride!

DEM CARDS:

I have been doing the sign-in sheets for missions and activities for over 45 years. I do not send in sheets until all DEM numbers are filled in for every person who participated. Please help me out by putting your number in the area following your name. If you do not know your number, contact Phyllis Posey, and she will give you your number. Her e-mail is esarmemrec@yahoo.com. The Lt. for SAR in Pierce County might ask you if you have your card on you. You should have it with you on all missions and activities. It is an important document and can be a help when you really need it. As you might know, not everyone can get one, so protect that card!!!

MISSIONS:

10/01/11

8 personnel, 88.5 manhours, 6 vehicles, 838 miles, savings of \$2,241.93

10/08/11 Wishkah, Grays Harbor County, search for 52 year old female hunter. Found OK.

9 personnel, 71 manhours, 5 vehicles, 1,195 miles, savings of \$2,172.58

TEAM LEADERS AND FIELD LEADERS TRAINING:

October 22 & 23 saw one of the biggest classes ESAR has ever had to become a TL and FL this year. We had 11 Brushmonkeys vie for Team Leader and 5 Team Leaders vie for Field Leader. They spent the weekend just outside of Greenwater in a private Community Center. Dan and Carolyn Tyrrell were the hosts for the training. If you missed it, contact Zach Castle (zmancastle@hotmail.com) or Joe Brentin (brentinj@gmail.com) and tell them you would like to become a TL or FL. They are still looking for candidates for those positions. This will also help you to complete your 24 hours of advanced training needed for the new Standards for this next year.

GENERAL MEETING:

Libby Hayward is planning on having instructors show us how to operate the new metal detectors that ESAR has purchased. This should be considered a "must" for all training leadership. We all need to know how to operate the metal detectors before the next evidence search.

ORIENTATIONS:

We are always looking for people to join ESAR. Have you asked your friends to join? Have they been to an orientation? If not, don't miss out! This might be the last chance until next year. Bring any friend you feel would enjoy getting dirty, wet and cold like you do! You know what it is like, so bring those buddies in and let them know you will help them get started.

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