

ESAR NOTE¹⁹ PAD FOR JANUARY 2012

CALENDAR:

- 5 **Board meeting**, PCC, 21st & S Cushman – 1900 hours
- 6-8 **Course 2A**, rendezvous, I-5/Hwy 512 Park & Ride – 1900 hours
- 19 **General meeting**, PCC, 21st & S Cushman – 1900 hours
- 20-22 **Course 2B**, rendezvous, I-5/Hwy 512 Park & Ride – 1900 hours
- 26 **Training meeting**, PCC, 21st & S Cushman – 1900 hours?
- 28 WESAR, PCC, 21st & S. Cushman – 1000 hours

TRAINING COURSE 1

We had 81 people who have completed Course 1 in November and December. We had 34 youth and 47 adults attending the course. We hope that they all will continue with the remaining courses. There is a lot of enthusiasm about the courses again this year. As you will soon learn, Course 1 is the only course with a building. All the remaining courses are outside in all kinds of weather. Since you are taking Search and Rescue courses, be prepared—that is why you have such an extensive equipment list given to you at Course 1.

COURSE 2 A & B

Those of you who have completed Course 1 will be going to Course 2A or 2B this month. You will rendezvous with the training staff at the Park & Ride lot at the I-5 and Highway 512. If you miss a meal, a McDonalds is next to the parking lot. Be sure you have all the required gear on your equipment list with you. If anything that is vital for the weekend is missing, you will not be able to attend the course. If you are having problems getting some items, let us know; we might be able to help you. The list you received at Course 1 has taken years to perfect. It is not a wish list, but one we have tested for many years. Most often, it rains at your training location, so be prepared. ESAR can be fun, but you have to have the right mental attitude to do this program. You already have that already, or you would not be doing the training! We want you to learn the skills of Search and Rescue, and that takes time. We do congratulate you for completing Course 1; now comes the test of your camping skills and how you absorb the SAR training you will receive. We believe you will do fantastically!!!

BOARD MEETING:

For those of you who are new to ESAR, you are always invited to attend board meetings. You need to know how this organization is run and what is needed to keep it going. This is a business meeting for everyone in ESAR. If you are an adult, there are many jobs that you could help out with. Attend board meetings to find out what you could do to help this organization keep up the good work we do.

CORE COMPETENCY:

Standards are being set for all volunteers in Search and Rescue in Washington State. At the annual meeting with the Sheriffs' SAR coordinators, Lt. Fajardo mentioned that the sheriffs and the chiefs of police for the State have not signed off on the document yet, but we are to proceed with using the standards for volunteers. We will have a meeting after we have completed all four Brushmonkey training courses to review any training we might have missed. This should be no problem for ESAR,

as WESAR standards were used as a base to develop the core competency document. Once the core competency document is signed, we will send you a copy for your reference. We will start using the standards on January 1, 2012.

Advanced training of 24 hours is required each year, 8 hours of which can be completed by responding to a search and rescue missions. Also, we wear red coats on activities and on SAR missions. For those of you going through training, this will not be a requirement until you have completed the training. You will be given time to get your outerwear in red after that time. Those active in ESAR now must start thinking "red" now. We had a mission in King County in December where everyone was in red jackets, and we looked very professional. The public has the perception of us as being professional. Keep up the good work!!!

WESAR (Washington Explorer Search and Rescue)

WESAR will meet at the Peace Community Center at 1000 hours on January 28th. This is a meeting of ESAR Units of Washington State. Everyone is invited to attend. Many individuals participate in extra activities of WESAR, especially the recertification of units. Every ESAR unit (such as ours) must have recertification once every 3 years. Pierce County is due this year and will be recertified on Course 4 this year. If you would like to be on the team, come to the meeting on the 28th. Many members that have worked on the Recert Team find that they are learning more about Search and Rescue while viewing other Units in a training mode. If you want to lean more, join a Recert Team. You can be a new member of ESAR and be on the team.

MISSIONS IN DECEMBER 2011

10th Search, Newport Hills, King County. Search for 40 year old female missing since one month before. 17 Personnel; 147 manhours; 9 vehicles; 1170 miles; savings \$4,587.59.

19th Search, Rainier State School, Buckley, Pierce County Sheriff. Missing 64 year old female with Alzheimer's. Found OK, but in hypothermia. Her temperature at the hospital was 90 degrees. She would not have survived the night. 17 personnel; 135.5 manhours; 13 vehicles; 654 miles; savings \$3,748.70.

27th Search, Kelley Road, Mason County. Search for a 50 y/m paraplegic. He left his wheelchair at home and was last seen on Saturday. His vehicle was found by family Monday, the 26th. He was located Tuesday, the 27th after a short search. Not good results. Very small turnout of Brushmonkeys, 5 was all we could muster. (No mission report has been received as of this date)

Thanks again to all of you that have participated in SAR mission this past year. This organization cannot operate without you!!!!

VENDOR PAPERWORK FOR WASHINGTON STATE

If in the future you wish to make a claim to Emergency Management Division of Washington State, you will need to complete 2 forms. One is a W-9 and the other is a Statewide Vendor registration & Payment form. This is required by anyone in ESAR that makes a claim to be reimbursed by the State for gas, medical payments, lost equipment or loss of wages because of a SAR mission or training. Do not lose money that can be paid to you by the State because of these forms. You only have to file them once. I can send you the forms by e-mail or you can come to a board or general

meeting, and I will have them there for you. The State says it is being required by the IRS, now whether that is true or not, we are not sure.

DEM NUMBERS:

Those of you who have completed Course 1A on 11/12-13/2011 will receive your DEM cards at Course 2A in January—that is, if you are attend Course 2A the first week of January. Those trainees that did Course 1B on 12/3-4/2011, your applications are with the DEM at this moment. Once the Sheriff's office has cleared you, you will receive your card. This sometimes takes some time, so do not get too excited waiting for your number. Just one thing to remember, once you have your card and number, memorize it, as you will have to have that number every time you sign in for an ESAR activity. It protects you and our Unit by State Law.

ESAR JACKETS

Libby has received the ESAR jackets. If you ordered one, you can pick it up this next Thursday at the Board meeting or go to Libby's home to pick it up or e-mail her at libby@ronhayward.net to find out the best way for you to get your Jacket.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE