

ESAR NOTEPAD FOR MAY 2012

CALENDAR:

- 3 Board Meeting, PCC, 21st & Cushman – 1900 hours
- 8 **SAFECO**, contact Andy Florek, esarflorek@aol.com
- 18-20 Washington State SAR Conference, Goldendale, WA
No General Meeting due to SAR Conference
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW BRUSHMONKEYS:

We had our 46th brushmonkey graduation on April 22nd at the Peace Community Center (PCC). Fifty-four trainees completed the brushmonkey course this year. There were over 150 people in attendance at this fantastic meal. People brought their favorite food, and the potluck was great! I do not think we could have gotten any more people into the building; it was packed! Thanks to Sheri Florek for arranging the program. To those of you who missed, be sure to attend the banquet next year!

Just a reminder to those who just graduated as a brushmonkeys: You are not finished training! As a matter of fact, you are never done training in SAR. Now that the Core Competency policy has been signed by the sheriffs, all SAR units will look at their programs to see if there are areas that might have been missed. Our unit has very few areas to add, but they must be included in our training if we wish to stay in SAR.

GPS training is a requirement, and Libby will have a class in June at the general meeting. This is almost a mandatory to attend, because you will need that training on your record. Helicopters-Basic and Radio Communications are just a couple of the topics we need to cover. The SAR conference is a good choice to attend, as you can learn a great deal of the Standards requirements.

If you are an adult in ESAR, we need you to come to the board meetings and find out what you can do for our unit. No one is just a “member” but an important part of the total program. Every committee needs help, when you think we have 201 members to work with and manage.

SAFECO: May 8th, 23rd & 27th:

Those of you who attended the banquet Sunday heard Lethaniel ask for your help in manning the ESAR booth at Safeco Field. Just think! In only 20 days a year, we raise nearly all the funds it takes to operate. We have one other activity – the White River Run in the summer, which takes one day. Thank you to those who completed the form at the banquet for Andy, the Safeco Director, and turned them in. I know that Andy really appreciates the help.

As you know, SAR is very expensive. Working at Safeco can earn you credit for a pager or an ESAR jacket/coat. Your family and friends can work and get additional credit for you. Start getting those credits, because new coats are coming!! The jacket/coats are an important part of SAR. We must wear red on our coats, hats, sweatshirts or T-shirts on a mission. It is really great to see so many people dressed in red for a mission. I have had people comment that

our appearance is “professional.” We are volunteers, but we do look professional when we are dressed alike in red.

WASHINGTON STATE SAR CONFERENCE May 18-20, 2012:

I have a tremendous amount of pride in the State SAR Conference this month. This is the 42nd Annual SAR Conference for the State. My pride comes from the fact I was the founder of the conference in 1969. We had 175 people attend that first conference in '69; now the attendance has grown up to about 1,100 people attending. They are expecting about 700 this year. (That is about 1/5th of the size of the host city of Goldendale, WA). I have had the honor to help work on the conference this year. I will be in attendance, the same as every year. I hope you are attending, too. Just for your information if you are attending, Pierce County SAR Council will reimburse you ½ of the tuition you paid for the conference of \$95. I will have a sign in sheet at the conference and will then send it to the Council for your portion of the cost. They will only reimburse ½ the basic cost of \$95. See you at the conference!

MISSIONS:

4/27/12 Mission #12-1389, (#5 for this year) – Carnation – 52 Y/F missing from home at @ 0530 to 0700 on Thursday, 4/26/12. Numerous units from outside of King Co. participated. Many situations have occurred with this person. Mission was suspended at 1700 hours. 20 ESAR members were on the mission.

Some notes on the mission. First, it was great to see some of the new members on that mission. Second, it is not typical for a long line of searchers to do a grid search. We do not do that in Pierce County. Third, to those who are new, make sure you have, as a minimum, an ESAR cap. You can also purchase a T- shirt, long or short sleeve, or a sweatshirt. Wait to purchase an ESAR rain coat, as we are looking at a new one. You need something that indicates you are member of a SAR unit. Recently, one of our members did not have ESAR clothing and was challenged by the detective in charge as to why he was there. Don't let that happen to you! If you have a rain coat now, it must be red with an ESAR patch on the sleeve. I recommend the ESAR rain coats when they become available.

A number of new members have not completed the vendor registration and W-9 for the State of Washington. Eventually, you will have claims for gas, but before the claims will be accepted, you must complete those forms. If you have not done so, do so now; you never know when you will have a claim. The forms only need to be done once. I will send them out again as an attachment separate from the NOTEPAD.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations are in order for Kevin Hayward, as he will be attending the U. S. Coast Guard Academy on June 25th, after graduation on the 16th from Gig Harbor High School. Good job, Kevin! It is great when our young people from ESAR can attend any of our military academies.

We also need to congratulate all our young people who are graduating from high school this year. If you are going to college in the area, we hope you can continue to work with ESAR. If you are going away to school, be sure to come with us on missions during your school breaks. We wish you the best in the future, and whatever your goals are, keep up the values you learned from ESAR.

MEMBERSHIP & RECORDS:

Just a reminder to our members of what to do when you change your phone numbers, change your e-mail address, or move to a new address: Please notify Phyllis Posey, Membership and Records Director. Contact her by e-mail at pcesarmemrec@yahoo.com. You can also send a notice to ESAR, PO Box 11322, Tacoma, WA 98411. If you forget to do this, you will just about fall off the edge of the earth!! We will not be able to contact you, and you will receive no information on ESAR activities. Also, we have to notify County DEM of any phone changes, so people who eventually get your old number won't get calls at 0300 in the morning.

You can also notify Phyllis if you wish to receive texts from ESAR. We know there are people missing out on activities, because we were never given permission to add you to the ESAR paging system.

If there has been a search where you did not receive notification via cell phone and/or home phone, please notify me at sarsmith3@comcast.net.

For those who did not attend the graduation banquet on the 22nd, your certificate and DEM cards are in the mail. You will need your DEM card for check in at search bases in King County. Be sure you have it with you at all times just in case we go to King County again.

WEST VALLEY POLICE DEPT. COMMEMORATIVE COIN:

I have nine coins for people who did not attend the graduation banquet. This was given to everyone who participated in the South Hill evidence search at the landfill. It was given as a token of appreciation by the West Valley Police Dept. of Utah. If you are one of those who did not get your coin, come to the Board meeting on Thursday.

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