
ESAR NOTEPAD FOR JULY 2012

CALENDAR:

- 1 **Safeco** (Contact Lethaniel 253.225.0524)
- 3 **Safeco** (Contact Andy 253.817.8068)
- 5 Board Meeting, PCC, 21st & Cushman – 1900 hours
- 19 General Meeting, PCC, 21st & Cushman – 1900 hours (TBA)
- 24 **Safeco** (Andy 253.817.8068)
- 27/28 White River 50 Mile Run, Ranger Creek Campground, (TBA)
- 28 **Safeco** (Andy 253.817.8068)

BIGFOOT:

Fourteen ESAR members took part in Bigfoot, our recertification for the Pierce County Sheriff on June 23-24th at Ranger Creek. Naturally, it rained just to test our capacity to train and be able to work. The SAR coordinators did not have a couple of programs that they wanted to do, but there were three different scenarios for everyone on Saturday. Sunday was a day of working with electronic locator beacon receivers. It gave everyone a chance to practice using the equipment and techniques for locating a downed aircraft. Following that practice, the SAR coordinators did a BBQ for everyone. It was a good practice for everyone and an opportunity to learn a great deal more about SAR. If you signed up but are not able to attend, please let us know you will be absent. BIGFOOT will be held the 3rd weekend of June next year. Be sure to attend, as this will give you the 24 hours of required training you will need for the year. Thanks to those who attended the training this year. The deputies really appreciated your response.

SAFECO:

As you can see, ESAR has four games to work at Safeco this month. Andy has worked very hard to fill each game with enough people. If you can help, contact Andy Florek at esarflorek@aol.com or call him at 253.817.8068. He needs people to help out. You do not have to be an ESAR member to work at Safeco – just have a food handler's card and be 16 years of age or over. If you are 21 or over, you must have an alcohol server's card. The required training to receive your cards can be done on line. Contact Andy if you have questions. It is better for us to work Safeco than to have membership dues for ESAR. Also, remember you can earn credit towards an ESAR coat by working at Safeco.

WHITE RIVER 50 MILE RUN July 27-28:

Keith Schlemlein (253.922.8660 home, 253.606.7626 cell, or keith_sch@msn.com) is the coordinator of this event. This is a way to help ESAR raise funds. The run starts on Saturday morning at 0530, but ESAR camps out at Ranger Creek on Friday afternoon. We assist during the event by working at stations for safety of the runners. (Why anybody wants to run 50 miles is beyond me!) More information will be given prior to the event, so you can participate. It is a campout and really a lot of fun! Be sure and put it on your calendar for July.

MISSIONS:

June 3 Buckley, missing 100 year old woman. Found OK by GSSD. 19 people responded, 73.5 manhours, 13 vehicles, drove 776 miles. Savings of \$2,534.43. She was located in the woods, but she was in good shape for being 100 years old!!

June 22 80th & Canyon Road, 79 year old female with Alzheimer was missing. 3 people responded, 2.5 manhours, 3 vehicles, 15 miles, savings of \$190.33. It was a turnaround. The callout lasted about 15 minutes.

June 28 Fircrest, 88 year old man with Alzheimer missing from his home. 25 ESAR members responded. 92 manhours, 19 vehicles, 636 miles driven, and savings of \$3,070.50. Subject was located by a citizen who saw him fall and called 911. Tacoma Fire Dept. responded and found that he was lost. As a matter of fact, he knew his name and that he was lost. He was 3 miles from his home. It shows us that just because they have Alzheimer's, does not prevent them from walking a great distance. Usually they are walkers and can go a long distance before we can find them. That is one reason the Pierce County Sheriff's Office calls us so soon after they are reported missing.

You will notice that the three missions we were on in June were for elderly people. You will find that we will be getting more and more calls to look for elderly who have dementia or Alzheimer's. Yes, it is hard for you to break away from some activity to participate in these missions, but they could be one of your grandparents. They are just as important as young people, so do not turn down an opportunity to look for these people. They count on us to help and so does the Sheriff!!!

CORE COMPETENCY:

You may have heard or seen information that all Search and Rescue people are required to perform 24 hours of training or a combination of 16 hours training and 8 hours SAR missions per year. How do you get this training? First, attendance at board meetings, attendance at general meetings, Bigfoot, WESAR meetings, PCSAR Council meetings, SARVAC meetings, WESAR training in June and brushmonkey training in the fall, winter and spring. Any of those events will aid you in completing the required 24 hours. Many of you will want to become team leaders and that will be qualification for the training required by the Core Competency. One purpose of the Core Competency is to find out if people are interested in being active in SAR or just members on a list. You will have to do this every year as long as you remain in the program. We are here to serve you. If you have ideas for training, we want to hear about them. We are always looking for training ideas for the general meetings. You can help, but you have to attend in order for it to be of value. See you at the next board meeting or general meeting, so you can start collecting those 24 hours that are required. Those that went on Bigfoot have their 24 hours for the year, but I am sure you will see them at other training events.

If you plan to be inactive, please let us know, so we can stop the calls and e-mails for events in ESAR. Thanks for your service.

WEEKLY CELL PHONE TEST:

I am sure by now you have seen the cell phone or ESAR paging system test at 1700 hours on Thursday evenings. We need to know if you are NOT receiving the test. We want you to be able to respond to any message we have to send your way. If you are not receiving the test messages, please let Smitty know ASAP at sarsmith3@comcast.net or 253.565.8980. We know that there are about 15-20 members not on the PCESAR paging system. If you are one of those, send me an e-mail, asking to be put on the system. We will not add you without your permission. Thanks for your interest in ESAR.

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