

## ESAR NOTEPAD FOR NOVEMBER 2012

### CALENDAR:

- 1 Board meeting, Peace Community Church, 21<sup>st</sup> & Cushman – 1900 hours
- 8 Training meeting, TBD
- 10-11 Course 1A, Frontier Park, 0700 hours
- 15 General meeting, Peace Community Church, 21<sup>st</sup> & Cushman – 1900 hours
- 20 Orientation, Parkland/Spanaway library – 1900 hours
- 22 Thanksgiving – Have a great day with your family!!!
- Dec 1-2 Course 1B, Frontier Park, 0700 hours

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

Every fall, ESAR sends out a renewal applications. The purpose of the renewal application is to keep our membership information up to date and communications flowing. This year you will have the option of returning your application in the mail with a check, or going to our website to re-up and pay with PayPal and update any information that needs to be changed. We hope this will make it more convenient for some of you. If you have decided you do not want to continue in ESAR, PLEASE let us know at this time. Failure to pay for re-up or not send in your application means you will be dropped from the roles.

### VEHICLES:

Chuck Woolley, Equipment Director, is looking for more of our adult members to drive the ESAR vehicles on missions. We have very few who are willing to drive. We had to cancel our response to a recent SAR mission, because we did not have a driver. Contact Chuck at [253.381.0279](tel:253.381.0279). If we get about 9-12 drivers, we can establish a list with duty weeks, so that the responsibility for driving the three vehicles is shared amongst all drivers. Are you willing to help out?

### ORIENTATION:

The next orientation is on the 2nd of November at the Parkland/Spanaway library, 13<sup>th</sup> & Pacific Ave. at 1900 hours. The purpose is to have an orientation for those who missed earlier orientations and catch your buddies who just heard about ESAR. Please bring anyone you think would like to join this fun group. Remember, they do have to be 14 years of age.

### MISSIONS:

- Oct 1 Search call for Sedro Woolley, Skagit County. Missing 80 Y/M. Was a turnaround for us, as the subject was found deceased. (1 personnel, 3 Manhours, 1 Vehicle, 60 miles, Savings. \$123.96.)
- Oct. 7 Search for a mushroom hunter south of Randle. Subject was located OK. We did not respond.
- Oct. 10 Search in Kitsap County for a missing 75 Y/M. He was found over 10 miles away after crossing the Hoods Canal Bridge. We did not respond.
- Oct. 16 Search in South Bend, Pacific County. Subject was a hunter and was found OK before we could respond.
- Oct. 20 Search for a 56 Y/M with dementia missing in Tacoma. He scaled a 6-foot fence using a wheelbarrow and a ladder. He was found by Tacoma Police Dept. in downtown Tacoma. He was OK. (19 personnel, 125.5 hours, 12 vehicles, 364 miles, savings of \$3,460.85.)

TOTALS FOR 2012: 31 calls, responded to 20 missions, personnel 329, 2,314 manhours, 206 vehicles, 14,419 miles, Savings of \$64,162.34. For your information, we have been called to the following counties and a national park for

missions. Mason, Island, Kitsap, Yakima, King, Grays Harbor, Whatcom, Skagit, Lewis, Pacific and Mt. Rainier National Park.

We have built a reputation of excellence and will continue to receive calls from outside of Pierce County. Are you willing to respond to missions? If you are not, be sure to notify Phyllis Posey, 253.862.8821 of your desire to be removed from the call out list.

#### ESAR MANUALS:

For the first time in 36 years, we have new ESAR manual. The cost is \$10 as it has more items covered. It follows the core competencies, which are required of all members in Search and Rescue in Washington State. This manual is being tested by all ESAR units in Washington. It will not be sold to anyone outside of ESAR for at least one year. We want to be sure we have everything you will need, and that it is correct. If you have the new manual, please take the time to read it and, if you have comments, be sure to express them to the ESAR leadership. If you do not have one and wish one, they will be at Course 1A and Course 1B for you to purchase. If you cannot attend either of those courses, the books will be at the Board meeting and the general meeting this next month. Be sure and get a copy so you can complete the core competencies to keep your membership in SAR.

#### GENERAL MEETING:

The topic this month is evidence and clue searching. We find that many times, we are called to aid law enforcement agencies to do evidence missions. This is a core competency requirement that you will need to remain active in ESAR. This will count towards your 24 hours of continuing education that are required every year. Remember, eight of the 24 hours may be done during a SAR mission or on a mock search and rescue training mission. Failure to complete training hours means you cannot be certified for search and rescue by the Sheriff's Office. We know you want to be active, so please attend this training.

#### CLOTHING:

October 1<sup>st</sup> begins the (wool) season. This lasts until April 1st. Be sure you wear wool or Poly Pro on missions and training. No excuses!!!