

PCSAR Rescue Reporter

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Quarterly Feature

Early last month we lost long-time team member Koda. He was diagnosed with meningitis in December and, after a quick battle, succumbed to it on the first of March.



His search abilities and presence will be missed by many.

Training

The first quarter has been busy for training. Not only have we been finishing up basic training for our trainees, but we've also been keeping team members advancing with advanced training. In February, we held an ice rescue class. Our members got the chance to save a victim from frigid water.

The second quarter will be just as busy. As we move into nicer weather we will be able to incorporate more of our hands on training. This will include a few opportunities for extrication practicals, one that will include a bus, and some vertical rescue scenarios. Later this year, we will be bringing in a three day class to teach our team new techniques that will challenge new and old members.

In an attempt to provide better services to the surrounding communities and improve communication and effectiveness, we have been working with surrounding agencies to improve understanding and compare our techniques. Our hope is that by doing this, when we arrive on the same incident, we can provide an increased level of care to the patient.



Team Goals

For 2013, we are establishing goals to meet during the year. The goals will be met during the year and we will continue to set goals as the year goes on.

- To achieve 90% completion of truck checks and inventory
- To work with the PCSO to develop a retention program to instate in 2014
- Move forward with our Strategic Plan and work on areas of improvement
- To retain 90% of our membership through 2013
- To have 100% compliance on check sheets



Events and Training

April

- 16th – Basic Map Class
- 23rd – CPR Refresher Class
- 27-28th – Wilderness First Aid
- 30th – Full CPR Class

Our open house will be on September 14 this year! Please put it on your calendars!

Operations Update

In March, the team took ownership of our third new vehicle in just over a year. Our new 2013 Chevy Suburban replaces one we had wrecked several years ago. Through our County budget and the funds we received for response reimbursement from Title III monies, we were able to make the purchase. This vehicle will be used for personnel transport to and from scenes, on mass casualty incidents, and on searches or rescues. It is a welcome addition to our fleet as it helps us replace vehicles that are over 15 years old and keeps our responders safer. We are hoping to have it in service by the end of April.

~Tammy Stadel
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1st Quarter Call Review

Type	Jan - Mar	YTD
Cancelled	14	14
Extrication	2	2
Fire	5	5
Other	0	0
Rescue	0	0
Search	0	0
Vertical	1	1
Water	1	1
Total	23	23