

# PCSAR Rescue Reporter

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## Quarterly Feature

We held our 24<sup>th</sup> annual open house on September 21st. This gave us a chance to thank the community for supporting our team for the last 40 years. Though we don't have an exact count, attendance seemed to be up from previous years. Thank you to everyone for coming out to meet our team, see our equipment, and support us for another year.

## New Recruits

In early October we held our recruit drive; advertising online and in news outlets brought us 13 prospective members. These additional future rescuers bring our recruit total up to 33 for the year. We will have some of the largest new recruit classes we have had in many years and get many good team members in the future.

We look forward to working with everyone and making them a valuable part of our team.

## Training Update

We were excited to meet many new recruits at our welcome night and are looking forward to getting them all trained up so they can become full team members in the near future. They will begin their training with the Fundamentals of Search and Rescue at the beginning of November. In the beginning of December, they will complete the other large training requirement, the South Dakota Emergency Rescue Technician Course.

As the end of the year draws near, we will on our end of year check sheets and new recruit training. By the end of the year, we will have our new recruits through two of their basic requirements for being team members. The team members are also looking forward to advanced trainings in the coming months. Team members will be participating in a search management review and an advanced extrication practical. The extrication practical will be an opportunity for them to hone their extrication techniques with a challenging scenario.

*~A.J. Randazzo  
Training Officer*



**Team Goals**

For 2013, we established goals to meet during the year. The goals will be met during the year and we will continue to set goals as needed throughout the year.

- 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

**Operations Update**

The team has been busy with training and calls. The first winter storm of the season came early this fall and we had crews out non-stop for the first 48 hours and on an as-needed basis for the next 48 hours.

Overall, we assisted over 100 people during the storm events. As we recover from the long hours working in the blizzard, we are also busy making sure our equipment is back in working order.

~Tammy Stadel  
Assistant Team Leader, Operations

**Events and Training**

**October**

29<sup>th</sup> – Search Tactics/MLPI Review

**November**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Fundamentals of SAR (8am – 5pm)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Fundamentals of SAR (8am – 5pm)

5<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting

12<sup>th</sup> – Advanced Extrication Practical

19<sup>th</sup> – Mass Casualty/Cascade

26<sup>th</sup> - Checksheets

**December**

3<sup>rd</sup> – Business Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> – Emergency Rescue Tech (8am – 5pm)

8<sup>th</sup> – Emergency Rescue Tech (8am – 5pm)

10<sup>th</sup> – FUNSAR/ERT Makeup

17<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party

24<sup>th</sup> – Night off

31<sup>st</sup> – Night off



**Call Review**

Type	Aug - Oct	YTD
Cancelled	9	43
Extrication	1	9
Fire	2	10
Other	1	2
Rescue	4	13
Search	0	4
Vertical	0	2
Water	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>85</b>