



PCSAR Rescue Reporter

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Quarterly Feature

We have had a very busy year in 2013. In prior years, we have averaged 85 calls – in 2012 we responded to 106. We sailed past that number to 115 calls for 2013. The high call volume meant team members put in a lot of hours as well – over 5,000 hours of service for training and call response.

The year has brought us many new trainees, 34 applied for our team in 2013. New recruit training started out with Fundamentals of Search and Rescue course in November. Eleven trainees successfully completed the class. December brought the South Dakota Emergency Rescue Technician course; 9 trainees attended the course and will take the test within the next few months.

PCSAR has historically retained about 25% of trainees throughout the training process – this round, we are on track to accept nearly 40%.

New Equipment

The team has purchased many pieces of equipment this year. From tracks for our ATV to rescue mannequins to a new Chevy Suburban, the team continues to replace old and worn equipment; this allows us to function safer and provide better service to the community.



Training Update

Our team members and trainees had a very busy end of the year as we began this year’s new recruit training and also had a few advanced training opportunities to challenge our team members. Our Trainees participated in both the Fundamentals of Search and Rescue and the South Dakota Emergency Rescue Technician classes and are two steps closer to becoming full team members! We look forward to finishing our New Recruit Training up in the beginning of 2014 and getting our Trainees on as full team members! Our team members were able to sharpen their search techniques and procedures with an advanced Managing the Lost Person Incident exercise and were also challenged by an advanced Extrication Practical.



Team Goals

We established goals for 2013 to meet during 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.

Over the next few weeks, we will be developing team goals for 2014.

Events and Training

January

- 7th – Business Meeting
- 11th – 12th – FUNSAR
- 14th – PIO Meeting
Training
- 18 – 19th – Winter Camp-out
- 21st – Training
- 28th – Training

February

- 4th – Team Photos
Business Meeting
- 11th – Training
- 18th – Training
- 25th – Training

March

- 4th – Business Meeting
- 11th – Training
- 18th – Training
- 25th – Training

Training Update, continued

We had a very successful and busy year training for the skills and services we provide for our community. We were able to complete several practicals this year including two Vertical Rescue Practical, a Scree Rescue Practical, and an Extrication Practical. I am extremely proud of our team for all of the hours that they have put in to ensure that we are trained and ready to go for anything that we may be called to do.



~A.J. Randazzo
Training Officer

Operations Update

The fourth quarter started out with a bang, or a blizzard as it was. Search and Rescue members spent 48 continuous hours rescuing people stranded due to the snow and an additional day assisting agencies access areas still blocked by downed trees and snow. Over 100 people were taken to a shelter or home during the blizzard operations and many more were taken to the hospital or treated in their homes. Partnering with the Rapid City Fire Department and Pennington County Sheriff's Office, tracked vehicles were staffed to take care of both medical emergencies and law enforcement issues.

~Tammy Stadel
Assistant Team Leader, Operations

Call Review		
Type	Oct – Dec	YTD
Cancelled	9	52
Extrication	1	8
Fire	3	13
Other (inc. WX)	23	24
Rescue	-	10
Search	-	4
Vertical	-	2
Water	-	2
Total	36	115