



# PCSAR Rescue Reporter

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## Quarterly Feature



During the first week in June, our team hosted a South Dakota Emergency Rescue Technician Class (SDERT) for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Civil Support Team (CST). The SDERT Course is the same certification that our trainees are required to obtain before they become team members. During the week long class the members of the CST covered: safety, rope rescue, vehicle extrication, water rescue, confined space, and trench rescue. After the classroom instruction, the students put their new skills to the test during two practical exercises. During the vertical practical, the class traveled to Falling Rock to set up a complete vertical system and conducted a mock rescue. The students completed all of the tasks of a vertical rescue under the supervision of our team members. The class also conducted an extrication practical; during this practical the students stabilized a vehicle, and completed a mock vehicle extrication. After the class passed their test, they were all certified as South Dakota Emergency Rescue Technicians. Congratulations to everyone, and thank you to all the Search and Rescue Team Members that made this possible!



## Team Goals

The following goals have been set for 2014:

- Complete a replacement plan for Rescue 1
- 100% compliance on check sheets
- Maintain 50% of new recruits
- Establish a building replacement/addition plan
- Create working agreements with several agencies for mutual responses

## Events and Training

### July

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Business Meeting
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Check Sheets
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Maintenance
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Annual Picnic
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Back 40 Race Standby
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Equipment Training

### August

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting

### September

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Business Meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Forklift Certification
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Open House Prep
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Open House
- 23<sup>st</sup> – Medic Familiarization
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Extrication Practical

## Team Leader's Corner

Search and Rescue has been busy building new relationships this year. We were very excited to train with the SD Civil Support Team (CST) and teach them the basics of technical rescue. In June, we worked with 18 members from the CST and one from the Badlands National Park Service doing high- and low-angle rescue and vehicle extrication. They are now all certified SD Rescue Technicians! We look forward to working with them in the future.

Our volunteer team has also been assisting other agencies by providing rescue standby for mountain bike races, run/walk races, and we were excited to attend the "Can You Rock a Disability?" event.

As summer continues to wind up, we want to encourage everyone to get outside, have fun, and enjoy the beautiful Black Hills. Remember to stay hydrated and always let someone know what your travel plans are.



~Tammy Stadel  
Team Leader

Call Review		
Type	APR – JUNE	YTD
Cancelled	11	26
Extrication	4	10
Fire	3	5
Rescue	2	3
Search	2	2
Vertical	2	2
Water	-	1
Other	-	1
Total	24	50



## Training Update:

This has been a busy quarter of training for Search and Rescue. We primarily focused on the upcoming summer that is now upon us. In April, we had training on electrical safety, with the possibility of storms causing down power lines that we may come across, we wanted the members to be safe. Another great training opportunity was the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) with the Rapid Valley Fire Department driving simulator. RVFD came to SAR and let us train with this great tool, we appreciate them for the opportunity to better our skills. We also “brushed” up on our Wilderness First Aid skills, with all the great places to hike in the area, this is one more tool we have to help those in need.

Now for May.... When out in the hills, not only do we need to find our way to a location, we also need to find our way back to the trucks; because of this, we did a Map & Compass and GPS receiver review. This keeps our navigation skills pointed in the right direction. With the extra moisture we have been experiencing, we did some shore support training with the Water Rescue Team's (WRT) swift water instructors. In a water situation things can change “swiftly” and we want to be able to provide safe working practices around the water. The training provided us with the necessary skills to provide shore based rescue and support to work in conjunction with the WRT in case of a swift water rescue. To finish off the month of May, we conducted a vertical practical at Falling Rock, which provided us an opportunity to “hang out” with the Rapid City Fire Rescue 3 guys as we worked to become more efficient in performing joint vertical rescues.

June wrapped up the quarter of training; one of the “solid” trainings we did in June was work on our anchoring skills for vertical rescue. We do vertical rescues in many places throughout the Black Hills and the perfect “bomb proof” anchor is not always available to make safe and effective rescues. In the Advanced Anchors class we learn ways to combine objects in the area to create a single solid anchor. The tri-annual Airport Training Exercise also occurred this month, so we reviewed our Mass Casualty procedures and how the trailer is setup to be ready for the exercise. Not only do we have the airport in our area, but with the Black Hills being a popular vacation destination we have many tour busses that could potentially produce a high number of casualties if there were an accident.

This brings us to the final training for the month: Hybrid Cars. This training included information on how to deal with challenges such as hardened steel and dangerous high voltage systems when cutting on a Hybrid Car during vehicle extrication.



*~Jason Dannenbring  
Training Officer*



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## Pennington County Search and Rescue

September 20  
12 p.m. to 3:00 p.m



Extrication Demonstration  
2:00 p.m.

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Rapid City, SD



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