



PCSAR Rescue Reporter

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Quarterly Feature - Team Member Profile



Ray on scene



Ray's 1934 Ford Highboy

Ray Coldwell has been with the team for 40 years and is our longest running team member. After the flood of 1972, Ray experienced search and rescue firsthand as he and his family searched for his grandparents in the devastation and rubble that was left along Rapid Creek. In the fall of 1975, with college completed and wedded to his lovely wife, Renee, Ray joined Pennington County Search and Rescue.

For the past 40 years, Ray has operated the family business, Motive Parts, raised two children, Ryan and Raelynn, enjoyed his hobby of car collecting and restoration, and responded to all variety of calls for Search and Rescue. Ray has stayed with Search and Rescue all these years because he feels good doing the job. While not every call is a rescue, he hopes by helping to bring a person home it will give the family and friends peace of mind.

Ray's welding skill has been a terrific asset for the Team. His welding projects have included safety items for the barn and add-ons for vehicles. His most recent project was replacing the drain canal covers that had become ankle twisters. The new drain covers for the canal run the length of our four main bays and have plates over sections of the metal slat drain cover to create crossings for the forklift.

Last year, Ray retired and sold his business. With that sale, he donated a sizeable sum to PCSAR to help with the purchase of a much needed replacement extrication vehicle.

Retirement has provided Ray and Renee more opportunities to spend time with their children and grandchildren and for Ray to give his car collection more attention. This last month he found one of his dream cars, a 1934 Ford Highboy. With this newest addition to his collection, Ray is looking forward to enjoying for more leisurely drives with his wife.



Team Goals

The following goals have been set for 2015:

- Complete a replacement plan for Rescue 1
- 25% increase in attendance by general membership
- Develop a Leadership Taskbook
- Identify equipment, age, cost, usage, and service life fore creation of replacement plan

Events and Training

April

- 7th – Business Meeting
ERT Exam
Sked Review
- 18th-19th – MLPI Class, Part 1
- 21st – EVOC Practical
CPR Refresher
- 25th-26th – MLPI Class, Part 2
- 28th – CPR Complete Class
Vertical Check Sheet

May

- 5th – Business Meeting
GPS Check Sheet
- 9th – Smokey Bear Balloon Lift
- 19th – Helicopter Operations
- 26th – Map & Compass Check Sheet

June

- 2nd – Business Meeting
Hybrid Car Class
- 16th – Extrication Practical
- 23rd – Team Picnic
- 30th – Navigation Check Sheet

Team Leader’s Corner



We are very pleased to announce the majority of our new members have completed half of their new recruit training and well on their way to becoming full team members! In addition to the busy training season, the team has been prepping for the summer months. We spent a weekend testing our winter equipment in January but, with the warm temperatures, are ready for people to be outside and tourist season.

We have many projects going on this year, everything from training with other agencies in the area to building a new rescue truck. Members have also been updating our inventory management and vehicle replacement. Overall, this will be another great year for the team!

~Tammy Stadel
Team Leader

Call Review			
Type	Jan - Mar	Cancelled	YTD
Cancelled	15	-	15
Extrication	4	8	4
Fire	7	3	7
Rescue	2		2
Search	-	1	-
Vertical	1		1
Water	-		-
Other	-	3	-
Total	29		29



Operations Update

As we close the first quarter of the new year we are gearing up for what could be a very busy summer. We spent the first quarter training a new batch of folks that we will welcome on as Team Members in the near future. We had many exciting training opportunities including Ice Rescue, and our annual winter camp-out. We have also begun to prepare our equipment for the coming summer; this includes taking the tracks off of our vehicles and also preparing our equipment for possible wildland fires. Our team supports the state's Type 2 incident management team during wildland fires, and this year looks like it will be very busy. We will continue to keep our equipment in good working order and also training to provide the best and most efficient rescue services that we can for the people and area that we serve.

~ Andrew Randazzo
Assistant Team Leader - Operations



Training Update

This has been a busy 1st quarter for training we have completed a weekend of Fundamentals of search and rescue and a full weekend of Emergency Rescue technician training. A Saturday of Extrication Practical, and many Tuesday nights of training.

The Tuesday night included :

- New Recruit Orientation
- Communication Classes
- Throw Bag Training for Swift Water
- Mass Casualty protocols
- Ice Rescue awareness using the blow up boat
- EVOC classroom training

We have a lot more training planned to help up gear up for the upcoming summer.

~ Jason Dannenbring
Training Officer

