

# **PCSAR Rescue Reporter**

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Gail receiving the award for Team Member of the Year



A few of our new team members voted on this year. James, Kris, Lisa and Carl

### **Parade of Lights**

Kris and Audra co-chaired this year's float entry from PCSAR. Team members cut and painted winter characters and dressed the float with lights. One of the float items, a lighted star, was transferred to the tower behind our building and can be seen shining in the night.





## **Christmas Party**

This year's Christmas Party was held in the EOC. A big thank you to the staff of Emergency Management for use of the space and assistance with arrangements. The delicious meal was catered by Job Corp. Chuck and his staff did a terrific job!



After the meal, Tammy handed out several awards to team members for length of service. Most notably was Ray for his 40 years of commitment to the team!





To help burn off some of the calories from the double and triple layer desserts, teams of two were created to race through a series of challenges created by Tammy including wrapping a gift with only one hand from each team member and blowing paper tents from one side of the table to the other.





# **Events and Training**

**Check Sheet:** Vertical

#### **January**

5<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting

12<sup>th</sup> – New Recruit Introductions

19th - Advanced Vertical

26<sup>th</sup> - Communications

30<sup>th</sup> - FUNSAR

31st - FUNSAR

#### **February**

2<sup>nd</sup> - Business Meeting

9th - Mass Casualty

16<sup>th</sup> – CPR

20th – ERT Vertical

21st - ERT Vertical

23<sup>rd</sup> – Winter Campout Prep

26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> – Winter Campout

#### **March**

1<sup>st</sup> - Business Meeting

 $8^{th}$  – CPR

15<sup>th</sup> – Ice Rescue

19th - ERT Extrication

20th - ERT Extrication

22<sup>nd</sup> - Vertical Check sheets

#### **Team Goals**

The following goals have been set for 2016:

- 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

# **Training Update**

Welcome to this quarters recap of Search and Rescue training.

In the final quarter we got out and spent the month of October learning the ins and outs and ups and downs of trench rescue. It is a dirty job but we dug in and got it done. November, we built up our skills on how to shore a collapsed building. Learned the different kind of equipment we have and how to safely enter the collapsed building and set the shores up. December, we had projects going on and gave time for people to be with their family and friends.

The final training push for 2015 is over and we have finished the year up with some new team members that are mission ready. Veteran team members have had some opportunity to train with them and share their experience.

Looking forward to the New Year and training with all the great people on the SAR team. I am excited to start training with the new recruits and experience all the excitement and great and positive training that we have to look forward to. All and all we are ready to take on the next year.

~ Jason "JD" Dannenbring Training Officer



Trench rescue practical

## **Team Leader's Corner**

Wrapping up the year, the team made great progress. We reached a record number of calls, maintained a significant number of new recruits, completed checksheets, and now have a certified search dog. The team has made great strides to strengthen our performance.

Additionally, we assisted on wildland fires and received several community grants, allowing us to purchase a new trailer for our off-road equipment.

We are looking forward to continuing the success in 2016. With the dedication of our team members, we see great things coming in our future.

~Tammy Stadel Team Leader



Trench rescue practical cutting table



Trench rescue practical shoring system in place



Operational readiness day for winter equipment



PCSAR receiving award from Mother's Against Drunk Driving

## **Operations Update**

It is already time to close out the year! Our team was very busy in 2015, responding to over 100 calls for service. Our dedicated members answered emergency calls throughout our county and the surrounding area, all while improving their skills in all of our specialties. We spent the last part of the year getting our snow equipment ready for winter and also enjoying some time together during the holidays.

As we move into 2016, we will continue to stay prepared for winter weather. We are looking forward to getting in some more training on our winter equipment during our annual Winter Camp-Out.

Thank you for your support throughout the year! We hope you had a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

~ Andrew Randazzo Assistant Team Leader - Operations

Call Review			
Туре	Oct - Dec	Cancelled	YTD
Cancelled	9		51
Extrication	2	5	8
Fire	7	2	23
Rescue	3	1	8
Search	-		8
Vertical	1	1	6
Water	1		4
Other	2		7
Total	25		115

