



# PCSAR Rescue Reporter

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Arriving on scene at the Cottonwood Fire. PCSAR provided equipment and personnel to set up command in support of the fire fighting effort.



Fires burning across Tennessee and North Carolina have pulled in resources from all over the country. The team's command trailer and 60kw generator trailer spent time on the Maple Springs Fire in North Carolina.

## Multi-agency Search Exercise

Rockerville Volunteer Fire Department hosted our annual search exercise. This year, the search was for a downed plane. Participating agencies included Rockerville Volunteer Fire Department, SD Civil Air Patrol and Pennington County Sheriff's Office. Search by air and ground located the plane and then continued for a passenger that had walked away from the "crash". Interagency exercises are a terrific way to not only find and work out any operational kinks, but to allow personnel from the different agencies to get to know each other. These working relationships improve efficiency and communications on future incidents.



Command set at Rockerville VFD Station 2



Teams receiving Search assignments



The computers of Command



Major Deweese & Colonel Small of the CAP Rushmore Composite Squadron out of Rapid City



Prepping UTVs for deployment



Great job everyone!

## Events and Training

### Check Sheets

Jan-Apr – Vertical

### January

3<sup>rd</sup> – Business Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> – New Recruit Night  
17<sup>th</sup> – Evidence Awareness  
24<sup>th</sup> – Mass Casualty  
28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> – FUNSAR  
31<sup>st</sup> – Ice Rescue

### February

7<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting  
14<sup>th</sup> – Winter Campout Prep  
17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – Winter Campout  
21<sup>st</sup> – CPR Refresher  
25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – ERT  
28<sup>th</sup> – Helicopter Operations

### March

7<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting  
14<sup>th</sup> – CPR  
18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – ERT  
21<sup>st</sup> – Vertical Check Sheets  
28<sup>th</sup> – Cascade System

## Team Goals

The following goals have been set for 2017:

- Complete the replacement plan for vehicles, including to have a new Rescue 2 by 2018
- 100% compliance with checksheet completion
- Maintain a minimum of 25 trained and active members
- Have at least six members attend training outside the department, including the Homeland Security Conference and Instructor Training

## Team Leader's Corner

As the team wraps up 2016 and looks at the stats, we were down significantly in call volume. Although our team only responded to 71 calls (we did over 100 last year), we were busy with other things. We reached three of the four team goals, only falling short on out of area training. I'm extremely happy what we accomplished this year.

In short:

We supported six national and local wildland fires, covering over 6,000 miles and utilizing our communications trailer, light towers, generators, and vehicles for support.

We responded to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to support the tribal officials with a search for three missing subjects. Members consulted with their law enforcement in the initial stages of the search and the team performed the recovery operation when the vehicle was located.

Jeff Larus, our Maintenance Officer, and several of our team members installed our 60kW generator into a new trailer. This project took several months and, when completed, was one of the pieces of equipment used for wildfire support.

We have completed the replacement plan for Rescue 1 thanks to the support of a local individual. Expecting deliver in early 2017, we are excited to have a safer and more dependable vehicle for our team to respond.

I cannot say enough how thankful I am to work with such a great team. The support from their families and the time they dedicate to the community is priceless.

~Tammy Stadel  
Team Leader

Call Review			
Type	Oct-Dec	Cancelled	YTD
Cancelled	4		34
Extrication	3	3	9
Fire	3		13
Rescue	-	1	3
Search	-		2
Vertical	-		2
Water	-		1
Other	4		8
Total			72



Building shoring practical in the barn.  
Cutting table with cleats to hold large  
beams for cutting.



Assembly of shoring.



Nailing plates to Double-T shoring.

## Training Update

Welcome to 2017!!!!!! But first, a look back at 2016. From the training side, we had a great year for training. There were a lot of new people that really did a great job of showing up for training and putting in their best. They became team members and will be a great addition to the team. This being said, the training success is due to the outstanding team members that came to the trainings and supported the new recruits. The team's positivity, helpfulness, and ability to share their experiences and knowledge with the new recruits made it successful. Thank you all.

Now, a look at the year ahead. There will be a lot of hands-on training and fun to be had. We are starting a new curriculum for the Emergency Rescue Technician class; this will be a first for the trainees and for the instructors. The training schedule is on the calendar on the team web page. If you are out and about, stop and see the great things that we do. We, as a team, enjoy training and sharing what we do. I personally am looking forward to another great year of training.

*~ Jason "JD" Dannenbring  
Training Officer*

## New Team Members

Brian, Flint and Shawn were voted on as team members. Congratulations! 2016 saw nine trainees voted onto the team.

## Elections for 2017

Secretary: Kathie  
Training Officer: JD  
Assistant Team Leader of Operations: Rick

A big thank you to all the hard work AJ put in during his time serving as the Operations Assistant Team Leader from 2015-2016!

## Recruitment for 2017

Recruitment this year brought in a large number of people interested in serving the community. January will see 20 new trainees along with three new liaisons from the Sheriff's Office. The liaisons are deputies we work with in the field on calls. By training alongside our trainees, these deputies have a greater understanding of our operations and can assist when needed.



### Annual Holiday Party



The team's holiday party was held in the Emergency Operations Center and catered by the always delicious Job Corp. Congratulations to this year's award winners!



Trainee of the Year - Flint



Team Member of the Year - Ray



Officer of the Year - Jeff

### Donation – RESPEC Consulting & Services

The employees of RESPEC selected PCSAR as their annual non-profit donation recipient. With our selection came an offer to tour the RESPEC facility in Rapid City. The tour was fascinating and a real treat as all the team members to accept the invitation have backgrounds in geology and engineering. We are thankful to the tremendous generosity of the employees of RESPEC! With their donation we will be able to purchase the 20 textbooks needed for the new rescue technician curriculum as well as have a bit left over to put towards purchasing protective gear for team member use during vehicle extrications.



### Winter Storm – Christmas Day

A blizzard blew through the Black Hills and across the prairie Christmas Day. Team members worked through the night with the Rapid City Fire Department and Pennington County Sheriff's Office to rescue 30 people and 5 dogs stranded along I-90 and Highway 44.



Snow machine Tweety

Because of the long distances the team travels to reach stranded motorists, one of our snow machines, which travel between 20-30 mph in clear conditions, will be pre-staged in Wall to allow for a faster response on the eastern side of Pennington County and points east.