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Winter Campout

In February, our not-so-wintery campout was held at the Boxelder Forks Campground. Given the lack of snow and muddy trails, practical exercises were kept close to camp.

Saturday we were joined by personnel from the Civil Air Patrol and our liaisons with the Sheriff’s Office in rescue exercises.

Wednesday, June 14 - 8:00 am Shotgun Start

2 pin prizes per hole
Raffle prizes
Dunk a Deputy—Instead of golf strokes your score is your shots to hit the target
Drunk Driving—Tee off with Drunk Goggles
Prizes for Patriotic Clothing
Color Guard

Fundraiser!

$100 Per Player
$400 for 4 Person Team (includes lunch)

For more information and registration, visit our website at pennco.org/pcsar_fundraiser

CAP personnel form a haul team for an uphill skree carryout

Team members and deputies prepping the SKED for patient packaging

CAP personnel observe setup of a skree system to carryout a “patient”, Lt. Wood with the Sheriff’s Office, down or up a sloping hill.

Tammy leads a group of CAP personnel with a wheeled stokes basket to demonstrate the ease of moving a person on a single wheel with only a few people, even over rough terrain and through snow.

Search and rescue team members in planning mode
Events and Training

Check Sheets
Apr – Vertical
May-June - Navigation

April
4th – Business Meeting
11th – ERT Review
18th – EVOC Classroom
25th – Mapping Apps

May
2nd – Business Meeting
9th – ERT Exam
13th – Advanced Vertical
16th – EVOC Practical
23rd – Communications
30th – Extrication Practical

June
6th – Business Meeting
10th – Advanced Anchors
13th – Map & Compass
20th – Vertical Practical
27th – Family Picnic

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 check sheet 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

SAR is excited to welcome several new recruits to the team. We have been busy training them up to the team standard and are excited to get them started as probationary members.

We have also been busy getting some of our equipment ready for fire season and summer. The winter equipment has been checked over and put into storage and we have been getting ATV’s and UTV’s ready for trails.

We are still awaiting news on a delivery date for the new Rescue 1...we were hoping it would be here by April but the plant has been busy and the truck is still in line to be assembled. That being said, we are readying our equipment so we can have a quick and seamless transition when the new truck arrives.

We’re also in full production mode for our annual fundraiser. This year, we’ll be doing a golf tournament. We have several donations thus far for pin prizes and raffles, several hole sponsors, and a couple teams have signed up. If you’re interested in playing, check out our website for more information! We’re looking forward to playing some hole games with VAST Broadband as well as dunking one of our Deputy Liaisons and teeing off while wearing the Drunk Goggles.

Stay tuned for some changes in training in the upcoming year and for news about our new additions - both vehicles and recruits!

“Tammy Stadel
Team Leader

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Training Update

We have had a busy year for training. Some of the trainings we have had so far:
- Mass casualty
- Ice Training (using a Gumby suite)
- Helicopter Operations (landing zones and approaches)
- CPR

Some of the big trainings are Fundamentals of Search and Rescue. It is a full weekend from how to do searches to the clothing and how to be prepared to go on calls.

ERT is “Emergence Rescue Technician”. This is how to do rope rescue and vehicle extrications. There is one full weekend on rope tying and system setup, and one full weekend on vehicle construction and techniques on how to remove the vehicle from around the patient.

We have 15 new recruits that have completed this training and are well on their way to become team members. It is always nice to have a good group of new trainees that are going to be a great addition to the team.

As for the rest of the upcoming training there will be a lot of hands-on and outdoor fun. I am looking forward to another great year of training.

~ Jason “JD” Dannenbring
Training Officer

PCSAR Poetry

The first quarter is over
But SAR has been busy
We’ve trained new folks
Until the information made them dizzy.

~ Tammy

Operations Update

Winter was reasonably quiet this year with one major storm. Rescued a few people off the interstate.

Due to some budget issues we had a few things to finish maintenance wise on our vehicles. Those have all been caught up and everything and everyone is ready to go for the summer.

Going to be some training things coming up with the county wide exchange of air packs for firefighters and a new system to fill them for SAR.

As Tammy said we are awaiting a new extrication truck and we will get it in service and ready to respond to emergency situations in the county.

~ Rick Lehmann
Assistant Team Leader - Operations
Team members participating in the Spring skills check night for vertical rescue rope systems.

**Information Booths**

**Black Hills Sports Show at the Civic Center**

Information booths help get the word out about all the team does for the community as well as serve as recruitment for new team members.

**Search**

A search along Interstate 90 in January had the dogs out in the field. With their help, it was determined the direction the person had walked from their car, and that the person had crossed the interstate. Team members and two of the dogs also spent a few days in Eagle Butte County assisting with a multiple missing person case.

Nearly every weekend the dogs are out with their handlers practicing while our team members learn how to assist as navigators.

**Fire Fighter Appreciation Week at Pizza Ranch, South**

Our new display rack serving the dual purpose of protecting Rick from hecklers during the team meeting but not from the laughter.