

ESAR NOTEPAD FOR FEBRUARY 2011

CALENDAR:

- 3 Board meeting, PCC, 21st & Cushman, 1900 hours
- 4-6 Course 3A, I-5/512 Park & Ride, 1830 hrs for staff,
1900 hours for trainees
- 17 General meeting, PCC, YOUTH PROTECTION CLASS, 1900 hrs
- 18-20 Course 3B, I-5/512 Park & Ride, 1830 for staff, 1900 hours for trainees.
- 26 Annual Retreat, PCC, 21st & Cushman, 0900 hours until done

BOARD MEETING:

Anyone can attend the Board meetings. You are invited to come and find out how ESAR is managed. You will have a better insight about ESAR and how it functions. You will find that you have 2 young people on the Board to bring the questions and problems of the youth to the Board for discussion and resolution. You can become a valuable asset to ESAR by attending on a regular basis.

COURSE 3:

We have 64 people who have completed and passed Course 2. Now comes the 3rd test for you, to learn the skills of being a Brushmonkey. It will be long for some of you and too short for some. Be prepared for a long hike, but at the same time you have to use your map and compass skills that you learned in Course 1 and 2. Always be aware of where you are and which direction you are going. Some have gone the wrong way and then had to double back and that makes the task difficult. We know you can solve the problems that are presented, because of all the training you have had in the first 2 Courses. Good luck to all of you.

GENERAL MEETING:

This general meeting is dedicated to the adults, 21 years of age and older. We will have John Tupper, Scout Executive, from Pacific Harbors Council, BSA, giving us a class on "YOUTH PROTECTION." It will last about 30 to 40 minutes. EVERY ADULT over the age of 21 must have this on their record to be a member of the Boy Scout of America. You can take the class on the internet by going to www.Scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection. If you do the internet program, once you get your certificate, make sure that Phyllis Posey, Membership & Records gets a copy. We need it to turn in your registration to BSA. This is not a mandatory class, only if you want to be in Boy Scouts of America!! We do need it so we can have insurance for you, the youth, and most importantly Safeco. That will save us about \$1,000 a year on our earnings from Safeco. If you attend the class on the 17th, you are considered as certified as having completed the Youth Protection course. Because the class is so short, we will plan to have an activity about SAR following it. It is not mandatory you be a member of Scouting to be in ESAR, but we always recommend it. You have to make the choice.

RETREAT:

On the 26th, we are holding the annual retreat at the PCC, (Peace Community Center). It will start at 0900 hours. This is your opportunity to find out what are the plans for ESAR for this next year. Some of the suggested topics are recruiting, communications, budget, vehicles, medical program, equipment wish list, commissary, jacket program, training and any others you think should be discussed and decided on. This is open to EVERY member of ESAR, again EVERY member of ESAR. That includes Associates to Brushmonkeys!!! ESAR is not just search and rescue missions, but we have to run it like a business. You are part of this and should be interested in what makes it function. We can not respond to missions because we are "good guys" but because we have done some planning on how, why, where, who and what!! You are a part of that process. So please attend the retreat, we need your input and advice.

MISSIONS:

- 11 LAKEWOOD, Subject 43 year old female. She was found before we were able to assist in looking for her. 13 people responded, 26.5 manhours used, 8 vehicles, 258 miles, cost savings of \$854.63.
- 16 ORTING. Sandbagging for residents of Orting with a possibility of flooding. 17 responded, 132 manhours, 15 vehicles, 452 miles.
- 28 ALDER LAKE: Missing 52 year old female, Turnaround. She was found before we were able to muster the troops!!!

DRIVING:

When driving in a convoy with ESAR for missions, you should have one thing on your vehicle. Have a magnetic sign on the doors of Explorer Search and Rescue. In the dark it is really hard to see if there is an ESAR sticker on your windshield. At 60 miles per hour, it is almost impossible to see that sticker. If the "tail-end Charlie" sees a vehicle pull off to the side of the road, without a magnetic door sign, they have no idea if that vehicle is an ESAR vehicle or one that broke into the line. The "tail-end Charlie" usually will have a Radio to alert the ESAR GMC, ESAR van or ESAR RV that one of our members is having a problem. We do not want to leave anyone stranded on the side of the road for any reason. If you do have magnetic signs, please use them. If you do not have the signs, Tracey Kiekenapp, ESAR store, has them for you to purchase. It is always a way for us to "fly" our flag. We are ESAR and proud of it. People who are searching for family members will think that we are a little more professionally if we show some pride in our organization. You notice the red jackets on members? That tells people that we are organized and ready to do the business at hand, which is finding their loved one. If you would like to purchase an ESAR jacket, contact Libby Hayward at libby@ronhayward.net.

SAFECO:

Andy Florek is looking for ESAR members or friends that are willing to work in the Booth at Safeco for ESAR. Anyone 16 years of age or older can work. Workers do not have to be a member of ESAR to work there. Andy will be setting up classes for the food handlers permit and alcohol servers card soon. Everyone has to have a food handlers card and all adults over 21 must have the alcohol servers MAST card. If you would like to volunteer early, contact Andy at esarflorek@aol.com or call him at 253.617.1103. This is the way ESAR makes the money for equipment for search and rescue missions. We cannot rely on donations to pay for things we need.

SUPPORT MEMBERS:

For those of you have completed and passed Course 2, you are now Support Members of ESAR. Your names, home phone and cell phone numbers have been sent to DEM. You are going to be added to the ESAR ALERT SYSTEM that is run by Pierce County Department of Emergency Management. This system is used by ESAR to assist in notifying members of a Search and Rescue mission. First, listen to the message to be sure it is for you to respond. As a Support Member you are limited for now as to what you can respond to. Once you complete Course 3, you will be eligible to respond to missions in Pierce County. Once you complete Course 4, you can go on any search and rescue mission in the state. In order to hear the message, you will be instructed to press "1" on your phone. If you did not understand and want it repeated, press "2." If you understand and have listened to the instructions press "1" again and hang up. These calls can come any time of the day or night. At first your family may be annoyed, but it is vital for you to be able to respond to missions. Remember one thing, people do not get lost in daylight. In daylight, they are confused. In the dark, they are lost. That is the way they think!!!! So our calls are usually after dark!!!

URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CLASS:

On March 12th at 0900, the urban search and rescue class will be held at the Tacoma Police Dept. headquarters at 3701 S. Pine Street. This class is open to any member of ESAR. We are finding that we are having more and more missions in urban areas, more than in wilderness areas. This is a class to get you to think about possibilities of how to search an urban area. You can contact Roger Ramsdell at tcwesar@comcast.net. He will need your name, address, city, home phone number, email address, ESAR unit and cell phone number. Contact Roger if you wish to attend the Course. It will be done by 1430 hours or sooner.