



# Nicolet Search Team



*Always Ready, So That Others May Live*

February 2005

**February 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2005 - Annual Meeting**, Plan to be there, we will be electing officers for 2005 and also going over to approve the 2005 budget. The time will be 9:00am at the Mountain Ambulance Station off of Highway 32. There have been a few of you who we have not heard from in a while, now is the time to be there.

For those of you coming from out of town, there is always a place for you stay, just contact Andy ahead of time, you will need your sleeping bag and your food items.

Date	Topic	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>December 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Training with Headwaters, search scenario</b></li> <li>• <b>Discussed future training needs</b></li> <li>• <b>Discussed Lost Person Questionnaire (have new one)</b></li> </ul>
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2005	Business Meeting, Mountain Ambulance Station	
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2005	No Meeting	
April 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2005	Business Meeting, Mountain Ambulance Station	
May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2005	Field Training Exercise, Wabeno	

For those who were not aware, we did not have a January meeting, instead we were asked to assist in the missing 18 year old in Oconto Falls. In attendance were Dari, B.J., Ann, Chad, Don S., Don B. and Carrol B.. For those that missed the search, you missed a very good training session along with some real world experience.

**WE NEED TO ELECT OFFICERS!!!! - The State of Wisconsin is looking for our annual report.**

### Team Web Site

Matt has been working on updating our web site. Check out what he has got done so far. Give him some suggestions. All the newsletters are posted, you will need to get a user name and password from Matt.

<http://home.new.rr.com/nst>

Another web site to check out is NASAR's at [nasar.org](http://nasar.org). Matt has included a few links to various teams around Wisconsin. If you have not taken the time to check out their web sites, winter is the time.

### Search Missions

No Calls this month.

### New Members

We have 3 - 5 new members who will be joining us in February, do you know of some others who might enjoy what we do?

### Training

We have discussed training needs within the Team. We now have new to experienced members all requiring different training needs. For the new members, you need to get Module 1 completed, for everyone else, we need to get the rest done. As a searcher you need to get as many skills and as much knowledge that you can. The more you have, the more valuable a member you become.

We will be discussing other training nights for the Team Specific Modules and using our Saturday meetings for general training, such as setting up the search in Wabeno this spring.

**IF YOU NO LONGER HAVE THE TIME OR THE DESIRE TO BE A MEMBER OF OUR TEAM, PLEASE LET ONE OF THE OFFICERS KNOW SO THAT YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION CAN BE REMOVED FROM OUR ROSTER. THERE ARE A FEW OF YOU THAT WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM IN A WHILE.....**

**REMEMBER: "Search is a Classic Mystery"**

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# Are you Clue Consciousness?

Clues are:

- Facts
- Objects
- Information
- Or some type of evidence



## Element 1 – The subject or clue generator(s).

- Every person who passes through an area leaves clues.
- A common problem is not the lack of clues, but too many and determining which are important.
- A detailed subject profile enables searchers and managers to relate the relevancy of a clue to the missing person.

## Element 2 – The clues themselves.

The messages that a lost subject can convey are..

- The present location of the subject.
- The previous location of the subject.
- The destination of the subject.
- A total lack of clues.
- *A good searcher must be able to distinguish between relevant and irrelevant clues*

## Element 3 – The search area or where the clues are found.

- The search area must contain all the clues.
- Steps must be taken so that the subject does not leave the search area.

## Element 4 – The searcher or clue seeker.

If the search area includes all possible clues, then searchers must be in the area to find them. Searchers must know exactly how to handle a clue or clues once they have been discovered.

## When a clue is found..

- The clue must be evaluated for relevancy.
- GPS coordinates must be marked.
- Base camp must be notified.
- During debriefing, a clue report must be completed.

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