



# Nicolet Search Team NEWS

February 2007

## Important Dates & Events

February 10, 2007:  
Monthly NST meeting  
Member training for all

March 3 & 4, 2007  
FUNSAR Class

March 10, 2007  
Monthly NST meeting @ Bear Paw Scout Camp  
Land Navigation Training

## This Month

9:00 am :Meeting at Mountain Ambulance Station.  
Training: Team Introduction Training (For all new and old members)

## Last Month

Thank you to Mike Mason for coming to our meeting to do evidence training. It was very helpful to get a law enforcement official's view on search and how evidence needs to be handled. The first thing to do when you find something that might be evidence, DON'T TOUCH IT. Call the police officer to handle the evidence. That is where the searchers responsibility ends. One thing to always remember during a search is that ANYTHING can be evidence.

## Training

This month we will all be "new members." The training committee is revamping our team introduction training. We are all going to go through the training to help make sure it is complete and helpful to our new members.

## **WE HAVE FUNSAR DATES!!!**

Remember that as a NST member you should be working to get your SAR TECH II certification. FUNSAR is a class that will help you get ready for the SAR TECH II Certification exam. FUNSAR is FUNDAMENTALS of SEARCH AND RESCUE course. It is meant to give everyone the same baseline field experience as well as a great background of information on search techniques. You will have an opportunity to run Incident Command for a while as well as be an active field searcher. The FUNSAR will prove to be an

invaluable training experience and you will all find it very beneficial.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Weekend 1: March 3 & 4 @ Mountain Ambulance  
Weekend 2: April 14 & 15 @ Mountain Ambulance  
Weekend 3: April 21 & 22 in Wautoma (field)

SAR TECH II Exam (If you attend FUNSAR plan to attend the exam)

May 16 & 17 @ Bear Paw Scout Camp

## NIMS Certification

NIMS is the National Incident Management Service. It is governed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA uses NIMS Certifications to get Search and Rescue personnel to the same level of understanding. Many grants are now requiring that SAR teams are certified under NIMS. In general our team needs to have the NIMS IS- 100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800A certifications. The following links take you to the websites that house the different tests and test material. These are not difficult, but they do require some time.  
<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>

## Apparel

If you have not gotten you team provided t-shirt and hat please let Ann Anderson know, so it can be ordered. If you would like to order clothing please contact Ann Anderson to get the order form.

## Paperwork

The team has a new Statement of Membership, it is included with this Newsletter. Please sign it and bring it with you to the meeting or send it to:

Jodi Wieber  
3917 Doolittle Dr Apt #3  
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Also, we need to keep track of our team's certifications. Please look at the list of certifications on the back of the calendar. If you have any of the certifications, please send a copy to the address above or bring to the next meeting.

***Just be – Always Ready, So That Others May Live...***