



Nicolet Search Team NEWS

December 2007

Important Dates & Events

December 10

Monthly NST meeting, 9 am
Mountain Ambulance Station

January 12, 2008

Annual NST meeting, 9 am
Officer Elections

2008 Meeting Dates

January 12	February 9	March 8	April 12
May 10	June 14	July 12	Aug. 9
September 13	October 11	November 8	Dec 13

This Month

9:00 am :Meeting at the Mountain Ambulance Station.
We will be discussing lessons learned from the last search mission, and

Search Missions

Lost Hunter in Langlade County. Nicolet Search Team responded to a Oconto County Sherrif's department at 2015 on Tuesday, November 20. When NST reached the rendezvous point, it was in Langlade County and the Langlade Sheriff's Department was called as well. Searchers, both ground and K-9 teams worked the area where the hunter was last known to be. Searchers found the hunter just before daylight on Wednesday morning.

Training

Congratulations to NST members who have completed the FUNSAR course this year. Spring 2007 Ann Anderson and Patrick Spieline and Fall 2007 Pat J...., and Jodi Hermsen. Look for more training opportunities in the upcoming year.

NIMS Certification

We are always trying to improve our teams understanding of Search techniques. Also, 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

There are hats, polos, t-shirts & jackets available with the NST logo on them. If you would like to order clothing please contact Ann Anderson to get the order forms.

Paperwork

We need to keep track of our team's certifications for legal reasons. Please send a copy of certifications to Jodi Hermsen, so the status roster can be updated. She cannot update the roster unless she has a copy of the certifications. Mail: 5295 Rose Pass, Stevens Point, WI 54481. Email: jhermsen@charter.net

Acronyms of the Month

AHJ—Authority Having Jurisdiction
LP—Listening Post

Training Corner

The Tally Step (sometimes referred to as a pace step) is a measurement of distance often used in the woods, or areas/situations where a tape measure would be difficult or take too much time. Each searcher has a different tally step, based on the stride length of the searcher. To figure out what your tally step would be you will need a tape measure or rope of known length. Lay the tape on a flat even surface, making sure the tape is stretched out without any kinks in it. Start at one end of the tape with your feet together. Take one step, that is half of a tally step, take another step and you will have completed one tally step. Walk the full length of the tape, counting the number of tally steps it takes to complete the length of rope. Repeat two more times. Take the length of the rope divided by your number of tally steps. That will tell you how many feet are in your tally step. For example: if you had a 100 foot tape, it took you 20 tally steps to go from one end to the other. $100/20=5\text{ft}$. If you are told to search a section 50 feet off the road, you would begin your tally step at the edge of the road and count to 10 and you would be approximately 50 feet from the road and ready to begin searching.

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