



Nicolet Search Team NEWS

January 2008

Important Dates & Events

January 12, 2008

Annual NST meeting, 9 am
Mountain Ambulance Station

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

We will meet at 9:00 am at the Mountain Ambulance Station. We will be holding annual elections, updating medical and certification files and IDs.

Search Missions

None in the since November.

Training

There is a possible FUNSAR class being offered this Spring, somewhere in the Southern or Central part of the state.

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/crslst.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 Hermesen, 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

LZ—Landing Zone

POC—Probability of Containment

Training Corner

Compass Tips:

- Red in the shed and follow Fred
- Be aware of your surroundings. If you are standing on granite rock or next to a steel pole barn your compass will not be accurate.
- Before using your compass make sure your declination is correct. The zero declination line runs through Wisconsin. On the East side of the state (Door County) the declination is -4.0 while the central to western side of the state is at +1.5. The area where our search team spends most of their time very close to zero declination, so for our compasses we will rarely need to utilize declination to get accurate compass readings.
- Do not store your compass near magnetic objects. i.e. batteries, flashlights, knives, magnets, other compasses, etc.

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