



Nicolet Search Team

Always Ready, So That Others May Live



February 2004

The Team Meetings have changed. They are at 9:00am, the 2nd Saturday of each month

Officer's - Meet at 8:30pm to set the agenda

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. The business portion should last less than 1 hour.

Date	Topic
Feb 14, 2004	Business Meeting, Module 2 for those without
Mar 13, 2004	Business Meeting, Module 2 for those without
Apr 10, 2004	Business Meeting, Module 2 for those without
May 8, 2004	Field Exercise - all day

January 10th Meeting

Annual elections: Andy - President, Tim - Vice President, Lynn - Treasurer, Jesse - Secretary, Don - Director at Large.

We discussed equipment needs and looked at headlamps and GPS units.

We discussed members whom we have not heard from in a year. We will drop those names from our roster. We count 16 active members.

Identification Badges

We will begin doing badges at the February meeting. Be sure to bring your best pose. All members will be required to have badges. We will have a lamenter that we can do badges on scene also.

Alert Procedures

Alerts will be made a little different, as some of you may have noticed. We will use a computer forwarded voice mail when ever possible. This will allow us all time to get mobilized. There have been problems the last few cal-louts and we are working the kinks out. If you did not receive a call, it was not intentional.

Please let Andy know the phone number(s) you would like added to the database.

Team Web Site

Matt has been working on updating and moving our web site. Check out what he has got done so far

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

Other web sites to check out...

Headwaters SAR - <http://www.focol.org/hsardogs/index.html>

SAR Info - <http://www.sarinfo.bc.ca/sarinfo.htm>

Search Missions

The Team has participated in 3 searches in 2004, for some, it was the first time, in a long time out in the woods. When you get called out to a search, remember to take the time to take the gear you are going to need, appropriate for the search mission.

During these winter months, the chances of us getting called out to a search are minimal, but do exist. Are you ready for a cold weather search mission? How about a wet spring search? Now is the time to evaluate your gear and equipment when we are experiencing this down time.

Our contact with various search teams this year has yielded an appreciation for our operations. We have been ask if we would respond in conjunction with search call-outs from Headwaters SAR Team. We are beginning to get into the loop, so expect more calls as time progresses.

Fund Raisers

We will participating in two fund raisers in May, 2004. Please plan to have days and Saturday's available the first three weeks of May.

1. Nicolet Run/walk - We participated in this last year, with an addition of close to \$450 to our account. We will be participating again this year and we need Team members specifically representing us. Plan to be at Maiden lake Supper Club at 7:00am on May 15th, 2004.

2. Super Valu - Terry Rank has asked us to participate in a fund raiser the first three weeks of May, 2004. We will need to bag groceries for a minimum of 12 hours each week, for 36 hours total. We will get a minimum of \$500, but if we collect the most cash receipts, we will get \$1000 and we will get 1% of cash receipt totals. We will also have to do a cook out of some type and we get to keep all the proceeds. We will talk about this one more at the February meeting.

Know of any folks who might like to join our Team? We could use some more good people. Stay Warm.

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

Search Summary

Wabeno - This was a recovery search that was initiated by the daughter of the lady missing. The search was coordinated through Forest County and in conjunction with Headwaters SAR, along with the Wabeno Fire Department. We had six members attend this search, which was held on Saturday, December 6th. We searched from 8am until 4pm that day. We used the GPS units extensively, along with Headwater's GPS units to get a good overview of the areas searched. Check the search summary out when you get a chance to see how far we walked.

Follow Up - An underwater search using a camera was conducted in the first part of January. This was done low key so as not to bring in the family or the media. The entire area that the search dogs alerted to was searched, but we only found fish. We shall see what the spring warming will yield.

On a side note, our participation in the Wabeno search may bring future invitations to assist Forest County. Be ready.