



# Nicolet Search Team



*Always Ready, So That Others May Live*

August 2004

**THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2004. WE WILL BE DOING A FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE.**

**The Team Meetings have changed. They are at 9:00am, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, unless noted otherwise.**

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

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. The business portion should last less than 1 hour. We have been spending most of our time on equipment needs.

Date	Topic
Sept 11, 2004	Field Training Exercise - Location T.B.A.
Oct 9, 2004	Business Meeting, Mountain Ambulance
Nov 13, 2004	Business Meeting, Mountain Ambulance
Dec 11, 2004	Business Meeting, Mountain Ambulance

## **July 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

We decided on purchasing an enclosed tent/ tarp from Sam's Club.

We also decided to look into the purchase of a generator from Northern Tool.

## **Identification Badges**

We are doing badges at each meeting. Be sure to bring your best pose. All members will be required to have badges. We have a laminator 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 call-outs and we are working the kinks out. If you did not receive an immediate call, it is 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 our web site. Check out what he has got done so far. Give him some suggestions.

<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**

There have been none recently in which our Team has been contacted.

## **Fund Raisers**

We participated in two fund raisers in May, 2004.

1. Nicolet Run/walk - We have an addition of close to \$650 to our account.

2. Super Valu - We have an addition of close to \$500 to our account.

## **New Members**

We have one new application to vote on. Gary Winters and Geno Van Enkevort have both resigned.

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

## **Training**

We are working on putting all training onto CD's for home study. Module 1 is complete, Module 2 is almost there. Contact Andy if you would like to borrow a copy and refresh your mind.

I know it's hard folks to get together with everything else going on, but remember, it's the 6 year old out in the cold hiding from us or the 50 year old hunter lost in the cold rain, that we formed our Team.

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

## **Other Updates**

1. We added a radio system, including a programable VHF radio, FRS - UHF radio and a CB radio with antennas, all self contained.
2. We have been working with the IRS on our Federal Tax Exemption, the 501(c) number, still waiting for the final rule.
3. We are looking at getting a generator to be self sufficient and looking for a heavy duty 100 foot extension cord. Anyone have one?
4. We are using Maptech Computer Software and coordinating GPS usage. Huh? Did you get left behind somewhere?

*Of the 8 most common mistakes that happen during a lost person mission is #7, the lack of training, education and exercising. Just remember that the next time we get called out to a search mission.*