



Nicolet Search Team



Always Ready, So That Others May Live

September 2004

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S FOR OCTOBER 9TH, 2004. WE WILL BEGIN MODULE 2 - GPS / MAP / COMPASS AND A FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE.

LOCATION WILL BE BEAR PAW SCOUT CAMP, 9:00AM

PLEASE LET ANDY KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING BY FRIDAY, THE 8TH. WE WILL BE SERVING LUNCH, IE. STEAK FRY AND NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY TO BUY. PLEASE BRING A SALAD OR DESERT TO PASS.

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
Oct 9, 2004	Business Meeting & Training, Bear Paw Scout Camp
Nov 13, 2004	Business Meeting, Mountain Ambulance
Dec 11, 2004	Business Meeting, Mountain Ambulance

September 11th Meeting

We worked on the trailer and installed shelving and made access to the trailer much easier.

We voted in two new members, Ann & B.J.

We completed Module 1 training for our two new members.

Went over 501(c)(3) exemption.

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.

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>

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.

Search Missions

We have been called for three, but responded to only one. On September 21st, we were called to a 2 year old boy missing in Maple Valley. The boy was found about 4:30 that afternoon by Gary Winters.

We were asked to participate in a recovery search in the U.P. near Republic on September 25th & 26th. We assisted in Command along with Headwaters SAR & People & Paws SAR. The search has not been successful as of yet. It was fun though working with all the dogs and different people.

Training

We are working on putting all training onto CD's for home study. Module 1 & 2 is complete, Module 3 is getting 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 2 year old out in the cold hiding from us or the 78 year old hunter lost in the cold rain, that we formed our Team.

We will be running a mock search on October 9th.

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 are looking at getting a generator to be self sufficient and looking for a heavy duty 100 foot extension cord. Anyone have one?
3. 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.