

Nicolet Search Team NEWS

November 2006

Important Dates & Events

November 11 Monthly NST meeting @ Mountain Ambulance

December 9: Monthly NST meeting

January 13, 2007 Annual NST meeting

This Month

Meet at mountain ambulance station. After business we will be tearing the trailer out to do an equipment check, organize and also enter inventory into database.

Search Missions

On Tuesday, October 17, Nicolet Search Team was contacted to participate in the search for Omer Yoder near Reedsville, WI. The search was coordinated at the Reedsville Fire Department and went until dark on Tuesday and again on Wednesday. Though we did not find the subject, it was great experience not only working on a search but also working with several SAR organizations. Omer Yoder was found on Wednesday, October 19 near Madison, WI.

Updates

There is a new apparel order form. If you would like to order clothing please contact Ann Anderson to get the order form. We have added a three season jacket as well as a safety orange windbreaker with reflective lettering.

Classes

The ISAR is being offered on November 11 and 12. If you are interested please contact Chuck Keuhn or Andy Anderson.

A FUNSAR class is currently being planned. Watch for dates that are after the first of the year. Look for more information in future newsletters.

Equipment

Using the Lionesses donation we purchased four Garmin E-Trex handheld GPS units. We also have purchased a handful of Kenwood handheld VHF radios.

NIMS Certification

Many grants are now requiring that SAR teams are certified under NIMS. In general our team needs to have the NIMS 100, 200, 700 and 800 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.

IS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System, I-100

IS-200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents

IS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction

IS-800.A National Response Plan (NRP), An Introduction

State Organization (WSRA)

The framers committee for WSRA met on Sunday, October 22 to work on finalizing by-laws. The committee got through the first half and has scheduled another get together for December 10 to finish. The plan is to then get a final draft together, have the framers agree and then go to the teams for signing

Annual Meeting

Please plan to attend the annual meeting. We will be electing officers for 2007

Paperwork

We need to keep track of our team's certifications. Please send a copy of certifications to BJ Hermsen.

Acronyms of the Month

NIMS—National Incident Management System PLS—Point Last Seen

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