



Nicolet Search Team



Always Ready, So That Others May Live

December 2004

DECEMBER 11TH, 2004 - PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S FOR IT. WE WILL BE FINISHING MODULE 2 - GPS / MAP / COMPASS AND A FIELD EXERCISE with HSAR.

The Business Portion will begin at 9:00 am - LOCATION WILL BE BEAR PAW SCOUT CAMP.

We are making preliminary arrangements to train with Headwaters Search & Rescue Team. It looks like they will have 10 - 12 people and at least 4 dog teams here at Camp that weekend. We have been asked to do a training search mission with them sometime on Saturday. So whose turn is it to make lunch? Please contact Andy or Tim if you are planning on attending and can do the lunch. Remember, the Team will cover all food costs. HSAR has mentioned chili. THERE IS COFFEE HERE, BUT SOMEONE NEEDS GET HERE BY 8:30AM TO MAKE IT. There is a place to stay if you want to come up on Friday or stay over on Saturday night, you will need your sleeping bag.

Date	Topic	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>November 13th Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Team discussed generator needs and possible funding • Radio & communication needs - We will contact J&S Electronics to see about new & used equipment • Additional GPS units • Look into possible grant funding now that we have 501(c)(3) status. • Almost finished Module 2 - Navigation.
Dec 11th, 2004	Business Meeting, Bear Paw Scout Camp Dining Hall	
Jan 8 th , 2005	Annual Meeting, Mountain Ambulance, Module 3 Training	
Feb 12 th , 2005	Business Meeting, Module 3 Training	
Mar12th, 2005	Business Meeting, Module 3 Training	

Some Definitions you might use on a search

- PLS - Point Last Seen, implies a visual sighting
- LKP - Last Know Position, is the place and time that the lost person was last known to be. More encompassing than PLS.
- POC - Probability of Containment (aka. POA - Probability of Area) is the probability that the subject is contained within the boundaries of an area, region, segment or grid cell.
- POD - Probability of Detection, is the probability that the subject or clue will be detected by the search action if it is in the search area.
- POS - Probability of Success, a number achieved by multiplying POC x POD, a planning tool.
- M-27- "Mary 27", a radio code for subject found deceased.
- M-28- "Mary 28", a radio code for subject found and ambulance needed.

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>

Training

Module 1 & 2 have been completed with most of the new people, but is always available for you to refresh. Contact Andy for the Module manual's.

We will be working on Module 3, Search Tactics, in December.

Search Missions

We have had only one call out during the month of November. This was the last Saturday of deer season with an over due hunter. It took a while before the Sheriff's Department called, but they did. Just as I was about to initiate the call out protocol, dispatch called back and stated the hunter had just walked out.

New Members

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining our Team, suggest they come to the December meeting to meet our Team and also Headwaters Search & Rescue Team.

IF YOU NO LONGER HAVE THE TIME OR THE DESIRE TO BE A MEMBER OF OUR TEAM, PLEASE LET ONE OF THE OFFICERS KNOW SO THAT YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION CAN BE REMOVED FROM OUR ROSTER. THERE ARE A FEW OF YOU THAT WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM IN A WHILE.....

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Other Updates

1. If you need uniform parts, please be sure to contact Jesse. He can make the arrangements.
2. We are 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.