



Nicolet Search Team NEWS

December 2006

Important Dates & Events

December 9:
Monthly NST meeting

January 13, 2007
Annual NST meeting

February 10, 2007
Monthly NST meeting

This Month

9:00 am :Meeting at Mountain Ambulance Station.

Search Missions

Yes Virginia We Had a Search!
As most of you know by now we had a search in October. This search refreshed us on what we need to work on in the future. Andy does a great job on the Search Management side however more of us need to step up and learn that task as well. We all need to be confident in the use of all of our tools from glow sticks to the Computer system. This is why ISAR and FUNSAR are required for continued membership as a field ready searcher. Several folks attended the ISAR course last month and had great success. Everyone passed with flying colors and learned a lot. All teams that were present at the search showed up with their own ideas and own way of doing things. It is important for us all to understand how we do searches. This will make us a much more reputable resource. We do training each month. Training may take 5 minutes or 2 hours. Each type of training is imperative to us being dependable and reliable. Come see what we will (re)learn next.

Training

Welding glove + 2 liter bottle + rifle = ????

That would be a silencer... We will be doing training in January on how to handle evidence. This is very important for our group as we have been involved on several searches where criminal evidence may have played an important roll. Come and learn about how to handle these items and what to do.

FUNSAR -- What do you want from me?

We are attempting to get everyone on the unit up to a minimum of SARTECH II training. This is for many reasons. The easiest way to get there is through the FUNDAMENTALS of SEARCH AND RESCUE course. It will give everyone the same baseline field experience as well as a great background of information on search techniques. You will have an opportunity to run Incident Command for a while as well as be an active field searcher. The FUNSAR will prove to be an invaluable training experience and you will all find it very beneficial. Stay tuned for details in the future as to when we will be offering this course. This course is a great training for the SARTECH II Evaluation which we will all need to complete as we complete our various training levels.

Equipment

Bean Counters of the World Unite
We managed to inventory the entire trailer again entering everything into the inventory application on the computer. This will allow us to track our equipment gains, losses and damages. It was interesting to see how much we really had in there.

NIMS Certification

Many grants are now requiring that SAR teams are certified under NIMS. In general our team needs to have the NIMS IS- 100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800A 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.
<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>

Annual Meeting

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

Apparel

If you would like to order clothing please contact Ann Anderson to get the order form.

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