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PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRACKERS

April, 2005

KCSARA Spring Academy

Our Spring Academy will be on consecutive Wednesday evenings and held at KCSO. The Fall program will be held at the Police Academy over two weekends. Note the MSO course offered in June. There will be NO ACADEMY in 2006, due our hosting the State SAR Conference. Registrations were mailed out, and should be returned by April 15.

At their March 9 meeting, Academy instructors confirmed:

- 1) Students registered for "refresher" courses need to have taken the "New/Intro" level class previously.
- 2) Instructors will wait only 15 minutes after class start time; if no students have arrived by then, the instructor will leave.

2005 Washington State Conference

Check out the website for information on what classes will be offered and when to register. Whether you plan to camp out or stay in a motel, be sure to make reservations well ahead of time. On April 20th, the Conference registration fee increases. Be sure to register before then to get the lower rate!

The Conference offers classes that count toward WAC requirements. Tracking will be offered as a Pre-Conference class and also during the Conference weekend.

August Tracking Class

On August 12-14, PNWT will host a Tracking class instructed by Joel Hardin Professional Tracking Services. Please sign up as soon as you know your schedule, so we make our "minimum" student quota.

2005 MISSIONS

March 9 — Mission 05-0591 in Redmond for missing 11 yr. old girl. Subject found ok; Turnaround. Dick was ITOL.

March 14 — Evidence Search; Dick responded to Seattle Police Dept. request for a Tracker.

MEMBERS KING COUNTY SAR WASHINGTON STATE



IN TOWN OL DUTY ROSTER

*Note: OL change is 6:00 PM
Wednesday evening.*

April	6	— Joe
April	13	— Viki
April	20	— Dick
April	27	— John
May	5	— Joe
May	12	— Viki
May	19	— Dick
May	26	— John

SAFETY/ EQUIPMENT NOTES

Montrail, a local Seattle company, is recalling crampons: there was an article in the "Local Digest" section of the March 14, 2005 on-line Seattle Times .

If you purchased Montrail crampons between September, 2003 and February, 2005, please check with Montrail (800-826-1598) Mon.-Fri. between 8 AM and 5 PM PST. Washington, D.C. Recall models include: I-354, I-356, and K-364.

(info taken from e-mail note from Jean Daniels, 4x4)

Cell Phone: Check with Verizon whether your cell phone battery has been recalled. They'll mail the new one plus envelope to return old one. CAM

PNWT DATES

April 2-3 — PNWT Spring overnight training

April 7 — PNWT Board Mtg. (cancelled)

April 11 — KCSARA Mtg.

April 12 — PNWT Unit Mtg.

April 19 — KCSARA Ldr. Mtg.

April 23, 24 — Master Builder's Kitchen & Bath Fund Raiser

April 22-24 — UTS TA, TII at Camp Cody, Oregon

May 5 — PNWT Board Mtg.

May 9 — KCSARA Mtg.

May 10 — PNWT Unit Mtg.

May 13-15 UTS Tracker I, II at Salmon Arm, BC

May 14 — PNWT Unit Training

May 17 — KCSARA Ldrs. Mtg.

May 16-22 2005 Washington State SAR Pre-Conference and Conference hosted by Chelan County. Conference location is near Leavenworth

<http://www.chelansar.org/>

June 10-12 — Joel Hardin Professional Tracking class in Moscow, Idaho

June 10-12 — UTS Tracker I, Trainer at Port Alberni, BC.

June 17-19 — Joel Hardin Professional Tracking class in Cascade, Idaho

June 24-26 — UTS Tracker Aware at Klamath Falls, Oregon

Aug. 12-14 — PNWT hosts Tracking class by Joel Hardin Professional Tracking Services

2006

May 15-21 2006 Washington State SAR pre-conference and Conference hosted by King County at the King County Fairgrounds

To RSVP for PNWT trainings, contact Training Chair Dick Wilker. For UTS classes, check UTS web site listed on page 2.

PNWT UNIT MEETING

Eight members attended our March 8 meeting. Our thanks to Jim McMeins, Ron Ryals, and KCSO for the use of KCSO room.

PNWT meets on the second Tuesday of the month, at 1900 hours, at the KCSO facility at Boeing Field (7300 Perimeter Road).

Announcements: New DEM cards were handed out, good through November, 2005.

President: John

1) New application forms for SAR volunteers will be coming out in November.
2) Duty officers will first get mission number from the state, then page out volunteers. SAR volunteers must have mission number before responding to SAR missions.

3) March 15 KCSARA Ldrs. Mtg. — David Doll will attend for John.

V. President: Matthew — not present

Treasurer: Viki — not present.

Secretary: Carolyn —

Contacted Ski Patrol about dates for use of Snoqualmie Lodge; they will calendar at April meeting.

KCSARA: Mark — not present

Since it is difficult for David Hamilton to make the Bellevue area meetings, David Doll volunteered to replace him as our second KCSARA rep. Thanks!

Membership: Dick

1) Handed out revised unit roster.
2) Dick and Joe will give orientation slide show to novices at April overnight.

Training: Joe:

1) Over 30 SAR volunteers showed up for our Feb. 19 training! Snohomish County, Horse Rescue, and our own novices.

Missions: Remember: If designated OL cannot respond to KCSO page in 5 min, then any other member can respond.

Old Business:

KCSO computer is for Training Director. OL's will need to know how to use it to sign in responders at base camp.



KCSARA NEWS

March 14, 2005 minutes from the notes of Mark Byrnes.

Missions

We've had 20 missions during the first quarter of 2005.

Unit Reports

ESAR graduated 33 new members!

Committee Reports

1) Communications: All systems working well. Radio repairs will start early due to no snow.

2) Computers/Database: One van is fully equipped.

3) ELT: Will be recruiting new members this summer.

4) SAR Academy registration forms are in the mail.

5) Public Relations: Especially if your vehicle h
as SAR markings, please remember that we represent KCSO/KCSARA at all times. Be courteous and set a good example both while driving and when parking.

Old Business

Project Lifesaver: Andy is still working on funding. Grant from Washington State SAR Council enables us to buy equipment for 30 customers w 3 receivers and training for 12 people. In addition, \$25,000.00 is needed to keep the program going. Snohomish County has enacted this program and has provided valuable insight and advice.

Next meeting: April 11, 1900 hours, at MBA building.

TRACKING/SAR LINKS

PNWT HOMEPAGE

<http://www.PacificNWTrackers.com>

King County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue:

e-mail: KCSARA@metrokc.gov

web site: <http://www.metrokc.gov/sheriff/sar1.htm>

Membership Info: 206-205-8218

King County SAR Volunteers:

(KCSARA's community and member resource) <http://www.kcsara.org>

Universal Tracking Services:

<http://www.utstrackingservices.com/index.html>

Joel Hardin Professional Tracking Services:

<http://www.jhardin-inc.com>

North Idaho Trackers

<http://www.northidahotrackers.org>

2005 PNWT BOARD

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