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SAR TRAININGS

Washington State Conference

King County is hosting this year's State Search and Rescue Conference on May 19-21 at the County Fairgrounds in Enumclaw.

Some of the courses offered will count toward WAC certification; be sure to check with your county to be sure which courses you will get credit for.

Joel Hardin Training

In August, PNWT will host a Joel Hardin Professional Tracking class. To register, contact us through our web site.

2006 Missions

May 2 Mission 06-1123 for two missing children in SeaTac. Dave Hamilton responded. Subjects located at home of a friend.

MEMBERS KING COUNTY SAR WASHINGTON STATE



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

May	3	— Dick
May	10	— Joe
May	17	— John
May	24	— Dick
May	31	— Joe
June	7	— John
June	14	— Dick
June	21	— Joe
June	28	— John

In Memoriam

Deputy James McMeins

On Friday, April 21st, Deputy Jim McMeins passed away at the family home. This sudden loss is felt by family and friends, KCSO and the entire SAR community. Our hearts go out to his family.

PNWT DATES

May 8 — KCSARA Mtg.
May 9 — PNWT Unit Mtg.
May 12-14 — Joel Hardin Prof. Training at Sanders, Idaho
May 14 — PNWT Unit Training
May 16 — KCSARA Ldr. Mtg.
May 17-19 — Joel Hardin Prof. Training at Washington State SAR Conference, Enumclaw, WA.
May 20-21 Joel Hardin Prof. Training, at WA. State SAR Conference, Intro to Tracking

May 15-21 2006 Washington State SAR pre-conference and Conference hosted by King County at the King County Fairgrounds. Visit the website at:
<http://www.wasar2006.org>

June 12 — KCSARA Mtg.
June 13 — PNWT Unit Mtg.
June 18 — PNWT Unit Training
June 20 — KCSARA Ldrs. Mtg.

July 10 — KCSARA Mtg.
July 11 — PNWT Unit Mtg.
July 16 — PNWT Unit Training
July 16-18 — Joel Hardin Prof. Training at Eureka, Montana
July 19 — KCSARA Ldrs. Mtg.
July 21-23 — Joel Hardin Prof. Training at Lake Stanley, Idaho

August — No PNWT Unit Meeting this month
Aug. 11-13 — PNWT sponsors Joel Hardin Professional Training course

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

PNWT UNIT MEETING

Three members attended our April 11 meeting. This meeting was held at KCSO; our thanks to Deputy Ron Ryals for staying late so we could use the room at KCSO..

PNWT meets on the second Tuesday of the month, at 1900 hours; usually, at the KCSO facility at Boeing Field (7300 Perimeter Road), but sometimes in member's homes.

Announcements:

- 1) Jim Fuda's retirement party is on April 23.
- 2) Kitchen Bath Tour this month.
- 3) Deadline for reduced fee for State Conference has passed.
- 4) April 21, 23 Tracking class in Idaho, Joel Hardin.

President: John

- 1) Unit Board voted to pay half of tuition cost of State Conference for active unit members.
- 2) Ldrs. Meeting: Unit Policy is needed for guidelines about resting before driving home from a search.
- 3) John is working to fix metrocal automatic paging service.
- 4) SAR Volunteers need to complete ICS and NIMS classes by September to remain active with King County.

2006 SAR Conference: Volunteers still needed; can sign up online.

Adjournment: 1950 Hours



KCSARA NEWS

No report submitted for April meeting.

Trailhead Safety

The Washington Trails Association has posted a warning note about thefts from unattended vehicles parked at hiking trailheads. Check out the May 6 report on the Verlot Area by Snohomish County Depute Rasar. Got to www.wta.org, then "Trip Reports", then "Freshest Reports". Trailhead vandalism is on the rise, so be sure to take all your valuables with you on your hike. Deputy Rasar also suggested posting a "no valuables in car" sign to discourage potential thieves.

Also, don't forget to pick up your annual permit for parking near trailheads. Permits are available at Ranger Stations and REI.

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>

2006 Washington State SAR Conf.

<http://www.wasar2006.org>

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