



COCHISE COUNTY SHERIFF SEARCH AND RESCUE

This Month in Search & Rescue

- Helo Requals and Overnighter March 8/9
- Rescue Parker Canyon Lake March 6
- Search San Simon March 6
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- Search Bisbee March 29
- Chiricahua Overdue Hiker 3/31

Helo Requals and Overnighter East Stronghold 3/8—3/9/2014

The weather was great and the company was even better. CCSO SAR held their first overnighter with helo requals at the E Stronghold over the March 8th weekend. Friday night only a handful of people spent the night. The food provided was excellent. Unfortunately it was too windy to build a fire.

Since the helo had to leave again, we took the time to practice our tie off o the SRT.

Christian is ready for the action to begin, Total eye and ear protection.



Dr. Scuba Corner
Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.

Henry Ford

Our helo training started a bit late, since the crew had to assist with a bailout on SR 191. Fred took over the ATV GPS training, and I believe those folks had a great time. We had several Graham county SAR volunteers attend this overnighter as well. Breakfast was pretty good, home fried potatoes, German style, chorizo and eggs, to include bacon. Breakfast of champions

We know what Stevie will be when he grows up, a Pilot.

David and Bill in discussion,



Bill on his rappel.



The ATV group getting their briefing and GPS coordinates for their search utilizing ATVs.

Our overview prior to the training had paid off. We also found our SRTs were somewhat defective in regard to pully position causing our ropes to get frayed. David did send them back to the manufacturer.

Overnighter continued



David and Bill on the short haul.



It was quite a dusty day, David did try to prevent too much dust by spraying down the helo spot, but was not too successful.



Another great group photo of the CCSO SAR Team



Our Graham County Partners.

“Everyone enjoys doing the kind of work for which he is best suited.”

Napoleon Hill



Harry—dusted



After the training we were getting ready for dinner. And everybody was huddling in the “kitchen” area. The warmest and most wind shaded spot. Hamburger, potatoes and lots

more. This was another successful get together. Some complaints were brought forth, this is a campout and comfort is sometimes lacking. You always have to be prepared for anything, even brining your own TP.



Deep conversation



Where is Deuce?



Deuce you better watch out!

Rescue Parker Canyon Lake 3/6/2014



This is not the first time we were called for a mission on our meeting day. This call came out prior to the meeting and we had to even cancel the Sheriff, who was going to address the group. May during the April meeting. David and I were on our way to visit Tom in the hospital, when David activated the group for an injured older female at Parker Canyon Lake. Exact location was unknown. Prior to our arrival, a CBP helicopter had located the female in very steep terrain, not readily accessible on foot. From what we heard, she did not like the "ride" in this particular helicopter. Prior to her taking the fall, she and her husband had a little argument about what activities they would engage in. He wanted to do something different than she. She became mad and stormed off resulting in the fall. Luckily her injuries were not life-threatening.

San Simon Search for 84 Year Old Male 3/6-7/2014

This particular Thursday ended up being a very long day/night. Again, this is also not the first time we had back to back or simultaneous missions. Several of the folks realized they needed to have their packs/gear with them at all times. Sometimes there is just not enough time to run back home and get gear. Some people made it to the meeting, which was cancelled as a result of the San Simon mission.

This particular call came in, while we were working the Parker Canyon Lake mission. Our travel time to San Simon was quite extensive with having to top off ensuring everyone made it back home after the mission. We traveled into New Mexico and south on SR 80, then back into Arizona. The two gentlemen were exploring in the area and they had planned on meeting around 1400 hours at their vehicle. The older guy never showed back up, and the younger one tried to find him and or attract him by firing some shots. Our subject was hard of hearing and his vision was not the best.

Border Patrol and one deputy tried to track the subject, but it appeared his tracks kept on coming back to the same location with not leaving the area. I must say, once the team got on location and was deployed they did a hell of job tracking.



Our subject did have a very distinctive sole pattern, and thanks to cell phone cameras the team was able to refer back to it once in doubt. Eric said the tracking was quite difficult, but in the end, they followed the sign over a mile into New Mexico.



Our subject was smart enough to settle down, once it got dark and he realized he was lost. Not too many folks do this. He was slightly dehydrated and hypothermic due to the colder temperatures. Overall another happy ending.

Photos are courtesy of Raul and Yvonne. Thank you both.

The subject of our search was located approximately one mile into New Mexico. He did the right thing, once it got dark and he knew he was lost he stayed put.

"The greatest danger is not that we aim too high and miss it, but we aim to low and reach it."

Michelangelo



Pretty shaky ride in the back of the BP vehicle.

Injured Hiker Massai Point Chiricahua National Monument 3/10/14

This mission was concluded rather quickly, from a possible short haul, to not having to respond at all. David was able to handle this mission, and the ambulance was able to drive directly to the victim.

Alzheimer Search St. David 3/16/14

St David seems to be the focal point for missing at risk persons suffering from Alzheimer. This 80 year plus lady had walked away in the early morning hours and was actually located by deputies prior to SAR arrival. Not too many folks made it too far from home. I know I didn't.

PLB Search Montezuma Pass area 3/27/14

The team was activated around 2040 hours for this particular mission. The initial information indicated a injured hiker, who had active his SPOT PLB. We were also informed, CBP Blackhawk was assisting in the search. According to the information received from the subject's father, he was hiking the AZ trail from Sunnyside and was to meet up at Montezuma Pass to get a ride back to his vehicle. The last contact with the subject was shortly after 1600 hours. The father indicated he did see his son's headlamp at dark and the lost visual. While the team responded we copied radio traffic of the CPS helo having located the subject. He was in very steep terrain and about 1.5 miles from the Montezuma Pass parking lot. Four CCSO SAR team members and four BP agents hiked to the area and were able to walk the subject out.



I'm glad you're back!



Returning



Travis and Eric. Group photo with our subject.

Bisbee Search 2/29/14

David activated the team for this particular high urgency search mission around 1530 hours. This was over two ours since the two girls had gone missing. Around 1315 hours, the grandmother of the two girls had gone to pick up her pay check at the laundry mat located in the square. After talking for a couple of minutes with a co-worker she went outside and found the girls gone. Bisbee PD was notified and they in turn contacted the DOC dog team. This town came together, Rangers, Fire Department Personnel, Bisbee BP, CCSO deputies, SAR personnel and a CBP Helo. Once SAR personnel conducted some home to home searches, residents also began to search and we received numerous calls about possible "sightings " of the two girls. Thankfully grandma remembered having



left the girls with another daughter and they were located around 1735 hours. Another happy ending.



Some of the personnel having assisted in the search

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	Meeting and training Foothills 1730 Sheriff @ 1800 be there be square	4	Tech training Carr Canyon
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	State SAR Coordinator meeting	Coordinator training	18	Dive training Parker Canyon Lake
20	21	22	23	24	Coronado school 1530 -	26
27	28	29	30			

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Training & meeting 1730 Foothills	2	3 Tech Training
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Swift water training Salt River o'dark 30
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Swift water Rodeo PHX