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# COCHISE COUNTY SHERIFF SEARCH AND RESCUE

## Special points of interest:

- 8.2.2016, Almost mission agency assist to Pima County
- 8.4.2016 Training and Meeting
- 8.4.2016 Swift Water Ocotillo Rd MP 2/ cancelled
- 8.4.2016 Swift Water Frontier Rd/Morin Rd/ cancelled subject got out
- 8.6.2016 Tech Training Carr Canyon/Bridge
- 8.13.2016 Border Patrol Guided Tour through History
- 8.14/15,2016 Rescue Carr Canyon by the falls family of 5
- Gimpy update
- 8.20/21.2016 Basic SAR Academy
- 8.20.2016 Search for 11 year old Boy Scout, Chiricahua Peak
- 8.20.2016 Search for 71 year old Fort Bowie
- 8.21.2016 Rescue injured rider, Fairbank
- 8.27.2016 Wilderness 1st Aid, Foothills
- 8.28.2016 K9 training Foudy Rd
- 8.30.2016 Mow Party E Stronghold

## August 2016

### 8.4.2016 Training and Meeting

July gave us a little break from missions. We had an almost mission in Pima County on 8.2.16, when David put out a message for personnel being able to assist Pima Co. The assist was cancelled within an hour.

On our meeting night we had two call outs for swift water missions. One was in Benson off Ocotillo Rd around the big wash in the area of mile marker two. The call was cancelled within half an hour. The second swift water call came in around 1700 hours in the area of Frontier Rd and Morin Rd. This would have been a difficult swift water rescue due to several other running washes prior to this particular wash. Fortunately the subject made it out of the car, which was left behind in the yuk and mud.

During our training and meeting session Eric R7 went over a

very peculiar knot, a self adjusting double loop bowline .This



knot requires quite a bit of practice, in order to tie it correctly and most importantly quickly. After the knot training Eric went over the skills sheet

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for technical rescue and explained the requirements and testing procedures. The first section was the required knots, followed by rappel, system, etc. Working on the skills sheet creates a set standard for our group. Other skill sheets will be established for Canine, Dive/ Tender, Mounted and Swift Water, to include Land Search. The AZ State Coordinators are working on specific standards for search and rescue.

### 8.6.2016 Tech Training Carr Canyon Bridge

During the previous class room/practical tech training held on 7.30.16 Grasshopper went over the Vortex nomenclature and practical set up in a controlled environment. During this particular training the team was split into two. Part of the team set up the vortex, while the other team worked on their rappel skills. Once the teams

accomplished their parts of the training they switched. Unfortunately during the first rappel training evolution, Wayne, now Gimpy, took a slip and busted his knee Matt and Mike administered wilderness first aid on Gimpy. They did pretty good in stabilizing his leg with splints and all, while David filled out the workman's comp form.



# Dr. Scuba Corner

*“Men acquire a particular quality by constantly acting a particular way ...you become just by performing just actions, temperate by performing temperate actions, brave by performing brave actions.”  
Aristotle*

## Technical Rescue Training continued



Gimpy getting assistance into Matt's vehicle for transport to Urgent Care



Eric R7, demonstrated a tension less anchor without any hardware to the rappel group. This is one way to eliminate some wait during a rescue mission. Below, the Vortex



team is setting up the system, with Mandi demonstrating the resultant still being within the triangle of the

Vortex, while Jim R94 is working the MPD for the lowering system. During the same time



team two ws working on their rappel skills. Walter R62 is on



rappel, while Mandi is working on her lock off. Being able to



rappel correctly and conduct a proper lock off are essential skills for a rescue person.



Dominic is “testing the waters” of the system set up by the other group. Nothing moved.



The system remained stable during the entire lowering evolution.



Other team members also tried out the system.



The tech team; missing are David, Matt and “Gimpy”

“Leaders inspire their team members while gaining their trust and loyalty.”  
Unknown

### 8.14/15.2016 Rescue Carr Canyon by the falls

A family of 5 got stranded in the area just below and to the left of the Carr Canyon Falls on 8.14.2016. The family was playing in the water and did not pay any attention to the time and it got dark on them. They were not prepared for a hike in the dark, and one of the members called 9-1-1 after they got cliffed out and could no longer proceed. Our message system kind of went belly up, and only a handful of people got the notification. People who responded and noted their response on e-mail basically notified others of this mission. We were able to conduct another page out and ended up with additional folks. The initial Hasty Team; Eric, Deuce, Grasshopper, Scott, and Brian took enough headlamps and some rescue gear with them when they left the CP around 2055 hours. One of the on scene deputies remarked about the swiftness of how the team

was traveling to the subjects. From the time the team left until they reached the subject took only 17 minutes. Mandi and Matt arrived a little later and also went into the field. The descent however took a little longer due to the rough terrain and the inappropriate footwear of our subjects.

One of the subjects was wearing extremely slick shoes, and a safety harness had to be constructed for her to prevent any falls. The team and subjects reached the CP around 1123 hours, and all was well. Just a reminder to bring flashlights even if you don't feel you will be out in the woods passed dark. Also wear appropriate footwear when hiking. The subjects only had their cell phone as possible light source with diminishing battery. This could have been quite ugly. Thank

you guys for a job well done.

**You guys and gal rock!**



### Safety Knots

Eric brought up a point about safety knots during the last training and during our technical rescue training. The CMC technical rescue guide also states “after careful consideration, we no longer emphasize the need to add a safety knot to some of the knots shown in their field guide.” Most of the knots tighten when loaded and do not come loose when the tension is released. A safety check is required to ensure all knots are tight correctly, as well as the knot being properly tightened prior to being loaded. Further, a tail of at least 6 inches is a must for knots tied into a rope and a minimum of 3 inches for knots tied into webbing. There should be at least a 2 to 3 inch tail in prussik loops.



### 8.17.2016 Gimpy Update !

Gimpy informed us of the following:

I had a MRI yesterday. High Desert Urgent Care provided the results of the MRI this morning (Tibia Fracture, torn Medial & Lateral Collateral Ligaments and torn Meniscus). As expected, Urgent Care also recommended that I be seen by an orthopedic physician. I provided this information to the nurse at Workman’s Comp that approved the MRI and arranged to have it scheduled. My case is now being escalated to a Field Case Manager whom I will work through to arrange the visit to the orthopedic physician. Fortunately, I still do not have any pain.

### Training Schedule for September

9.1.2016 Training and Meeting  
Foothills Station 1730 Hrs

**9.3.2016 NO TRAINING DUE TO THE HOLIDAY**

9.10.2016 Tech Training Rappel

9.11.2016 K9 Training Empire Ranch

9.15.2016 SAR Coordinator training Foothills 1000 hrs

9.17.2016 Tech Training Ascending

9.18.2016 K9 Training Charleston Rd north side of Rd

9.30.2016 Heli/Aircraft Rescue Site “Kilo” west gate

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## 8.20/21.2016 Basic SAR Academy

Most of our new personnel attended this mandatory training, as per State requirement. Participants received a basic overview of SAR. AZ Requirements, Policies and Procedures, Introduction into Searches, Behind the Scene of Route and Location searches, Behind the Scene of Area Searches, Safety, Hazards and Risk Management, Communications, Tracking, Map & Compass.



unknown location in a search vs known location in a rescue. Harry went over Behind the Scenes of Area Searches. We concluded the first day covering Safety and Hazards and Risk Management. We sure did not stay home long, when we received a call for a search in the Chiricahuas for a 11 year old boy scout. We were barely done with this mission, when we received another search mission at Ft. Bowie.

This enabled us to complete the CPR training as well as the map and compass portion of the SAR Academy. Harry going



over his section of the training curriculum. Eric's CPR class.



**“Teamwork has the potential to foster a fulfilling and meaningful way of working together.”**  
**Unknown**



John covered the procedures and policies a must for everyone. Tom covered the aspects



of a search and a rescue, and-

Day two started up with tracking while Eric taught a refresher CPR course. We just came back from the tracking field exercise when David called in regard to a rescue mission at Fairbank. A rider was thrown from a horse and broke her collar bone. DPS Air Rescue assisted and this mission was completed within 2.5 hours.



## 8.13.2016 A Ride Through History

On July 25th 1926, Border Patrol Inspector Lon Parker was ambushed and killed by three liquor smugglers. The story of Lon Parker and the gunfight and the vendetta that followed are tales of valor and true grit that can be an inspiration to all.

On Aug 6th, there will be a horseback ride (for those with horses) and a hike (for those without horses) that will cover the route and visit the sites of these incidents.

Along the trail there will be "teaching stations" set up, wherein information and instruction will be given pertaining to the following topics.....The story of Lon Parker, the gun battle and the vendetta.... The present border situation and the invasion across our Borders....Tracking and Sign-

cutting, skills sets that can be applied to everything by everyone....The Jeff Cooper Color Spectrum, a mental preparation for personal protection....The field craft of animal packing.....Advanced care and maintenance of Equine animals.

This ride and hike is approximately 8 miles long. It begins and ends at the US Border Patrol Monument in Brushy Canyon.The route is along

some parts of FS road 202 and then along cattle and smuggling trails (that are active) that are on the west slope of the Huachuca Mountains. This beautiful, remote and rugged country has not changed from the days of Lon Parker..

The rally point will be at the junction of Lyle Canyon and Brushy Canyon Roads.

### A Ride through History



Lorelei, Michelle, Jake



### Schedule of Events For October

- 10.1.2016 Technical Rescue Training
- 10.4.2016 National Night Out 1600 to 2100 hrs Sierra Vista Veterans Park
- 10.6.2016 Training and Meeting Foothills Station 1730 hours.
- 10.12-13.2016 David, Ursula, Tome State SAR Coordinator Meeting Payson
- 10.15/16.2016 Overnighter and Helo Requals/Mandatory ingress/egress for all new personnel. ATV training conducted as well, to include K9 training will be conducted also
- 10-20-2016 SAR Coordinator Training Foothills Station 1000 hrs.
- 10.22.2016 Chiricahua National Monument Standby for Adventure Race 0800 hrs.
- K9 Training Hunter Canyon
- 10.31.2016 HAPPY HALLOWEEN

# October 2016

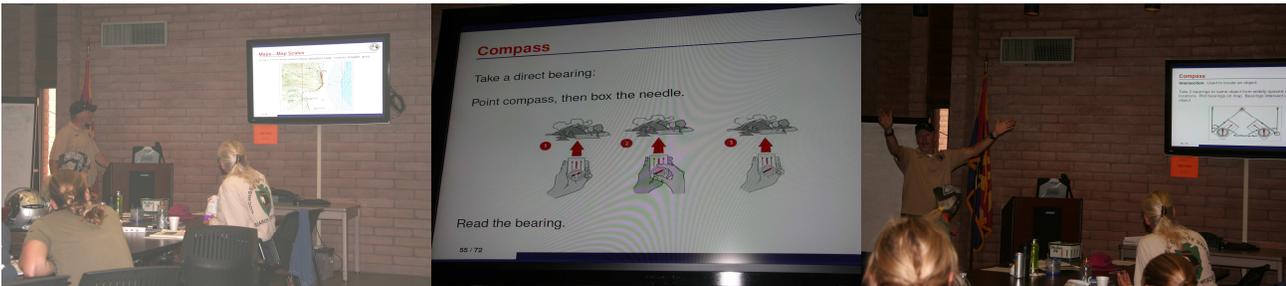
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## 8.20.2016 Supplemental Tech Training—Rappel



On 8.20.2016, Deuce and Grasshopper conducted, upon request of several members, a supplemental rappel training at the Carr Canyon Bridge. These members recognized they needed some more one-on-one to become truly proficient with the rappel work, prior to moving on to the next level, ascending.

## SARA Continued



Eric is going through his portion of the map and compass curriculum. This portion only gives a very brief overview of map and compass, which is an extremely perishable skill requiring constant practice, just like knots and tracking.



Below is a group photo from the Fairbank Mission. Basic SAR members and CPR training class.



Technical Rescue

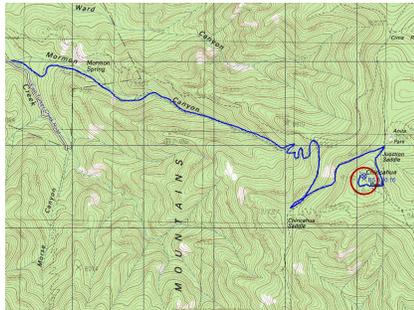
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T—Together  
 E—Everyone  
 A—Achieves  
 M—More

### 8.20.2016 Search Rustler Park/Ft. Bowie

Boy oh boy was this a busy Saturday. Not only were we tight up all day with the first day of the Basic SAR Academy, we also worked on two missions during the evening hours. The first mission was for a 11 year old boy scout reported



pretty much the hood of the car. We received several calls from a family friend who gave some additional information regarding the youth. No gear for the night, no backpack or other supplies. The group left SV around 0600 hours with an expected return of 1400 hours. The subject called back within minutes and said the youth made it to the Turkey Creek Campground and is with a Sheriff's Lt. Contact was made with Lt. C. Heisner, who was camping in the area with her family. She told us she fed the kid and gave him water. Sgt Noland contacted the mother and arrangements were made to meet up with her in Willcox. Upon meeting with her the youth was transferred and transported to Sgt. Noland. While traveling back to SR 181, we received another mission request. A 71 year old male had not returned from a hike a Ft. Bowie, which he began at 1400 hours. The team initially cancelled for the Rustler mission was re-activated for this mission. Walter R62, came up on Apache Pass Road from I-10 and located the subject walking about one mile north of the Ft.

Bowie Parking lot. The team



was again cancelled since Walter found our subject. However, he then told us two other subjects were now missing, who had gone after the initial subject. The two called in saying they were almost rattlesnake bit and were upon a hill. John and Walter with Roxie set out to find them. This is the smallest search group ever, three subjects, two searchers. Great job guys.

**“Without team  
work nobody  
can do  
anything...”**

**Viku Kumar**

missing to us at 1800 hours. Apparently the scout leaders lost sight of him around 1600 hours. One of the scout leaders called Portal Rescue and gave them the information, who in turn called CCSO dispatch. DPS Air Rescue was also contacted to aid in the search due to the area as well as the possible large search area. The weather was getting pretty bad and the radar pretty much showed purple in the area of 191 and 181. Visibility was

### 8.21.2016 Rescue Fairbank

This mission took place right during our SAR Academy and the CPR class Eric was teaching. The morning hours covered communications and tracking to include a field training exercise. The group was heading back to the office, when David called with the mission information. This was a great response over 21 people. AZ DPS Air Rescue was also contacted not knowing how injured the subject was. We were told a broken collar bone

from the fall off the horse. Upon arrival a hasty medical team was deployed first, followed by the rest of the team hauling the tech gear. The medical hasty team arrived on scene at about the same time as DPS Air Rescue. DPS Medic G-Geoff assessed the subject and determined the only fracture was the collar bone. They loaded her into the helo and landed on SR 82, where the subject was then transferred to the waiting ambulance.



### 8.27.2016 Wilderness 1st Aid Part II

18 Team members attended the 2nd part of the Wilderness 1st Aid. Eric with the help of Deuce, Grasshopper, Mandi, Mike and Scott set up a great practical exam. This came close to a mass casualty scenario.



Casualty briefig



### Schedule of Events

- 11.3.2016 Training & meeting Foothills Station 1730 hrs
- 11.5.2016 Tech Training
- 11.12.16 Bisbee 1000 Pack Test?
- 11.19.2016 Map and Compass
- K9 Training Fair-bank
- 11.24.2016 Happy Thanksgiving

# November 2016

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Just a couple of images from the training mass casualty scenario. The teams did really good. And boy those roll players could not have been any better. Great Job guys and gals.



# 8.28.2016 K9 Training Foudy Rd

On Sunday, with the assistance of Yvonne, Jay and Rick we conducted some really good K9 search training. Bruce, the newest addition to Denise's menagerie of dogs is getting to be a pretty good trailing dog. He has no problems finding someone on an initial short search. All beginning is a little difficult, since the attention span is rather short. Gaby was working Heidi on two search scenarios. She also worked Cesar on cadaver as well as Rio. K-Oz is not doing to bad either. Overall, with a lot of consistent training these new dogs will work out pretty good.



Heidi found Yvonne. She and Jay walked out together, then separated and Heidi was supposed to follow Yvonne's scent, which she did.



Roxy getting her reward

To the right.  
Bruce found me



Rio found a scented toy



# 8.30.2016 Much needed Mow Party E Stronghold



This was some exhausting work for our over 50 club mowing two helo spots with the grass being at least two feet plus tall. David and Armando went over to the secondary helo spot and mowed it as well.

Thank you Harry, Jay, Yvonne and David.