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Special points of interest:

- 10.1.2016 Tech Training / Flagpole
- 10.4.2016 Training and meeting Foothills Station
- 10.8.2016 supplemental heli training Charleston bridge
- 10.9.2016 K9 training Bisbee Office
- 10.14 to 10.16.2016 Training / Overnighter East Stronghold
- 10.22.2016 Evidence Search I81 / Ash Creek
- 10.23.2016 K9 Training Parker Canyon Lake
- 10.26.2016 Body Recovery Fairbank
- 10.30.2016 Asst Det. With cold Case & K9 training

10.1.2016 Tech Training Carr Canyon Flagpole

In continuation of the SAR Skills sheet for TRT this training was geared toward the use of litters in high angle rescues. Eric began the training with a test pertaining to the packaging and securing a patient in the litter before going into the practical part of the exercise; patient packaging, securing and actually working around the litter while suspended. The group working

ture reference, you might want to copy the picture on how to properly lay out the webbing for the patient chest and seat harness. Tying those correctly will prevent the patient from shifting up or down within the stokes.

totally secure and ready for transport. Grasshopper is



hard on the written test. Also,



Our hose man is very well secured and ready to be suspended. And so is Katherine,



working around the stokes.



Deuce is applying CPR to our hose patient. It is not as easy as



Mandi had to finish her Wild-Med training/final test. For fu-



it looks, especially if someone is a bit on the tall side. It does take some practice and skill to manipulate the stokes via the AZTEK and one self.



Tech continued



Since it is somewhat difficult to work around the stokes basket when empty, I volunteered to play the victim. Even Yvonne tried her hand at working around the stokes. So did Mandi, Stokes

manipulation is not as easy as it seems. Everyone did a fantastic job, and several team members got checked off the stokes skills.

Mandi and Bill also got checked off their rappel and ascending skills, since they were not available the last time we did the testing.

Mandi continuing after the lock off and Bill (below) on rappel.



Dr. Scuba Corner

“Every job is a self portrait of the person who performs the job. Autograph your work with excellence.”

Unknown



10.5.2016 National Night Out Sierra Vista City Park

During the National Night Out, we were able to show our community some of our gear and engage in deep conversations pertaining to what we do, and what it takes to be a Search and Rescue Volunteer. It is a lot of training, countless hours donated to a good cause, and satisfaction as pay. The



Group photo with the Sheriff. Folks checking out our display



are incoming Commander Farris (pilot) Jail Commander Bradshaw, and our Commander Alinen. And



group is setting up the windsock for the various helicopters participating in this event.



here is Scott with Cdr. Farris.

“Always do right—this will gratify some and astonish the rest.”
Mark Twain



While MCU personnel were setting up the communications unit. Below, a great shot from the MCU camera of the various participants in this event.



covering our activities over the past few years, consisting of training, missions, newspaper articles, etc. “Geronimo” participated in this event as well. Pictured above



Events like this give us the prime opportunity to possibly recruit new members.

The seeds that will bring success need the soil, water, and sun of your will power

JJ Goldwag

10.8.2016 Supplemental Helicopter Training / 10.9.2016 K9 Training at the Bisbee Office

On 10.8.2016, several of the heli crew conducted some supplemental training, in anticipation of the upcoming heli requals, at the Charleston Bridge. It always helps to conduct some of the training prior to the requals, which occur every three months. Helicopter operations, next to swift water rescues, are the most dangerous rescues we can get involved in. Therefore, it is imperative we conduct specific training and are 100% up to par.

On 10.9.2016, several members of the K9 group conducted some training at the Bisbee Office. We worked on trailing, air scenting, cadaver, and obedience. Odin reacted to a vehicle involved in a homicide back in 2001 as well as on another vehicle involved in a 2005 dead body. Odin is definitely top dog when it comes to cadaver.

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November 2016

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20 K9	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Schedule of Events

- 11.3.2016 Training and Meeting Foothills station 1730 hrs
- 11.5.2016 Technical Rescue Training TBA
- 11.8.2016 SAR Coordinator Training Foothills Station 1000 hrs.
- 11.12.2016 Pack Test Bisbee 1000 meet at St. Patrick's Church Parking Lot 0900 hrs.
- 11.13 to 11.19.2016 David, Ursula and Jake ISM class Flagstaff
- 11.20.2016 K9 Training Fairbank Volunteers are always welcomed to help with trails
- 11.24.2016 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

K9 Training Continued



Bruce working footprint by footprint to find his subject. Daisy trying to find subject "John" from a knife he dropped in the parking lot.

Got him. Walter brought his new dog out, but primarily worked him on socialization, getting him used to other dogs and people. Odin did some interior building work and did quite well. He also worked the evidence room, boy was he

overwhelmed by the odor of some of the DNA evidence we have stored in row 8. All dogs did extremely well.



"When two people meet, there are really six people present. There is each man as he sees himself, each man as he wants to be seen, and each man as he really is."

Michael De Saintamo

10.14 to 10.16.2016 Overnighter at the E Stronghold

This was quite a busy training weekend. Map and Compass, Mounted, ATV, and K9 training to include heli requals. The food was excellent. Thank you Jake for butchering a bull and supplying the hamburger meat for Saturday's dinner. What a difference in taste. The ATV



on some gear packaging skills just in case they have to help us hauling gear. K-Oz didn't do to



group is getting their briefing prior to training begin. Master-

working on some buried cadaver as well as a water search.



bad either, considering he drowned in the tall grass. Determination and a stinky toy is the key to success.



The mounted group working



ing the curve, while Odin is





Members of our mounted group.

December 2016

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- 12.1.2016 Christmas Party Set up 1730—Potluck
- 12.3.2016 SV Christmas Parade meet at the Station around 1400 hrs for set up
- 12.3.2016 K9 training at the Charleston Bridge prior to parade set up
- 12.4.2016 K9 Training Fleet yard
- 12.10.2016 K 9 Training Hunter Canyon
- 12.13.2016 SAR Coordinator Training Foothills Station 1000 hrs
- 12.18.2016 K9 training Montezuma
- 12.25.2016 **MERRY CHRISTMANS**

**“Ability is what you’re capable of doing, motivation determines what you do, and attitude determines how well you do it.”
Unknown**

Overnighter continued.

Dominic laid a track for Heidi in which the subject basically was no longer in the area. It took them a little longer, since they had to back track and find Walter’s radio. Otherwise Heidi did well.

David instructed two ATV classes to keep up with the instructor requirements. On Friday, Dominic and Mandi set up the navigation course. The course was quite challenging with everyone who participated completing it.

Jake worked with the mounted

group setting up a trail ride to include how to properly load a horse to haul equipment. The mounted group was pretty happy. The training concluded on Sunday with our Heli Requals. Mandi was able to try out the screamer suit as a

“victim”. Pictured are Mandi, her dog, and Michelle allowing dog and horse getting acquainted.



10.22.2016 Detective Assist—Evidence Search

We were asked to assist the detectives with the search for an item used in a homicide. Using this search as a Mock Training Exercise we used mounted, ATVs, Jay with his drone, and K9 teams. The area was very well searched, but the vegetation played a major role in us not locating the item.

a foot away from you. You can barely see the ATV team in the tall grass and weeds. The mounted had a better chance of possibly locating the item, since they truly had a height advantage. However, they also had negative contact with the item. Lorelei and Mia after



It was nearly impossible to see the item, which is not even a



their return to command post.



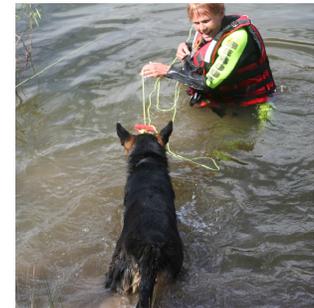
A big Thank You to everyone who participated in this search. Even though we were not successful in locating the item. At least we can say we tried our best taking the horrible vegetation into consideration.

10.23.2016 K9 training Parker Canyon Lake

Since we are lacking the “water stuff” the K9 group went to Parker Canyon Lake for some HR water search training. Grasshopper was kind enough to assist us with the boat to include Jim Fusco. The team concentrated primarily on HR and nothing else. Most of the training was shore based, with the source about 5 feet away from the shoreline and a couple feet below. Working with Roxy to get her used to going



deeper into the water, rather than just staying at the shore. Slowly but shortly she is getting there.



January 2017

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 1.1.2017 Happy New year
- 1.7.2017 Equipment Inspection and repack mandatory for all SAR personnel
- 1.8.2017 K9 Training at the Bisbee Office
- 1.10.2017 SAR Coordinator training Foothills station 1000 hrs
- 1.21.2016 Tech training TBA
- 1.29.2017 K9 Training Empire Ranch

Parker Lake continued



Gaby with Cesar working some of the HR scenarios along the lake shore.

Some also worked their K9s on boat familiarization a must for deep water searches.



Odin had absolutely no problem getting into the water and working with the new contraption Patty created for under water rewards for the dog. Odin worked the scent cone quite well for this training exercise indicating a right and left cone barrier. We do have to work some more on "hand signals" for the dog sending



him/her out to a specific direction. More for our training

days. On the below picture the reward can barely be seen below the water surface. It is important for a K9 to receive the reward directly from the source. It's rather difficult for a dog who has a down as a CFTR to alert around a source out in deep water. Might have to work the K9 from a boat and then have K9 jump into the water at source. Something to think about. Grasshopper "rescued" a stranded family from the lake, whose boat motor froze. Way to go! Our training was cut short to the all of a sudden major rainstorm. And then, on the way back from training, the boat trailer had a "blow out" on the right rear damaging the rim. Rim/tire were dropped off at fleet. They will order another spare for the left side tire, which needs to be replaced as well.



10.26.2016 Body Recovery Fairbank

David activated the team around 0700 hours for this body recovery. Civilians riding their mountain bikes in the area, when they came across the deceased subject in the middle of Willow Wash east of the San Pedro River. While en-route the on scene SV deputies informed us that ATVs would be needed. Unfortunately, we were already miles away . Brian was send back to get the SV ATV. While waiting David checked out the map again and found using a BLM road of Imbalance Ranch Rd would get the team closer. Cdr Alinen and Cdr Farris came to the area prior to the team departing. Thank you for your support. The team did not clear until early in the morning of 10.27.2016. It appears this was not a UDA related death, still a mystery who the subject might be, since we have no missing person reports for our area matching the subject description.



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10.30.2016 Detective Assist--Happy Camp Canyon

Our original training location had to be changed to assist our detective division with a cold case search. We moved from Hunter Canyon to an area off Happy Camp Canyon. After the completion of the search, we commenced our regular scheduled training.



Det. Monroe giving the initial briefing.



Gaby is getting ready for a search scenario for Heidi.



Daisy is getting some loving from a few kids visiting the park with their parents.

Richard was hiding for Daisy and Patty ran the search first crossing Richard's tracks. Daisy during a previous trailing exercise



switched the tracks and followed the wrong person. Knowing Daisy messed up, Denise decided she needs to work on this with shorter exercises in order to work out this problem. Both marked their trail with flags allowing immediate correction, once Daisy tried to follow



the wrong scent trail. Nose to the ground and in hot pursuit.

Walter worked with Roxy on a short re-find scenario. Roxy worked the first two excellent, but then just wanted to go back to her kennel. We all have bad days, where we are not up to par, Roxy must have felt that way after the two short runaways we did with her.

Heidi, from what I was told worked out her problem and found Jim, who was hiding for her.

Odin had no problem in finding Richard either. K-Oz or Badger 1, as G-Geoff called him, is continually getting better in recognizing the cadaver scent. Nothing comes over night, and patience and continued training is the key to success.

The team will be concentrating on some testing procedures for the various disciplines our canines are certified in. We have to make all our dogs are mission ready and the only way to determine this is through various scenarios. This will also show us our short comings, such as not being able to read the dog correctly, getting side tracked by something else, and not paying attention to our dog and his/her body language. Odin displaying his CFTR



(Conditioned Final Trained Response).

Over all this was a super training day to include a completely different training area.

Just in case you didn't know

Napoleon Bonaparte, was saved by a Newfoundland after slipping on his ship and falling overboard. He did not know how to swim, and was kept above water by the dog until he could be rescued.