



# THE SAR MEMBER INFO LINE INFO LINE

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## Graduation Well Attended For New SAR Members

After a grueling three month immersion of training, 14 trainees graduated from the most recent DCSAR Academy, ceremonies being held at the CVI in Minden. Members were presented with their certificates of completion by Sherriff Ron Perrini and President Rod Hogan.

Also attending were Sgt Halsey, and Capt Aymami. Attendees families and current members also attended the celebration. Unique to this Academy was the "multi-agency" event. A member from Alpine Co (CA) and El Dorado Co (CA) and Carson Co (NV) earned their orange shirt as "trainees" for

DCSAR. New trainees are now eligible for tone-outs, public events and all duties SAR members participate in. Immediately prior to the ceremonies, the group photo of the new SAR members with current members was taken.



## The "Initiation" Tone-Out, for Real!

The glow of graduation had barely worn off, a mere 3 hours after the celebration had ended when a tone-out was initiated for a search. The subject, an elder from the Washoe Tribe at Dresslerville was reported missing. DCSAR members assisted members from the Washoe community in searching for the gentleman. He was located the next morning

east of the search area, apparently in good condition, according to the reports. No further details were available. With the assistance of the "phone tree" by current members, several trainees assisted in the search. Capt Varner extended a sincere thanks for helping in the event. Way to go new members!



## ELPER this way, or that way?



The mysteries of proper usage of an ELPER was trialed by SAR's new batch of trainees. New technology vs. the older but perhaps more reliable methods were taught and tried. Learning to hone on the aircraft signal of an ELT, then trusting the assistance of the device to trek through terrain and find the "aircraft debris" was reviewed and taught to all

those participating that day. There are two signal configurations for receiving a frequency from an ELT, both are unique and have their advantages and strengths. Participants needed to use all tools for search, including a compass and their own personal listening abilities to find their target. Trainees J Zona, M Starr and M Wiegiers with D LeGrand and S Lopes.



## Remember this stuff called SNOW?



Pull out warm clothing, gloves and socks. Check your vehicle for winter supplies, survival items and proper fluids and wiper blades. Your personal packs and equipment need to reflect cold and snow conditions. If you are adapt using snow-shoes, have them ready. If you don't have snow-shoes, they will be supplied in SAR vehicles for members and subjects use.....soon. Education, training and testing for avalanche beacons will commence with the fall of more of the white stuff. Be Prepared.



**November 2009**

**Schedule of Trainings and events**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 T-Day	27	28
29	30					

Training Meeting Night, several tasks  
Thurs Nov 12th 1900-2100 hrs

Training week-end, both Sat & Sun Events, multiple tasks  
Sat & Sun Nov 14th, 15th 0800—1700

General Business Meeting  
Thurs Nov 19th 1900—2100

Training Meeting Night  
Thurs Dec 3rd 1900—2100 hrs

X-Mas Party!  
Fri Dec 4th 1800 till "the cows come home"

Parade of Lights  
Sat Dec 5th 1600—1900 (approx)

Training Day, Winter Events  
Sun Dec 6th 0800—1700

General Business Meeting  
Thurs Dec 17th 1900—2100

New Years Event at Stateline  
Thurs Dec 31st/Fri Jan 1st 1700—0200

**December 2009**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Party	5 Parade
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Merry	25 XMas	26
27	28	29	30	31 New	1 Years Event	

**Teaching Safety in Class**

Continuing with a successful program, DCSAR members present the STOP program to several of the 3rd grade classes in the Douglas Co School system. More presentations will continue after the Holiday Season; you still have an opportunity to contribute to a child's safety lessons. Check e-groups for announcements.





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## The two “Johns” shine as Subjects

J Hubbard and J Soderman played the part of severely injured subjects during a multiple area event with the assistance of Care Flight from Reno. Medical, ropes and helicopter management were employed during the training event. Trainees had the opportunity to become part of the solution during the scenarios. Events in the Pine Nuts and east of Heavenly Valley came together with the helicopter team, picking up one subject from the east side of the valley and depositing him to the west side.



## and Finally....THERE ARE NO BARRIERS IN THE SAR VOCABULARY

DCSAR members just completed a three day “operational ropes” training course in Fallon. The weather was ideal for those attending, several camping with the hosts of SAR Fallon group, Fallon Sheriff’s office and Fallon Fire Department. The skills learned included; picking suitable anchors for rope systems (in not so ideal situations), multi-system rope anchors, rappelling down 50 to 150 foot rock walls (YES we did!), using different methods for belay-

ing and ascending a vertical wall, trying new tools for rope techniques, and attempting a “subject pick-off” on a vertical rock wall. Members who attended the course were R Evans, G Felton, R Riippi, S. Lopes, A Harris, K Kerley, N Noble and M Noble. Many thanks to the Fallon folks for volunteering their services to this group. Oh, and that’s A Harris in the photo learning how to ascend up a rope system.

