



THE SAR MEMBER INFO LINE

Douglas County
Sherriff's
Search & Rescue

Volume 5, Issue 4
July/August 2009

DCSAR Members Assist in Search and Wild Land Fire Evacuations

DCSAR members assisted in a search for a missing boy in Lyon County, along with several other agencies early in July. Those agencies assisting were Washoe County SAR, Nevada State Parks, Nevada Department of Wildlife and the Department of Emergency Management. Unfortunately the 6 year old Reno

boy was found 2 days after the incident, a victim of drowning.

Members were again called to assist with fire evacuations and road control July 13th when a wild land fire erupted at Topaz Ranch Estates. Fortunately, no property or homes were harmed in the 20 acre fire. Cause was determined to be

an eight and ten year old boy playing with matches. This call was a reminder to have fire gear ready for immediate response when available.

Douglas Fire officials praised DCSAR members for their quick response, and advised they plan on asking for their assistance as needed this fire season.



photo from Channel 4 News web page



Photo by Shannon Litz—Record Courier

When There's Water in the Carson River, They Play!

Just when one would think there isn't enough water to float an inter tube, members get a call out late Wed night (July 15th) for two over due young men rafting the Carson River. Just when members might have given

up, they were found at 0330 hrs on a sand bar about 10 miles up river from the Power Dam; cold, hungry, unharmed and very tired. Note: new tool for rafting—shovels as paddles. Good work members!



Swiftwater Training Course Well Attended

Thirteen hardy souls entered the cold waters of the Carson River and earned their certificates for Swift Water Tech I in May. Members from DCSAR and Alpine Co SAR attended the well taught classes, learning skills for river and lake rescue and recovery. Knowledge skills taught were: rescuer safety and survival, water dynamics and hazards, personal and team equipment needs, ICS techniques, communication skills, throw bag techniques, how to avoid or survive strainers, shallow water crossings, entrapment avoidance, anchor systems,

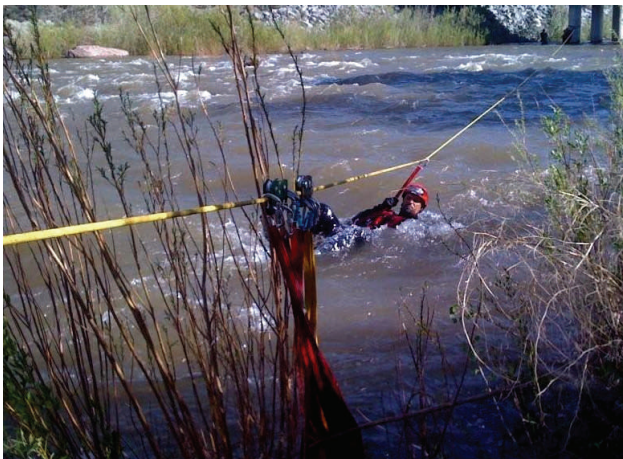
and self survival with personal rescue swimming, defensive swimming and live bate rescue. This course was an evening didactic class and two full days of on and in the water training. Also, as it turned out, the Carson River was at it's highest level all season, reaching a flow of 2000 cubic feet per second, and depths of up to 5 feet. Members and instructor gained a great respect of the power of the river that weekend. A great thanks goes out to Jonathon Blum for his expert knowledge and sense of adventure.



Rope and anchor basics –photo by K Kerley



Three person river crossing



Above, best part of the day: zip line water crossing (without getting the rope wet!)

Right, Jonathon and L Rose after zip line crossing, too much fun and glad she did it.





July 2009

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	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2009

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	27	28	29
30	31					

Schedule of Trainings and events

Training Meeting, search	Thurs July 9th 1900—2100 hrs
Training night, search	Sat July 11th 1800—2400 hrs
General Meeting	Thurs July 23rd 1900—2100 hrs
Carson Valley Bike Event	Sun July 26th 0800—1630
“National Night Out”, Carson City/ CCSAR	Tues Aug 4th 1600—2000
Training Night at Lake Tahoe	Sat Aug 15th 1800—2400 hrs
Training Night at Lake Tahoe	Sat Aug 15th 1800—2400 hrs
Candy Dance Weekend	Sat and Sun Sept 25 and 27, all day
Candy Dance Weekend	Sat and Sun Sept 25 and 27, all day

The Academy Schedule is posted on the DCSAR web site

For those unable to open the page, the dates start August 31st and run every Wed night and Sunday for training with the exception of the Training Weekend of Sept 11 thru 13, Mondays Sept 21, 28 and Oct 5 and 12, and Thurs Oct 8 and 29 being graduation. There will be a field test on Sat Oct 17 and Written test on Sun Oct 25.

Log on to [http://www.douglassar.org/masterpages/dcsarframe.aspx?url=../joindcsar/Academy Calendar.pdf](http://www.douglassar.org/masterpages/dcsarframe.aspx?url=../joindcsar/Academy%20Calendar.pdf) to print out the schedule.



**DOUGLAS COUNTY
SEARCH & RESCUE**

**P.o.Box 1306
Minden, NV 89423**

**Phone/voice mail
775-782-9930
fax 775-782-9913**

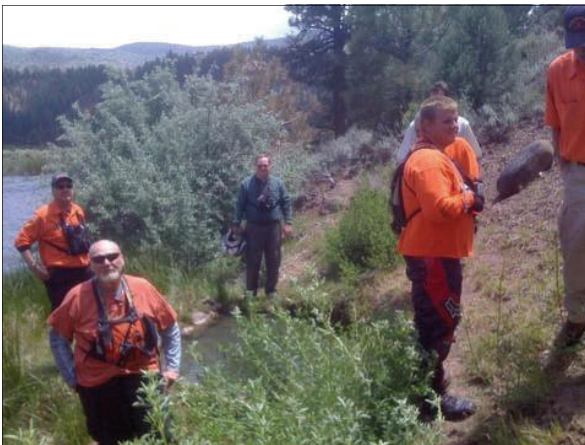
ATTENTION SAR MEMBERS!

**The DCSAR Newsletter has gone High Tech
Starting last two issues; the Newsletter can be ac-
cessed on the DCSAR web-site. www.douglassar.org**

The editorial staff needs input, continue mailings or view
newsletter only on the web. Comments always accepted.

“That others may live.....”

dcsar.co.douglas.nv.us



Photos from the ATV training day in June. Members learned many unforgettable lessons that day, among them field patient assessment and communication. Members learned other assess to the Carson River other than Hangman's Bridge, the Hot Springs and the Power Dam. Photos by K Kerley



***And the members of the Swift
Water Class.....***

Those attending the Swift Water Class are: top row K Kerley, J Neuffer, L Howell, T Minder, Jorgan, middle row: J Blumm (instructor), M Carlisle, front row: J Soderman, M Noble, R Riippi, L Rose, L Lopes, N Noble, Christian and G Felton.