

Fall 2007 Newsletter

From the Chair . . .



Hello all!

I want to thank all of you who voted for me at ESCAPE 07. At the June 23 Board meeting I was elected Chair. I am looking forward to a good year and another great ESCAPE in May, 2008. You all have elected a good and energetic Board. They have all jumped in and plans for the upcoming year are moving forward.

On a sad note, Steve Van Kouteren had to resign from the Board because of personal commitments, but has graciously volunteered to be our Fundraising Chair. We have filled his vacancy on the Board with John Van Dreese from Philmont SAR. John was one of the candidates for the Board at ESCAPE 07 and had the next highest number of votes. He will be a good asset to the Board.

Plans for ESCAPE 08 are moving along already with Tony Gaier and Gary Cascio as Co-Chairs, and Sue Williams as their mentor. Sue is also the Board's Vice-Chair this year. Besides being an ESCAPE Co-Chair, Tony is also the Chair of the Training Committee.

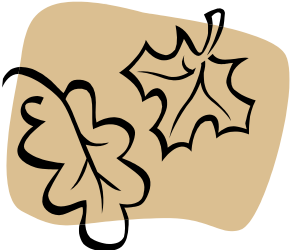
Gary is also the liaison between the Board and the NMESC mapping program and is liaison with our webmaster.

The Membership Committee Co-Chairs are Richard Swartz and Robert Valdez.

These two will be glad to assist you and your team, so contact them if you have any NMESC membership questions. Richard Swartz is also our treasurer. Don Stone has agreed to continue being the Board Secretary and will be putting the Board meeting minutes on our website. Ross Hollbrook has agreed to be the NMESC representative to the NM SAR Review Board. Dave Baldrige is the Newsletter editor. If you have anything for the Newsletter or questions about the Newsletter, contact Dave. Steve Van Kouteren has been Dave's mentor for this issue. Brian Fuller and John Van Dreese, although they have no 'titles' (yet!), have jumped with both feet and are helping with ESCAPE 08 (as are all the other Board members).

It is going to be a good year!!

Gail Zimmerman
NMESC Chair



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Website Update

NM SAR has adopted and revised new versions of the ICS paperwork. Those new forms are available on the NMESC website.

The NMESC address is:
www.nmesc.org/forms.htm

All Field Coordinators and Section Chiefs should download and begin using these new forms immediately.



Field Certification Study Guide



The revision of the NM SAR Field Certification Study Guide went into effect on October 1, 2007. The Study Guide is now available on the NMESC website (<http://www.nmesc.org/certification.htm>) and from James Newberry, 505-827-9228, james.newberry@state.nm.us.

If you are already

All Field Certification tests will now be based on the new Study Guide. Only Study Guides with the October 1, 2007 date, and downloaded from the NMESC website or sent to you by James Newberry will be considered the official Study Guide (of course, copies of these documents are OK). The written tests based on the new Study Guide are in the same format as before: true/false and multiple choice questions. The entire Field Certification test still consists of the following four elements:

1. Gear and Clothing Check
2. Compass Field Test
3. ICS-100 Written Test (or proof of having previously taken ICS-100)
4. Written test based on the Study Guide.

If you are already certified, please take some time to read the new Study Guide. You do not have to retake any of the test, but reading the new Study Guide will be informative and will bring you up to date."For more details on the testing process, go to <http://www.nmesc.org/certification.htm> and look at 'Field Certification Exam Information.'

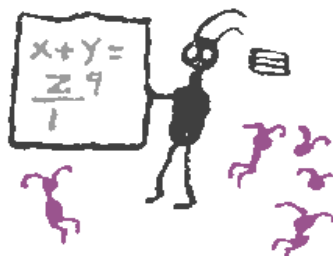
Training Corner: Boot Camp

On December 8th and 9th there will be a NMESC sponsored "Boot Camp" in the Albuquerque area. On the 8th there will be classroom activities and on the 9th there will be field exercises.

Saturday's classes will start at 9am at the LOS VECINOS COMMUNITY CENTER

(<http://www.bernco.gov/live/departments.asp?dept=2903>). The community center is located at 478 1/2 Old Hwy. 66 Tijeras, NM. The classes will go on until 3 p.m. There will only be a 30-

minute lunch break, so please bring a lunch with you to the training. The class schedule still needs to be finalized and will be posted to both the forum and the NMESC website in the near future. Classes on the schedule so far: Gear and Clothing, Navigation and Maps, Search Techniques, and ICS in New Mexico.



Sunday's field exercises will start at 8 a.m. and will end around 12 p.m. The field exercises will be located in the Sandia foot hills, exact location will be announced a few weeks prior to the training. Currently planned exercises include a navigation course and a search techniques course.

If you plan to attend please contact me via email, as soon as possible. There's no charge for the course

Tony Gaier
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Training Corner: Wilderness 1st Aid Class

November 10-11

Wilderness Emergency Care (ASHI), a two-year certification, will take place November 10-11 in Albuquerque. The cost is \$65 for SAR Team Members, and \$75 for the public. Classroom instruction will be combined with outdoor hands-on experience. No pre-requisites are required.

Instructors: Jason Williams 505-249-0170, jdw8485@aol.com, Wilderness EMT-Paramedic, BS- Emergency Medicine President of Albuquerque Mountain Rescue; Rachael Wilenta, Wilderness EMT-Intermediate Licensed Medical Massage Therapist

Contact an instructor to sign up or for further class details. Optional CPR-Pro class offered Friday Nov. 9, 5:30-9:30 p.m. for an additional \$30



ESCAPE '07 Hosts 24 Teams

First, thanks to everyone who gave of his or her time and energy to making ESCAPE 07 a total success! Special thanks to our Training Chair, Ross Holbrook, for all his hard work.

Second, thanks to all you outstanding search and rescue folks who give so much on a regular basis and took the time to update your skills and learn new ones.

We had 174 attendees, which made this one of the best-attended southern ESCAPEs in years! With 24 teams represented, 39 classes spread out over 3 days and lots of good eats; we all learned a lot, visited old (and new) friends and just generally had a great time. Search Gear was back with us as a vendor, the NMESC Board cooked dinner (thanks Dave

Kenneke) and the Ruidoso Convention center staff was on top of everything.

Be on the lookout for information on ESCAPE 08 and all the exciting new classes!

AND, again, thanks to everyone for another successful ESCAPE!

ESCAPE '08 to Glorieta

ESCAPE 2008 is scheduled for May 16-18, 2008 at the Glorieta Conference Center. So mark your calendars now!

The conference will include tracks on training; Medical, Basic SAR, Technical, Advanced, K-9, Management, and Radio. We may be add-

ing ATV classes this year, too. Always open to new ideas, so if there is something you would like to see, please contact me. If you will arrive early and need a room the nights of May 15th please contact me as soon as possible. More details will be posted

on the SAR Forum as ESCAPE 2008 approaches. Also visit the New Mexico Emergency Service Council's website for ESCAPE related information at <http://www.nmesc.org/Esc2008.htm> --*Tony Gaier, ESCAPE Co-Chair*

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Team Liaisons for NMESC Board



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TEAM

Gail Zimmerman	Grant County SAR; San Juan Mounted Sheriff's Posse; United SAR of Montezuma County (CO)
John Van Dreese,	Angel Fire SAR; Philmont SAR; Taos SAR
Don Stone	NM SAR Support Team; Los Alamos Amateur Radio Club; Bernalillo County ARES Bernalillo County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol
Gary Cascio	Santa Fe SAR Group; St. John's College SAR Atalaya SAR; San Miguel SAR
Brian Fuller	Luna County SAR; Panhandle SAR (TX) True North Canine SAR (TX)
Tony Gaier	Cibola SAR; CAP NM Wing; Sacred Mountain SAR; McKinley County SAR
Ross Holbrook	Hot Springs Desert Crawlers; Socorro SAR; Catron County SAR
Robert Valdez	Northern Snow-Drift Breakers; Sangre de Cristo del Norte SAR; Los Alamos Aux. Fire Brigade; Los Alamos Ski Patrol
Susan Williams	Dona Ana County SAR; Organ Mountain Tech. Rescue Squad; Colorado Mounted SAR (CO)
Dave Baldrige	Sandia Search Dogs; La Cueva Volunteer Fire Dept; Mountain Canine Corps; K9 SAR (CO)
Richard Swartz	Mesilla Valley SAR; White Mountain SAR; Chavez County Off Road SAR; Eddy County SAR

Meet the 2007-2008 NMSEC Board Members

Gail Zimmerman, President



Board president Gail Zimmerman has participated in SAR since early 1990s. Currently, she serves as secretary of Grant County SAR, and prior to that was a member, president, secretary,

and foreman of the Los Alamos Auxilliary Fire Brigade SAR. Currently a member of the Upper Mimbres Vol Fire Dept (wildland, structural fire and rope rescue), she is an NM SAR Field Coordinator/Incident Commander (Type I, Area Commander); Operations, Logistics, and Planning Section Chief; Safety Officer; Air Operations and Branch Director.

Sue Williams, Vice-President



Sue is an Associate Professor in Business at Dona Ana Community College in Las Cruces. She has been active in the SAR community for six years with Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad and three years with Dona

Ana County Search and Rescue. During that time with OMTRS, she has been elected Captain twice and Co-Captain twice, has been instrumental in obtaining their 501(c)(3) incorporation status, as well as setting training standards for the team. Sue is a CMC rescue tech 1 and 2, and is a Planning Section Chief. Sue has been a member of the Board for three years and has been NMESC's PIO officer, Secretary and ESCAPE Chair.

Don Stone, Secretary



Don has been involved in SAR for about 35 years, starting as a ground pounder in the 1970s. He was a charter member of the Sandia Search and Rescue Team (no longer in existence), and previously served a two-year

term on the Council Board in the 1980s. He has been an officer of both Sandia SAR and NMSARST. After 35 years as a staff member and department manager for Sandia Labs, he retired ten years ago. Don has been a member of the New Mexico Search and Rescue Support Team for about 15 years, and was a Field Coordinator for 23 years, retiring from that position about three years ago. He is currently an Operations Section Chief.

Richard Swartz, Treasurer



Richard was born and raised in Artesia, NM and moved to Las Cruces in 1976 when he began working at El Paso Electric. He is currently a Director responsible for all new distribution construction at El Paso Electric. He joined Mesilla Valley Search and Rescue

approximately three years ago. He is a member of both the Jeep and the ground team and is the Communications Team Leader. During this time he has participated in over a dozen searches. He became a Planning Section Chief in March of 2007. He has been on several boards including Las Cruces Symphony, City of Las Cruces Labor Relations Board, Center for Parents and Children and Mayfield Band Parents Association.