

NMSARC NEWSLETTER



A Publication of the New Mexico Search and Rescue Council

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings, fellow New Mexico Search & Rescue volunteers:

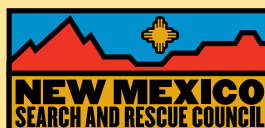
Your board has been working hard for you this year. While we've obviously been focusing on ESCAPE, we are also working on several other items of interest to the SAR community.

- Name change:** Well, not really a "name change." More of a "name revision." In our by-laws in article 1, section 1, it states: This corporation shall be known as the **New Mexico Emergency Services Council**, or also known as the **New Mexico Search and Rescue Council**, and shall often be referred to herein as the Council. After careful consideration, the board has decided to use the second version of our name instead of the first one. We believe it more truly reflects who we are and what we do. As originally envisioned the council was to be a mixture of urban, suburban and wilderness search and rescue organizations. Looking at our membership list you can see it took a different direction. We also believe using the second version of our name will allow people an easier means of finding us on the internet (and relax, your bookmark for www.nmesec.org will still work!)
- Membership fees:** The cost for joining NMSARC for an entire team is only \$30. It costs each of us almost that much to be a member of our own teams in many cases. Expenses for ESCAPE have increased and the board would like to implement some proposals for public relations, training, equipment and maps; so we feel it's time we should talk about raising our membership fees. Anyone have any thoughts on that? Come to ESCAPE and voice them at the general meeting.
- Portable Repeaters:** One of several items on next year's budget proposal calls for buying several portable repeaters for use on missions and locating them around the state. It will be discussed at ESCAPE.
- Fundraising ideas:** Got any? Then let us hear from you. We want to ensure NMSARC has the money to continue to bring you new ideas in SAR, new trainings, new gear and an improved and innovative ESCAPE every year.

That's all for now. Be looking at our website (and inside this newsletter) for the latest on this year's ESCAPE. (To be held in Ruidoso, May 1 – 3, 2009). You don't want to miss this one.

And let us hear from you. We can only serve you well when we know what you want.

Gary Cascio
NMSARC Chair



***NMSARC SEEKS
NEW BOARD
MEMBERS***

***We're looking for
four NMSARC board
members.***

If you're willing to devote yourself to a few meetings over the next three years and have something to say about the direction of the NMSARC and search and rescue in New Mexico in general, then do we have a deal for you!!

At ESCAPE (www.nmsarc.org) your New Mexico Search and Rescue Council will be looking for four new board members to replace retiring members. We are looking for dedicated volunteers to help make the NMSARC board even better than before (If that's possible!).

So, if you think you might be willing to give even more than you already give to search and rescue, contact me or any of the other board members for more information.