



ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Search & Rescue

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General Meeting

Thurs. Sept. 27, 2012
1900 at the SAR Shack

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Upcoming Training

MRT Meeting
October 9, 2012

MRT Practise
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Drive Home**
October 7, 2012

Parade of Lights
December 1



2012/2013 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors would like to welcome everyone back after the summer break. The new Board of Directors for the 2012/2013 season are: Ed Van Heeren,

President; Vince Rodgers, Vice President; Don Livingston, Treasurer; Jayne Larsen, Secretary; Directors: Corey Rasmussen, Jennifer Howse, Chad Gardeski, Margriet

Berkhout, Kevin Gagne & Mark Sproule. If you have any questions regarding Search & Rescue, feel free to contact any Board member, we are happy to help out.



MRT Practise at Rocky Fire Hall - Ernst looking on.

Participation

In order for Rocky SAR to keep going and purchase necessary equipment and the awards for the points system we have to fundraise. It is important to us that all members participate in these events. Remember, being part of a volunteer search & rescue group means active participation in many areas.



Rescue Randy had a tough day!

Points System

Rocky SAR has a points system that earns members rewards like vests, cruiser vest, watch, overnight bags etc. The more activities you are involved in the more points you earn. You will receive 3 points for a meeting or an event, for example, bar tend-

ing, Adventure Smart presentations, other fundraising events, 5 points for a training exercise or course and 10 points for an incident. So come on out and participate, meet and greet the general public, let them know what SAR is all about.

Submission to the Newsletter

Members are welcome to submit their stories or articles for inclusion in the Newsletter. Submissions will only be printed after Board approval.



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Uniform Shirts

Uniform shirts are at the SAR Shack. Pull-over type are \$22 and zippered are \$36. See a board member and they will help you out. These shirts make us easily identifiable on a scene. Each member is required to wear these shirts on a search/rescue whenever possible.

Winter is coming!

Pretty soon, winter will be upon us. Make sure your packs and equipment are ready.



Don Livingston - Edge Attendant during MRT practise at the Beaver Dams.

ICS 100

For those of you who have not done so, please go to rockysar.com, click on the training tab and follow the link to complete your ICS 100. It is mandatory to have this course prior to going into the field on a search. We also hope in the future to have additional training in Incident Command for those of you who have completed the 100 level. The training material and exam are available online.

FIRST AID

Please make sure that your First Aid/CPR is up-to-date and that there is a copy in your file. This is mandated by the RCMP, if we do not have a copy on file then you cannot enter the field as an active searcher.



Setting up the system at the Beaver Dams during MRT Practise.

New Call-Out System

During the summer months we have been experimenting with a new way to do a call-out in order to save precious time. Instead of phoning members individually we will be sending a mass text. Yes, there are still some kinks to work out, however, it is more efficient than spending time making individual phone calls. Members, please be advised you will receive the bare minimum of information regarding the incident and a request to text back with your name and a yes or no if you are responding. Please do not call back and ask for more information about the incident as that ties up the phone for the tasking agency - RCMP or search managers.