

ASRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
23 April 1994
MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 1030 by Dave Carter.

BUSINESS MEETING

Attendance: *(People in italics were present)*

AMRG Keith Conover
AMRG Charles P. Kollar
MSAR Peter McCabe
MSAR Darrell Hale
SMRG Gary Mechtal
SMRG Amy Rue
TSAR Dave Carter
TSAR Matt Rhode
Patrick Turner
Others:

BRMRG Audrey Wilson
BRMRG Bob Koester
RSAR Mark Pennington
RSAR
SWVaMRG Dave Zader
SWVaMRG John Punches
*PVRG Brian Whalen
*PVRG Dome Poon

Officer and Committee Reports

Treasurer's report (Patrick Turner) - MSAR and PVRG still owe their dues. The money for the radio license has cleared.

Operation/Chairman's report (Dave Carter) - There has been no search activity since the last meeting. Dave is looking for the list of equipment needed by affiliate groups. Bob does not think that the list exist. The disk with the operations manual will be sent to Kieth Conover to be put into the ASRC Ops formula. Peter suggested that we change the format of the Ops manual to wordperfect.

DES had a finishing school for Ics. It was decided that DES would ask for CAP to send their MCs to do Incident Staff work for most searches. The MCs need 12 hours in Plans and 24 hours in Ops to become a state IC.

See Addendum.

Training Report (John Punches) - In old business, revised CQ standards and, introductory paragraphs for the other training level standards will be presented.

Uniform Committee (John Punches) - A proposed new uniform standard will be presented in old business.

ASTM (John Punches) - Since the last BOD meeting four proposed ASTM standards regarding search and rescue operations were reviewed. The first was a testing method for rescue carabiniers. John found the tests proposed to be unrealistic and thought if passed it might pose a legal concern if groups continued to use carabiniers not meeting its standard. John voted negatively on this item. The other proposed standards involved an overview of SAR, suggesting methods and terminology for groups unfamiliar with SAR (voted affirmative); definitions of underwater operations and equipment (abstained); and a thorough standard on use of the International Phonetic Alphabet and its accompanying components. This last reflected ASRC practice and I voted affirmative. A copy of these proposed standards are available from John Punches at 628 Lee Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060; if anyone needs more information.

Communications Report (Amy Rue for Steve Houck) - The ASRC application for a radio license has gone through coordination in Rhode Island and was sent to the FCC on April 1st, 1994.

In case of a mission, where more than one frequency is needed, contact Steve Houck for temporary authorization: (W)202-653-7484, (H)703-257-7659, and (Pgr)703-701-1881.

Medical Committee (Amy Rue) - Resources review continues, still need: 1)roster with levels or medical training, 2)Medical equipment list/inventory (med pack, base kits, etc. & standard contents) from most groups.

Old Business

501 (C) (3) (Bob Koester) - Back from the state and mailed to IRS. Shortly Bob will need two

checks 1) for \$100 for he IRS and 2) for \$100 for the SCC.

Medical Licensure in Maryland (Peter McCabe) - Peter has arranged for the ASRC and MSAR to be recognized as a non-transport Basic Life Support Unit in Maryland. "MIEMSS [Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems] will recognize ARSC [ASRC], Inc. as a Non-transport Basic Life Support Unit when credentialed members and/or advisors are conducting training and/or performing search and rescue missions in Maryland." signed Ronald B. Schaefer, REMT-P, Director for EMS Field Operations.

AMY RUE WILL SUMMARIZE WHAT VA EMT'S NEED TO DO FOR MARYLAND EMT STATUS

Bulletin Board (Dave Carter) - The Bulletin board at DES is up and running.

Reorganization Committee (Dave Carter) - The Committee has discussed many ways to change things and set-up the conference. There will be no need to change the Articles of Incorporation if we keep the Board of Directors and change the Bylaws.

Uniform Committee (John Panches) - The committee's recommendations were handed out at the meeting. A couple of issues were discussed; including, group functions that are not ASRC functions. **GROUPS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN EVENTS THAT HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ASRC, SHOULD NOT BE WEARING THE ASRC PATCH AT THAT TIME. IF THE GROUP IS USING THE ASRC MEDICAL LICENSE, THEN IT SHOULD WEAR THE ASRC PATCH.**

BOB MOTIONED AND PETER MCCABE SECONDED TO ACCEPT ANNEX 7 WITH THE NOTED CHANGES (SEE ADDENDUM) 7 YES, 0 NO, AND 2 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED.

Callout Qualified Members (John Panches) - John Panches' recommendation for a definition of callout qualified and their expected duties was handed out at the meeting. During the discussion the question of the purpose of CQs came up, along with compliance of the ASRC with anti-discriminatory regulation. **BOB MOTIONED AND PETER MCCABE SECONDED TO ACCEPT JOHN'S RECOMMENDATIONS WITH THE NOTED CHANGES (SEE ADDENDUM) 7 YES, 0 NO, AND 0 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED.**

ADA - AMY RUE AND PETER MCCABE WILL LOOK AT WAYS TO DEAL WITH THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED JOINING THE ASRC.

New Business

Elections for 1994-95 -

CHAIR	DAVE CARTER
VICE CHAIR	GARY MECHTAL
TREASURER	PATRICK TURNER
SECRETARY (NON-RECORDING)	BOB KOESTER
RECORDING SECRETARY	

Training Officer Appointment - BOB KOESTER MOTIONED AND AUDREY WILSON SECONDED THAT JASON DALTON BE MADE BRMRG'S TRAINING OFFICER, PENDING PASSING HIS FTL TEST. 6 YES, 0 NO, AND 0 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED

MIKE ? MOTIONED AND PETER MCCABE SECONDED THAT MEG GRALIA BE MADE PVRG'S TRAINING OFFICER UNTIL MAY. 10 YES, 0 NO, AND 0 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED

Reappointment of all Training Officers - DAVE CARTER REAPPOINTED ALL GROUP TRAINING OFFICERS: MATT RHODES-TSAR, CINDI LAMBERT-SWVAMRG, KIRT HORNICEK-MSAR, AND WILLIAM DIXON-SMRG. THE TRAINING OFFICERS FOR RSAR AND AMRG WILL NEED TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD WHEN THEIR NAMES ARE KNOWN.

Recording Secretary - The ASRC is looking for a recording secretary. The conference will appreciate any and all volunteers; but, is willing to pay \$50 per meeting if necessary.

OPERATIONS MEETING

Old Operations

Proposed Statement of Intent - Work on this is being held until the ADA (physically challenged statement) is made by Peter McCabe and Amy Rue. TABLED.

Reappointments from the Chair - DAVE CARTER REAPPOINTED JOHN PANCHES TRAINING OFFICER AND AMY RUE CHAIR OF THE MEDICAL COMMITTEE. PETER MCCABE MOTIONED AND BOB KOESTER SECONDED FOR THE BOD APPROVAL OF DAVE'S APPOINTMENTS 10 YES, 0 NO AND 0 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED

Operations Manual - GARY WILL TRY TO GET THE OPERATIONS MANUAL FORMATTED AND READY TO GO BY THE JUNE MEETING.

Alert-Dispatch Officer position (Camille Birmingham) - Camille's proposed Alert-Dispatch Officer position description was handed out and discussed. BOB MOTIONED AND JOHN PUNCHES SECONDED THAT THE PROPOSAL BE ACCEPTED AS AMENDED (SEE ADDENDUM). 10 YES, 0 NAY, AND 0 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED

New Operations

Appointment of Operations Officer - DAVE CARTER APPOINTED GARY MECHTAL OPERATIONS OFFICER. PETER MCCABE MOTIONED AND BOB KOESTER SECONDED FOR THE BOD APPROVAL OF DAVE'S APPOINTMENT 9 YES, 0 NO AND 1 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED

Alert-Dispatch Officer appointment - DAVE CARTER MOTIONED AND BOB KOESTER SECONDED THAT CAMILLE BIRMINGHAM BE MADE THE ALERT-DISPATCH OFFICER. 10 YES, 0 NO, AND 0 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED

Incident Staff appointment - BOB KOESTER MOTIONED AND JOHN PUNCHES SECONDED THAT ALLISON MABE BE MADE INCIDENT STAFF. 10 YES, 0 NO AND 0 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED

JOHN PUNCHES MOTIONED AND ? SECONDED THAT SARAH JENSON BE PROMOTED TO INCIDENT STAFF. 10 YES, 0 NO, AND 1 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED

Meeting Adjourned at 1330.

**ASRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
23 APRIL 1994
MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 1335 by Dave Carter.

Attendance: (Both present and with proxies)

AMRG	0 present	0 proxies	
BRMRG	5 present	28 proxies	
MSAR	2 present	0 proxies	
PVRG	4 present	0 proxies	
RSAR	0 present	1 proxy	
SMRG	2 present	3 proxies	
SWVaMRG	5 present	9 proxies	
TSAR	1 present	12 proxies	
Total	19 present	53 proxies	74 members

Bike Team - SWVaMRG wants to start a bike team. The team would be limited to SWVaMRG due to terrain and experienced members. The requirements would be that everyone must be an FTM, supply their own bikes and equipment, be good riders, and would carry their FTM gear, med kit, and radio. The bike team would be used for containment and hasty teams. Members would be required to check their equipment before each task. SWVaMRG is interested in trying to get a special grant from REI for \$2000 for bike gear (lights and air pumps and saddle packs). **THE MEMBERSHIP SAID GO AHEAD TO SWVaMRG, AND ASK THEM TO SUPPLY THE IS WITH A BRIEFING SHEET ON THE CAPABILITIES OF THE TEAM, WHERE THEY WOULD BE BEST USED AND HOW THEY WILL BE CALLED OUT. GARY MEBCHTAL MOVED AND MICHELLE PUNCHES SECONDED THAT SWVaMRG BE TASKED WITH INVESTIGATING THE USE OF MOUNTAIN BIKES FOR SAR AND RECOMMENDING FOR THE ASRC APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS. FURTHER THAT THEY SUBMIT A INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT 6 MONTHS FROM NOW AND A FULL REPORT 1 YEAR FROM NOW. 71 YES, 0 NO AND , 1 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED.**

Minutes - **BOB KOESTER MOTIONED AND ? SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES FORM THE LAST MEETING BE ACCEPTED. 71 YES, 0 NO AND 1 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSED.**

Officer Reports (see minutes from BOD meeting 4-23-94)

Group Reports (Handed in writing)

Appalachian Alert (Peter McCabe) - Needs input PLEASE.

MSAR (Peter McCabe) - Is getting a grant to hire a person to provide services for troubled youths.

PETER WOULD LIKE TO GET A COPY OF EACH GROUPS ROSTERS FOR HIS DATA BASE.

Air nautical maps were available for the taking at the end of the meeting.

Changes to ASRC OPS Manual (Camille Birmingham) - Camille handed out a copy of all the changes to the ASRC OPS Manual dealing with alerting and dispatch (see addendum). **GARY AND DAVE WILL MAKE SURE THAT ALL THE CHANGES ARE INCORPORATED IN THE NEW OPS MANUAL.**

Move the General Membership Meeting - Discussion was held on whether the time for the General Membership meeting should be changed. It was decided to hold this until the reorganization of the conference is done. **TABLED.**

Reorganization Committee report (Dave Carter) - The ASRC is in need of reorganization. The Conference is growing and new groups want to join. The ASRC is in need of a way to raise money and a system to apply for grants. The State Resources for Volunteerism was contacted to obtain some suggestions for structuring a volunteer organization, the Red Cross and United Way were also studied. Changes will be necessary to run the business of the ASRC better.

Pay for Rescue - The ASRC should think about taking a position on the topic of pay for rescue; maybe even write a statement, since we provide a volunteer service. Arguments for are: the cost of rescue operations, possible protection from law suites, may help people to take responsibility for their actions. Arguments against: invasion of the "last free area" being governed. **TOM COCHRANE IS WILLING TO CHAIR A COMMITTEE TO COME UP WITH A POLICY STATEMENT.**

June Meeting - The ASRC BOD meeting will be in Charlottesville on June 25, 1994.

ASRC BOD Meeting Dates - Meetings are on the 4th Saturday of every 2nd month. June 25th, August 27, October 22, and December 24 (will be rescheduled later).

Liability - For what is the ASRC liable? **OPERATIONS, TRAINING AND MEDICAL OFFICERS NEEDS TO SEE WHAT THE ASRC MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IN THEIR AREAS AND HOW THE ASRC CAN PROTECT ITSELF. DAVE WILL ASK THE NSAR LAWYER ABOUT THIS ISSUE ALSO.**

PVRG - PVRG needs to be brought up to full membership. Since they are not prepared now there will have to be a special membership meeting scheduled.

IC/IS Roster - Please send any correction to the roster to Camille Birmingham at the locker. Make sure to check the recertification dates.

Helicopters - Langley is getting two new helicopters. Also the Navy would like to use their helicopter out of Oceanna for SAR.

Simulations - May 14-15 there will be a Horizontal simulation involving two helicopters and the CAP.

BRMRG will be having a simulation on October 23, 1994.

Training - FTM, FTL, and PSO will be available at Camp Virginia Jaycees in NOV and DEC. The new MSO course will be taught.

SMRG is offering a FTL course in July and August. There will also be a CPR course.

Meeting adjourned at 1556.

**Southwest Virginia Mountain Rescue Group
Report to BOD
April 23, 1994**

Missions Attended

None

Membership

IC	1
IS	0
FTL	7
FTM	21
CQ	16
Trainee	?

Other Activities

Presented Hug - a - Tree program for 50 children at Blacksburg Public Library

Provided medical support for a two mountain bike races

Conducted a rappelling session for handicapped adults

Training

Twelve members completed testing for FTM

New Officers

Chair	Dave Zader
Vice Chair	Gabe Williams
Sec	Doug McCaskil
Treas	Tiffany Worthington
Ops	Greg Sazonov
Training	Cindie Lamber
BOD	Dave Zader / John Punches
SARCO	Dave Zader / Margo Osborne

Other

Purchased 6 portable radios and 6 digital pagers.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Punches
23 Apr 94

**MARYLAND SEARCH & RESCUE GROUP (ESAR 616) REPORT
TO THE
APPALACHIAN SEARCH & RESCUE CONFERENCE**

April 22, 1994

Membership

M/SAR membership stands at 49 persons for this period including 8 new members (boots); 20 COG; 13 FTMs; 8 FTLs, and 2 IS persons

Achievements of Note During the Year

During this reporting year, M/SAR negotiated an MOU for the ASRC with the Maryland State Police for lost person SAR services in Maryland.

Recently, M/SAR completed negotiations with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to recognize the ASRC as a non-transport Emergency Medical Services Basic Life Support Unit providing off-road emergency medical search and rescue services in Maryland. Similar recognition was given to M/SAR.

M/SAR has been asked by the District of Columbia to develop a 2 year program to involve youth in emergency services. The grant program will involve training in coordination with three District departments; Police, Fire and Ambulance, and Emergency Preparedness, in the development of an Emergency Services Corps.

Resource Management System

The resource management system for use in incident command operations in lost person SAR missions continues to progress. Pilot testing has been taking place at training simulations.

Coordinated Relationships with other Organizations

M/SAR continues its involvement with the Mountain Rescue Association (MRA). During the last several months, in the absence of coordinated direction, M/SAR stepped into administrative responsibilities for the MRA Appalachian Region. As soon as others fill this administrative breach, M/SAR plans to step out of its assumed duties.

M/SAR will continue its relationship with Howard Community College (HCC) with HCC becoming a secondary sponsor of the unit. M/SAR is also discussing a secondary sponsor relationship with the Fifth District of the Howard County Fire Department.

Goals for the Year

To play a leadership role in activities this year in the development of the Maryland Search & Rescue Council.

To complete development of its resource management system for use in incident command operations.

To retrofit a vehicle for use as an incident command facility in emergency services activities.

SMRG Report

- 1) SMRG recently completed a VA State First Responder Class. All thirteen students ^{who} completed the class have been certified as VA First Responders.
- 2) Currently ~~the~~ SMRG is involved with PATC's Annual Dequod SC & hike.

TO: All ASRC Groups
FROM: Patrick Turner, ASRC Treasurer
DATE: 24 April 1994
RE: Child Abuse books

One of these was mailed to the ASRC and I thought it might be something that all of the groups might like to have in their individual libraries, so I ordered one per group. You can still get copies for free (until 1 September) by mailing the order sheet from the back of the book. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me. Thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PT', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Patrick Turner



SAR TIMES and TOPICS

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YARD SALE - CUTS GALORE

On Saturday 11 March we held our annual Yard Sale at Mark and Colleen's home. It was an event filled day.

Jonsey and Candi are to be congratulated on their efforts in making money for TSAR. They wrangled with the best of them and managed to make profits for TSAR that Colleen felt she never could have done.

Colleen (the yard sale coordinator) did her usual excellent job of getting everything together and the sale went rather smoothly.

In the middle of the morning, however, while the sale was full of people, Ruth (who was pruning Colleen's Crepe Myrtles, cut the end off of her Left Index finger.

The resulting activity centered around first aid, and getting Ruth to the Doctor. The DR. (a young man, obviously new at being a MD) saw no humor when Ruth quipped that they weren't able to find the end of her finger because a "dog problem ate it"/

He did lighten up, however, after being besieged by TSAR folks when he returned her quip with one of his own. "You won't pick your nose with that finger for a while"

They wrangled with the best of them and managed to make profits for TSAR.

My thanks to Candi and Jonsey for their professional handling of the injury as well as the comfort they offered Ruth, From both of us "THANKS!"

The sale raised \$265.43. Not bad for a lot of "junk". Still does anyone want a rebuilt transmission for a 1962 valiant? For sale cheap.

Oh, Ruth is fine, in some pain. She lost about 1/8" of the finger tip. As a safety tip she recommends concentration on task when using sharp objects.

RSAF GRANT SUBMITTED

With Colleen's invaluable assistance as Treasurer, Dave submitted our next RSAF grant. For those of you not familiar with his grant, the Commonwealth added a cost of \$1.00 to each license plate costs. The purpose of this additional money was to provide assistance to rescue squads. Continued on page two

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TRAINING APRIL - MAY

We begin to change now toward technical skills practice and learning new skills in preparation for the vertical simulation

There are two grant cycles each year. One in March and the other in August. The grants are awarded about three months after submittal.

APRIL 1995

- 1-2 1900-1700 GSAR Institute, Roanoke, Dave C.
- 6 1900-2100 Table Top, Carter's, Dave C.
- 22 1030 BOD, General Membership Meeting, Blacksburg, VA, Dave C.
- 27 1900-2100 TSAR Business Meeting, Pizza Hut, Northampton Blvd. Dave C.

There is no guarantee that a unit will get a grant. Each applicant goes through a screening process which involves viewing by members of the Board and then review by the local EMS Council.

TSAR under the ASRC medical license is eligible as a Group for these funds. However, we are competing with local rescue squads.

We can ask for either hardship or regular funding. With hardship we pay less than with a 50-50 match.

MAY 1995

- 14 1300-1700 Basics Review, Uppy/Downy, Driver Tower, Mark E
- 25 1900-2100 TSAR Business Meeting, Pizza Hut, Northampton Blvd, Dave C
- 19-21 FTM,FTL Maryland Wing CAP (tentative)
- 28-31 NASAR Convention, Nashville, TN

This time we requested three additional radios, a copier and a unit which will allow us to use our base station as a repeater. We shall see how we fair in the selection process.

I am concerned because it is apparent that the whole process is slanted toward the rescue squad operation. For instance, fund raising is an issue. We scrape by, but then we do not have the funding needs of a squad. Last time (with the trailer) we were told we needed a better fund raising plan.

While this is easy to say, we have very different client and fund raising base than the average rescue squad. As a result we will not have thousands in CD's like many squads.

Keep your fingers crossed!

"whenever anyone is treated during a mission a RUN SHEET must be filled out by the person performing the treatment."

Dispatch Schedule

Continuing the rotation, the following is the rotation for the next two months.

POST THIS SOMEWHERE PLEASE

- 1 Apr. - 15 Apr. Mark Eggeman
- 15Apr-30 Apr. James Poole
- 1 May -15 May Andy Bayne
- 15 May 30 May Candi Capozzi

Remember that the ASRC dispatch system is checked (123) page usually on Tuesday sometimes on Mondays. If you are dispatch you need to call them.

Please remember that you are to fill out a Dispatch Log whenever there is a mission, for however long the mission should last. Forward these logs with five working days to Dave for filing.

KEVIN NEEDS YOUR MEDICAL CERTS

Kevin (as our Medical Unit Leader) need you to see him your current medical certifications (if you haven't already)

One requirement of the ASRC license that we operate under is that the ARSc (and groups by extension) must maintain current records of medical certifications.

Thus we all need to send him copies, now and later as things change.

STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS BY-LAW CHANGES

At the March business meeting the chairman of the steering committee Mark Eggeman briefed the group on the work of the steering committee.

The committee (which is still open to any group member who wants to help) has been using the quality movement processes to re-design TSAR.

The group has worked its way through development of a Mission and Vision Statement, to the development of the major processes of the group and now is working on the sub processes.

The committee knew we needed to re-design TSAR's management in order to reflect what it was doing with the processes. So the basic organizational framework was sketched out and Dave was asked to draft a modification to the By-laws to reflect the committee's thinking.

When Dave was done, he presented the results to the committee and after more discussion and effort the result was presented to the group at the meeting. Mark made a motion that they be accepted and the motion passed unanimously.

By our current by-laws the group will vote next month on accepting the by-laws. With this news letter you have a copy of the new By-laws. Ruth suggested and the group agreed that we should send out a copy of the old By-laws so you can compare the two.

Perhaps a little briefing will help understand why we are doing this and what we hope to accomplish.

TSAR was originally structured along the lines of the ASRC. However, in the ten years since TSAR was formed it has become very clear that our operational organization (ICS) and our daily operations (ASRC model) were in constant conflict. While we are very efficient in the field, we were a lot less efficient on a day to day basis.

Secondly, the ASRC model did not lend

itself to both efficiency and involvement of members.

Third, we were very unclear as to what an officer should be doing and how they should be doing it.

The new By-laws are based on the ICS structure model. They are also based on the construction of a "process book". This means a book that contains all of the major processes for getting the business of TSAR done.

We know that the first person to hold each of these new positions will need to detail out the subprocesses defined by the committee. And, this fits with the quality model, as the person doing the job should define the day to day operation, with review by their supervisor.

The plan is to pass the By-law changes in April. They would become effective at the elections to be held in September. The new positions would come into effect at the time. The committee will spend the rest of the Spring and Summer putting together the major and subprocesses into a "process book" which will be the way things are done in TSAR.

The committee will then begin work on the strategic plan for TSAR which should take us in the next Century. (Kinda scary thought huh???) This effort will need creative thinkers and people who are willing to work. Are you? Join us then.

TSAR is a separate corporation from ASRC and long ago received 501-c-3 tax exempt status. Part of the reason for restructuring is to enable us to operate as a separate corporation should we need to.

ASRC was designed in the 60's and the world has really changed since then. TSAR was created in the 80's and the world has changed. TSAR is adapting ASRC is not. If ASRC adapts then our partnership will flourish, if not we need to be prepared for the future whatever that may bring as we develop our strategic plan.

The strategic plan for TSAR which should take us in the next Century.

SAR BITES

The task of searching an area is always difficult. But, there are some techniques which might help you as a team member or team leader do a better job.

Use critical spacing. Analyze what you know about the subject. What did he or she have on or with them? What are you looking for at this time? For instance, is this the fifth day of a search for a subject who might be down and un-responsive? Is this in the early hours of a search where the subject might be moving. The difference here is what you are looking for.

In a search where the subject is likely down and not moving you are more looking for a downed subject, but still looking for clues. In the early stages of a search you are looking for clues more than the subject.

Given what you know about a subject and what you might be looking for, when you arrive in the search area, put something of the size, shape and color that the subject might have had or worn on the ground. Back away from the object until you can no longer see it. Then walk back until you can. The distance from you to the object is one half of the spacing for two people searching in a search line. When you are searching you, and the folks on either side of you, will want to keep within this distance.

Yes, you may have to do this more than one time in the search area as the foliage or vegetation changes. Since most search segments are not homogeneous you can expect to have to do this more than once.

This technique has produced excellent results in field trails and experiments.

The second technique is purposeful wandering. When it comes to open grid/closed grid searches our traditional methodology has been to walk in as straight a line as possible as you go through the area. To use purposeful wandering you "wander" within the constraints of the critical spacing. You thus move back and forth across your part of the search segment according to the dictates of your own head.

The research work and field trails have shown that these two techniques combined produce a

much higher than average probability of detection than simply following a line on the ground.

In each technique it is expected that you are clue aware. But, interestingly enough in the field trails we have done with local police, fire, rescue and administrative types (who are a part of the three days SAR First Responder course) these two techniques produce a much higher POD for these relatively untrained searchers than the traditional straight lines.

What would be interesting to try would be to take members who are already trained FTM/FTLs, expose them to Greg Fullers awareness training and then do the experiment again when the folks are fresh and then later after folks are worn out (as is usually the case with search missions). Wonder what we might find? Anyone interested in doing an experiment?

Answers to A QUIZ

1. When you set declination on a orientating compass do you turn the bevel left or right?
(bezel) Ruth says A. you turn it left.
2. 1/8 inch on a 1:25,000 topo map is equal to how far on the ground?
A. 250 feet
3. If a hill in Seashore is 9 feet above sea level, how many contour lines would show on the map?
A. One, contours are five feet. Nine is about ten feet.
4. If I give you a UTM of A256,367 how big is the area I just described?
A. 100 Meters. (first two digits in a regular UTM are actually counted as one digit)
5. You can see three distinct landmarks from your location. What is the technique called to determine where you are?
A. Resection
6. What does purple on a topo map mean?
A. Photo revised

What is the radio call that you give when you locate a subject?

TIDEWATER SEARCH AND RESCUE GROUP, INC
MAY 1994 NEWSLETTER

TRAINING:

MAY

10 1900-2100 Vertical Problem, Rock Gym, Mark and Dave
14-15 0800-1700 Horizontal Simulation, Chippokes State Park, Jim Poole
20-22 1900-1700 Middle East Region CAP SAR College, Fort Pickett, VA. Dave C
25 1900-2100 TSAR Business Meeting, Pizza Hut, Northampton Blvd
29 1000-1300 Clue Awareness, TBA, Jess

JUNE

→ 12 1000-1300 Vertical Training, Driver Tower, Kevin R
23 1900-2100 TSAR Business Meeting, Pizza Hut, Northampton Blvd
26 1000-1300 Radio mast and communications set up. Camp Pendleton, VAB
Dave C

TRAINING Mark and I have signed off a total of five people in preparation for the Sennca simulation. We figure we need a total of ten TSAR folks to pull this off. So, we need to know if anyone else is planning to go???? Please call us. We still need to do the check off for those planning to go. NOW, this check off is for those planning to participate directly in the simulation. If you aren't planning to go on the rock with us then you do not need the check out, BUT we need to know if you are going. Please Call!

The indoor mini simulation is also necessary. It May 10th, please note. Bring you helmet and fly the colors. Please call me before the 9th if you are planning to come, otherwise I am going climbing.

SIMULATION - note date above. If you are planning to come in friday night call Ruth for how to get in the park. If you are planning to come, call Ruth she needs to get numbers. Please do this before 11 May. She has information you will need in order to participate.

VARIOUS

Fund Raising - Colleen sent out a letter asking for input on fund raising, as discussed at the meeting she is still trying for inputs. We are looking for an idea that will raise us funds in one effort for the entire year. Any ideas?

General Membership Meeting - Dave was re-elected as Conference Chairman for another year. We collected 14 proxies from you guys. Thanks for those that sent them in. Basically, we passed motions that created a new position of Conference Dispatch Coordinator and Okd a uniform policy that is pretty much what we already do here.

Vertical Team - Meeting at the Rock Gym on the 10th following the simulation.
Questions? Call Ruth or Dave

