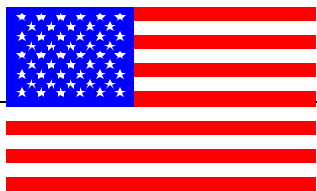
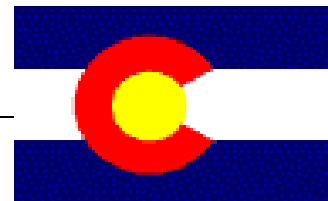


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From the desk of the editor -

Thanksgiving came and went in a flash. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and had plenty of turkey with all the trimmings to eat. Christmas is just around the corner and everybody seems busy with all the usual preparations. Please remember to stay safe in all your activities and be on the lookout for anyone who may have over celebrated at some event they were attending. This is a wonderful time of year and everybody



seems very happy and full of good cheer and it is a time when we frequently let our guard down. Stay alert and be prepared to help any of those among us who become a little careless or forget to take their normal precautions when they are out traveling around whether at some social function or out in the forest.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Rod, Unit 113

For all Teller County Search and Rescue Team Members

Please be aware that the Board of Directors has moved the January 2007 meeting date from 1 January to 8 January so that we can avoid having a meeting on a holiday. Please make note of this on your calendars and plan on attending the January meeting.

Announcement



Meeting Notice!

The Next Meeting is December 4th at 7PM @
Woodland Park Library. See you there!

Ham Radio Training Class

Congratulations to all of those who took the HAM radio class with Bill Sands and then went on to pass the Technician level test in early November. All of those who took the exam passed and one person had to put off taking the exam until January because of a previous commitment. I guess there will be a lot more chatter on the airwaves in a few weeks as these people get their HAM radios and begin to test their new found skills.

Roger, Unit 144 "KC0YVT"; Rod, Unit 113 "KC0YVU"; Nate, Unit 111 "KC0YVV" and Bruce, Unit 116 "KC0YVY". Keep your "ears" out for these folks. I'm sure they will be happy to talk to you.



Pictured left to right: Unit #144 Roger Heath; Unit #116 Bruce Taylor; Unit # 125 Bill Sands; Prospect Danika Blessman. Not in photo: Unit #111 Nate Gose and Unit #113 Rod Hindley

Reminder - Take your Training notebooks to all meetings and trainings! You will need it to get signed off on the items in the training schedule.



**Be sure to check out the CSRB website at:
"www.coloradosarboard.org"**

A lot of work has went into making this a great site for SAR in Colorado.

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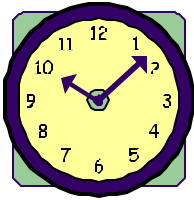


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**Teller County
Search and Rescue
General Meeting
Minutes for
November 6, 2006**

Called to order at 1900 hrs.

Introduction of Executive Officers:

Rod Hindley, Linda Remsburg, & Dan Remsburg.

Introduction of guests: Danika Blessman, Rick Schnellmann, Derek Wagner, Jared Wagner, Mickey Powell, Derek Hoffman, Heather Hodge, David Hodge, Kim Berube, & Johnny Deeds.

Secretary's minutes: Approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report: No report this month.

We didn't have committee meetings this month.

M.C. (Mission Coordinator): Dan (#135) explained what the duties of a mission coordinator/incident commander are.

On **October 6th** we were called to search for 2 boys reported missing from Eagles Nest. When it was reported that the boys were seen in Divide, the mission was terminated.

On **October 26th** we were contacted about 2 hunters that were stuck in the area of Phantom Creek/Signal Butte parking lot. Dan (#135) had a cell phone number of one of the hunters. When he talked to them they were doing ok. We were going to take the Sno-Cat in to get them but a deputy was able to get to them. Later the same day we were contacted about a 65 year old male that was dropped off in Turkey Rock. He was going to hunt & walk home to Lost Valley Ranch. Mountain Community Fire Dept. was going to go in with a 6x6 ATV but it couldn't make it in. A 4x4 truck with chains was able to go in & we weren't needed.

On **October 27th** we were placed on stand-by for Divide Fire in case they

needed help getting into areas not plowed.

On **October 31st** we had 21 members assisting with the Halloween Walk in Woodland Park.

On **November 3rd** we were called to search for a 16 year old male missing from Mueller State Park. He was last seen in the area of the View Trailhead & had run away from his youth group. We were getting organized when the boy returned.

CSRB (Colorado Search and Rescue Board):

Dan (#135) discussed what this organization does. For example, if a county has an extended mission, the mission coordinator can contact CSRB for more resources. There is someone on call 24/7. The meeting was **November 4th** in Evergreen. Dan is our unit representative & the Secretary for CSRB. If anyone is interested in attending these meetings, he/she can contact Dan for directions or carpool. Colorado generated the Typing Standards for Wilderness Search Crew. These standards are now moving forward at the national level.

Equipment: The new ATV has been purchased with grant funds. The shelter should be coming any day. It will be delivered to Fleet Maintenance & they will contact us when it arrives. This will get the ATVs out of the weather. We may also be able to get Rescue-1 in the shelter. The Sno-Cat was slow starting.

Medical: Tucker (#57) has CPR cards for the people that attended the last class. The next CPR class will be held on **December 15th**. If you are a prospective member & attend the class, it will cost \$20. This fee is reimbursed when you become a member. A Wilderness 1st Aid class is going to be scheduled for sometime in **February**.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Fundraising: A BIG thank you to everyone that helped the Secretary with the donation letters. The Gazette wants to do an article about us. A reporter is going to attend our mock mission training on **November 17th** to take some pictures. They want to focus on what we do & where we get funding.

Special Events: We had a great turnout for the Unit's 39th birthday party on **October 4th**. Dan presented Linda (#141) with a plaque for becoming a life member. (A life member is anyone that has been an active member for 10 years). Linda has been the Unit's Secretary since she became a member!

We had 21 people work the Halloween Walk. This event went really well & for once the weather even cooperated!

December 16th will be the Christmas party starting at 6pm. It will be held at the home of Rod (#113) & Maggie Hindley. It will be a potluck & there will be a gift exchange. Prospective members are always invited to trainings & special events.

Training: November 17th will be a night time mock mission. We will meet at the vehicles in Divide at 6:30pm. Adrian (#105) is in charge of this training. There won't be any training in **December**. There is avalanche training in Summit County on **December 9-10th**. **January 20th** Josh (#110) & Gene (#118) will hold avalanche training. There will be an evening class the Wednesday before. The training for **February** will be the winter overnigher. Sno-Cat/snow cave training will be held in **March**. In **April** we teach all of the required skills.

Mitch (#68) was presented a certificate for advancing to SarTech II/ Team Leader.

Old Business: In **October** a nominating committee calls all members to see if anyone is interested in one

The View From Here...



by Dan Remsburg
President

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President's Article – December 2006

Can you believe another year has passed us by? 2006 sure seems to have went by faster than normal! We are well on our way into the winter season, with several winter related calls already. During the big storm, it became apparent that we needed to be more ready for the response that we want to achieve. Roads were close to impassable. This begs the question –

How do the emergency responders respond during extreme weather conditions? Could you get out your driveway? Could you get to the vehicles in Divide? Once you got there, were the vehicles accessible and ready to go?

One of the first calls I make during snow events like that is to dispatch to have them ensure Roads and Bridges clears out our response vehicles. They do no good if we can not get them out! Speaking of getting out, how many of you have chains for your vehicles? Have you practiced installation so you are not trying to figure them out during a mission? Do they fit that new set of tires you put on this summer?

Our new shelter is here for the ATV trailer and possibly R1. It is at Fleet Maintenance right now. We need to get a crew together ASAP to stake out the building footprint for Roads to bring in a load of gravel to level the spot. It should be about where the trailer is now. Once that is done, we need to get a crew together for the weekend to put the structure together. I am sure it will only take a few hours, but we need to leave room for prob-

lems, should they arise. It is going to be great to have the trailer and ATVs out of the weather.

We had a great night training recently in the Craggs. We had a pretty good turnout for it. Mitch and Josh got to try out their skills as a team leader for the first time. I will let training cover the details. Thanks to all who showed up.

We have the Parade of Lights coming up on December 2nd and our Christmas party coming up on the 9th. Please plan on participating in both events. We need plenty of help for the parade as I want to have two vehicles in it, as well as route control.

If you were reading the Gazette on Thanksgiving Day, you would have seen an article about our unit. This is great publicity for us. This article also generated a call from KKTU, who want to do a brief story on us and our Command center. Great stuff!

Well, enough for now. See you at the parade, the meeting, and the Christmas party, if not before then in the field.

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of the Executive Officer positions. At the **December** general meeting we vote on a new board. Currently all positions will remain as they are now except for the Treasurer. If anyone is interested in this position he/she can contact Janet (#59). She is the nominating committee chairman.

Bill (#125) held an amateur radio class. Bruce (#116), Rod (#113), Nate (#111), & Roger (#144) are all new radio operators. This is a great resource as there are areas we go for missions where we can only

communicate by ham radio.

New Business: Dan read a thank-you letter from Rocky Mountain Rescue Group (RMRG) for our assistance with the El Dorado Canyon search.

We are up for the March cycle of the grant from Cripple Creek. Josh (#110) is working on the website. It is a work in progress! Adjourned at approximately 2015 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Remsburg, Secretary.

MEDICAL

Medical Assessment of Found Subjects II

Last month we found our subject and considered the situation we found in him using the SOAP acronym. This month we will assess his condition, hopefully with his help. Another acronym AVPU is used to determine his level of consciousness and the validity of any information he may give us. These refer to the response he gives us from various stimuli. From the bottom up -

U- is unresponsive. He can't tell us anything verbally or any other way.

P- pain, he only responds to stimuli that causes pain (not responsive to spoken contact but responsive to being pinched or rubbed on the shin).

V- verbal. He can talk

A- alert. He should know who he is, where he is, what happened to him, what time of day it is. It is this level that will be most help-

ful in assessing his condition and comforting him. Without this level of consciousness we can only check vital signs like pulse, respirations, skin characteristics and blood pressure.

With an alert and verbal subject we can take a medical history. This is an underrated step in patient assessment but can be of critical importance. This allows us to factor in the subject's previous or current illnesses as they may relate to the situation at hand. Before our actual physical examination we need to ask about any allergies, medications that the subject is taking, past history of their health, last food or drink and about the events that led up to the incident. If they are in pain we need to know what provokes it, does it radiate, how severe is it what type is it (burning, sharp, dull) and when did it start?



Next month we will conduct the actual physical examination of the subject.

Teller County Search and Rescue Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 16th from 6:00 PM til ? This years event will be held at Rod and Maggie Hindley's home at 3277 Spruce Rd, Woodland Park in the Ridgewood subdivision. This is a really fun event and all members, prospective members and their significant other are invited to attend. Bring a dish to pass and if you want adult beverages, please feel free to bring whatever you want to drink. We will provide non alcoholic beverages and coffee. For those who would like, we have a really fun event that has lots of laughs and fun for all. It's called the SAR gift exchange and for those of you who have not been involved in this event in the past, it is a ball. Bring a wrapped gift (value not to exceed \$10.00) and then watch and participate in one of the most fun gift exchanges you can imagine.

Directions: Follow SR 67 North from Woodland Park past Painted Rocks Road on the left and Manitou lake on your right. Just after you pass Manitou Lake picnic area you will turn right on Spruce Road. Go past the Manitou Experimental Forest Ranger Station (it's 3.2 miles from the intersection of SR67 North and Spruce Rd.) to the address at 3277 Spruce Rd. For those of you who want to use your GPS, set your unit to NAD 27 CONUS and the coordinates are 13 S 0494773 / 4329821.

Unit #113, Rod

Training

Teller County Search and Rescue November Mock Mission

The November training exercise was held on the evening of the 17th as a mock mission. Thanks to all who participated. We had a great turnout (eleven members and prospective members).

The scenario was the following. A visitor from the South told his hosts that he was going to the Craggs Campground Trailhead for a hike up to the Craggs. He left about noon, and was not back at 5 pm. The weather was turning cold (it got down to 20 degrees that night), and there was a significant amount of snow on the ground. The hiker was wearing jeans, long sleeved T-shirt, a sweatshirt jacket, and running shoes. He had no other clothes, water, or food.

The mission played out in the following ways. The TCSAR participants rallied at the vehicles at 6:30 pm. The command center, with radio communications, was established about 7:15 pm. Shortly thereafter two hasty teams were deployed to clear the trails leading to the Craggs. At about 8:30, Team one found the subject in the snow and on the other side of the creek from the trail. The subject assessment turned up the following: the subject was soaking wet, had a bleeding head wound, and had a badly sprained right ankle. Team two was contacted and requested to join Team one. The Teams reported their position to command and began detailed assessment and treatment.

The teams determined that they could clear the subject of a spinal injury, but would treat the subject for hypothermia, treat the head wound, and leave the sprained ankle till they could get the subject to more advanced care. The teams added insulation under the subject and gathered unit and individual insulation layers to fashion a hypothermia wrap. After the wrap was in place, the subject threw the wrap off and acted irrationally as if he were too hot. The teams controlled him and put the wrap back in place.

The subject was placed on the skid and transported back to the command center, where an ambulance was waiting. Periodically during the trip, a team member would test the subject's condition. As the trek wore on, his breathing became slower and more shallow, his shivering stopped, and he had a difficult time maintaining consciousness. The teams delivered the subject to the ambulance and command center about 10:30 pm. Shortly thereafter, we debriefed the session.

What did we learn? Hypothermia is complicated, and ranges from mild to severe. In this case, the subject was on the border between moderate and severe, and it was exacerbated by wet clothes (from falling into the creek) and the head wound. Heat loss from convection is 25 times more when the subject is wet than when he is dry. Despite the hypothermia wrap, the subject got worse (slower breathing, losing consciousness). The teams worked hard to get the subject to the ambulance as quickly as possible, but they probably should have taken the time, early on, to remove the wet clothes and place some well insulated heat packs in places like armpits, groin, neck, hands, and feet. Then they could have put on the hypothermia wrap and transported him out.

Thanks to all who participated. We had a fun and productive mock mission.

Submitted by:
Roger Heath
Unit 144

December 2006

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January 2007

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February 2007

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Note: Training Committee meetings are held @1800 before the General Meeting.

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November Birthdays

Have a Happy One!

Mike Smith
Linda Sands
Jackie Berube
Sheila Sands



Reminders -
Now is the time to check your training folders and make sure they are up to date for the level you training for. Our secretary, Linda, unit #141 has the official training status report. If you have any conflicts between your records and her status report, get them resolved now.

Do you have something SAR related to sell? Advertise it here for FREE! Just let the editor know by the newsletter deadline shown on the calendar.