

SAR COORDINATES

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A self-supporting, not-for-profit group of volunteer citizens dedicated to improving safety in the Arizona wilderness.

Operating under the authority of the Gila County Sheriff's Office
John Armer, Sheriff

TRSAR Squad meets monthly

General Public Welcome
2nd Thursday @ 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Payson Public Library Meeting Room
328 N. McLane Road - Payson, Arizona

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***Don't forget; the meetings this month are **January 12th** for the Board
and **January 14th** for the General Meeting.***

Commanders Corner

2009 was a record year for TRSAR, and as I was writing this up on New Years evening, it looks like 2010 might continue the trend. Sgt Hudgens called me just after sundown to search for 3 young ladies missing near Christopher Creek campground who were out playing in the snow. Just as I was about to push the button on OneCall to send out the message, he called back to say they had been located.

2009 Mission Summaries:

It has been a very busy year for us. We recorded 52 missions for 2009 where we were called out and responded. That is one mission per week average, and well over our previous record year of 36 missions.

I have appended the list of missions below to jog your memory of where all we have been this year, but here are some stats I noted from the data:

Fossil Springs and Hellsgate were vying for the record, and Fossil Springs edged out Hellsgate slightly right at the very end. We went into Hellsgate 9 times this year, and Fossil Springs 10 times.

We assisted other counties 3 different times this year – Several days in Coconino County on the Mark Irby search, and one day at the Superstition Mountains in Pinal County. Those who responded to missions got to see new parts of the county and state that we might never have a reason to see otherwise, which is one of the rewards of Search and Rescue. In some cases we got to see the moon go down, and the sun rise, over some new territory that we arrived at during the night. Some missions have been frustrating, some have been difficult, but all in all it has been a very rewarding year for us. Thank you for all of your support in 2009.

Date	Location	Type	Comments
03-Jan-09	Forest Lakes	Search	Search for Mark Irby
19-Jan-09	Old Lovelady Ranch	Rescue	Injured Quad riders
27-Feb-09	East Verde Park	Rescue	Young man stuck on cliff side
07-Mar-09	Punkin Center	Recovery	Suicide
12-Mar-09	SR 87 and Control	Search	Missing woman, located by Board members via campfire
13-Mar-09	Pine Trailhead	Search	Missing female hiker
21-Mar-09	Weimer Point Area	Search	Search for Mark Irby after quad was found
24-Mar-09	Payson	Search	Mising alzheimers femal near 87 and Forest
30-Mar-09	Hellsgate Trail	Search	Missing hikers
04-Apr-09	Crackerjack Road	Search	Search for potentially suicidal man.
14-Apr-09	Mt. Ord	Rescue	Overtured truck
03-May-09	Houston Mesa Trail	Rescue	Family of 3 lost on Houston Loop trail
09-May-09	Chapparal Pines	Search	Search for missing alzheimers woman
09-May-09	FR 591	Rescue	Hiker injured via rock fall
20-May-09	Deer Creek Trailhe	Search	Lost male hiker out of water
25-May-09	Tonto Natural Brid	Rescue	Injured hiker carry out
26-May-09	Arizona trail SW o	Search	Missing hiking couple reported

27-May-09 Hellsgate Trail Rescue Woman hiker reported bear.

02-Jun-09 Pine Trailhead Search Missing boy scouts.

07-Jun-09 Hellsgate Trail Search Group of hikers lost

17-Jun-09 Fossil Creek Wilde Rescue Hiker with broken ankle

27-Jun-09 Hellsgate Trail Rescue Male hiker dehydrated

29-Jun-09 Hellsgate Trail Search Lost couple hiking

04-Jul-09 Deadman Mesa Rescue Male dehydrated

11-Jul-09 Hellsgate Trail Search Hikers seperated

16-Jul-09 Fossil Creek Wilde Rescue Family hiking, head exhaustion

18-Jul-09 Bear Flats Rescue Couple lost

19-Jul-09 Fossil Creek Wilde Rescue Dehydration

19-Jul-09 Star Valley Rescue Lady with injured horse

23-Jul-09 Young Search Missing female

02-Aug-09 Hellsgate Trail Search 2 young men lost

04-Aug-09 Fossil Creek Wilde Rescue Father and son lost

04-Aug-09 Hellsgate Trail Rescue 3 backpackers heat stress

09-Aug-09 Christopher Mounta Rescue Rescue of family after fire.

16-Aug-09 Colcord Canyon Rescue ? Charlie, Dan and Warner responded.

29-Aug-09 Box Canyon Rescue Injured male and female, downstream of normal spot.

29-Aug-09 Fossil Creek Wilde Rescue Dehydrated hiker-took in water supplies

29-Aug-09 Fossil Creek Wilde Rescue Injured hiker rescued by helicopter

30-Aug-09 Houston Mesa Trail Other Waterwheel fire-assist in evacuations.

06-Sep-09 Roberts Mesa Search Search for missing girl on quad

13-Sep-09 Superstition Mount Search Search for missing man

20-Sep-09 Fossil Creek Wilde Rescue Dehydration

25-Sep-09 Thompson Draw Search Missing alzheimers man

26-Sep-09 Fossil Creek Wilde Rescue Hispanic hikers in trouble at bottom, helicoptered out.

03-Oct-09 Hellsgate Trail Search Hikers lost trail

14-Oct-09 Fossil Creek Wilde Rescue Deaf hikers needing help/crutches

15-Oct-09 Fossil Creek Wilde Rescue Hikers needing flashlights from lower trail

24-Oct-09 Childress Tank Rescue Injured Horserider.

21-Nov-09 Star Valley Search Evidence Search

27-Nov-09 Barnhardt TH Rescue Missing hiker on Trail 288

07-Dec-09 Star Valley Search Missing alzheimers woman

08-Dec-09 Young Road Search Search for man with abandoned vehicle on 512 rd

Stay safe and stay prepared.

Bill Pitterle – Commander, #500

January 2010 Training & Events Schedule

16 Jan. (Sat.)	Rope Training – Place: Pine Narrow canyon – Time:0900 – Instructor: Roger Miotto
30 Jan (Sat)	Tracking class. Weather permitting we'll meet at 0900 at the location just south of Pine. (Pine canyon narrows area)

Planned Training Sessions (Coming this Year)

	Planned Navigation Training – Compass and GPS
	Planned Mock Mission
	Planned ATV overnight ride 120 miles

If you would like to volunteer to run a training session, or if you have a training session request contact any Board Member or Don Johnson

Italics = Sign-up required to attend this training

See following notes:

To reserve use of squad ATV, contact Don Johnson at 928-474-5335. Jacket, gloves, boots, helmet, and eye protection required to operate Squad ATV

Active: Members wishing to remain on active status must attend at least three official Squad functions per

quarter of the calendar year, as well as two training exercises per six months of the calendar year.

Reserve: Members who wish to remain on reserve status must attend at least one official Squad function per quarter of the calendar year as well as one training exercise per six months of the calendar year.

Laws that are still on the books

Every public vehicle in San Francisco, California, must be outfitted with a spittoon. That includes taxis, police cruisers, cable cars, buses, and trolleys.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, has a major problem with drunk drivers. Therefore, the Department of Motor Vehicles has started issuing licenses only if people can pass a drunk-driving test. The test involves driving at a high speed along a crooked, very wavy-lined highway after drinking two 12-ounce bottles of beer.

There's a law in Maine that prohibits anyone from stepping out of a plane while it's in the air.

Business Cards for Active Members

All active members are permitted to have business cards with your SAR info on them. If you do not have them yet, or if you have used up the ones you had, contact Mike Taylor to place your order. They are nice to have when you are doing any Squad activities, and the best part is they are free. A common use for them is to hand out to family members of the search/rescue subject.

Email miket@trsar.org or call 978-8009.

Website

Tonto Rim SAR Members can now have your very own email address through our site. Just contact our Webmaster at jack@jackswebs.com to arrange for it, no cost to you or us.