



Weber County Sheriff



Search and Rescue Newsletter

December 2011

WCSSAR meetings are held in the main WCSO building.

TRAINING CALENDAR 2011

DECEMBER

- 06** Meeting: Team Building, Winter Team, 7 pm..... *Chief Anderson, Gary S.*
- 10** Sat. Training: Winter Team, GPS/Beacons, Environmental Center, 9 am *Gary S., Jeff S., Scott W.*
- TBD** Backcountry Tour, TBD on snow conditions..... *Mike O.*

2012

JANUARY

- 03** Meeting: Avalanche, 7 pm..... *Craig G.*
- 07** Sat. Training: Avalanche, Monte parking lot, 9 am..... *Craig G.*
- 14** Mock Search Pintail Flats, 9 am *Dave C.*
- 14** Cutler Ridge Backcountry Tour (area familiarization, beacon, avalanche rescue) *Mike O.*

FEBRUARY

- 04** Bret Rassmussen ride *Gary S.*
- 07** Meeting: Defensive Driving Class, 7 pm..... *Chris W.*
- 11** Sat. Training: Ice Climb/Snow Anchors..... *Jared R.*
- 18** Powder Mtn. Backcountry Tour (area familiarization, terrain management/route selection).. *Mike O.*

MARCH

- 06** Meeting: Ice Dive, 7 pm..... *Rick G.*
- 8-29** First Care Course, Thursdays 3/8-3/29, 6-9 pm in main WCSO building *Mike O.*
- 10** Sat. Training: Ice Dive *Rick G.*
- 24** Snowbasin Sidecountry Tour (area familiarization, terrain management/route selection) *Mike O.*

APRIL

- 03** Meeting: Swiftwater, 7 pm..... *Lane McP.*
- 07** Sat. Training: Swiftwater *Lane McP.*
- 21** MSAR Ride: North Ogden Nature Center, 9 am..... *Allen M.*
- TBD** Backcountry Tour depending on snow conditions *Mike O.*

MAY

- 01** Work Capacity (Pack) Test: be ready to walk 5:45 pm *Sgt Brandon T.*
- 01** Meeting: MSAR, 7 pm *Allen M.*
- 05** Sat. Training: MSAR..... *Allen M.*

JUNE

- 05** Work Capacity (Pack) Test: be ready to walk 5:45 pm *Sgt Brandon T.*
- 05** Meeting: K9, 7 pm; CPR, 7:30 pm *Bryan B., Kathy M.*
- 09** Sat. Training: K9..... *Bryan B.*
- 16** MSAR Ride: *Allen M.*

EVENT CALENDAR 2012

JANUARY

- 06-08** MRA Winter Business Mtg., *John S.*
- 1/19-3/1** CERT class, 6:30-9:30 pm, Ogden Weber ATC, 200 N. Washington Blvd. *Jeff S.*

JUNE

- 07-10** MRA/NASAR Mtg., *Jared R.*

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2011 CALLOUTS

11/01/11 8 pm. Three duck hunters at **Pintail Flats**. About 1 mile south of parking lot, they ran out of gas. Temperatures were below freezing and there was a high wind. Dave C., Jed McD. and Sgt. Brandon Toll responded to the call to take them gas. The hunters were able to follow them back to the parking lot, the call out took about an hour. The family was very appreciative of our help.

11/09/11 Final Riverdale Evidence Dive. Six divers were there, the water was slow and clear. Pineview and Echo were shut off for Lance Peterson so they decided to take advantage of the low water. The team was unable to find anything. They did a very thorough check.

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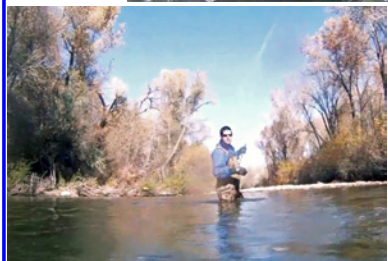
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Dive team final evidence search in Riverdale on 11/10/11. Kevin T. (in waders) and Mike S.

Todd N. coming over to get the GoPro camera from Aaron S. The team took quite a bit of video during the search



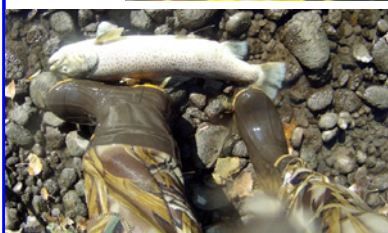
Aaron S. searches in the low water.

Searching the river bottom—it is amazingly clear.



Shaun P. searching on the dive.

Mike S. (I think) searching the river during the evidence dive.



Sizing up a fish washed up along the bank.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE BY SGT. BRANDON TOLL

The new Search and Rescue **Klim gear pro-deal** has been set up only through ADS Motorsports located on 12th Street. They are giving us a 30% discount on all Klim gear and have a large inventory for you to choose from. Once you find what you want they will place the order direct to Klim and have the items shipped to their store for pick up (usually takes 2–3 days). You will pay for the items at the time of the order and will need to show your valid Search and Rescue I.D. to get the discount. You are not allowed to purchase items for family or friends, just active SAR members get this deal. If SAR members attempt to purchase for non-sar members, we will lose the pro-deal for everyone...In addition to the Klim discount, ADS has set up a cost plus deal, allowing you to purchase any item(s) in the store that is non-klim, for a discount. There is no set number for this discount, it's dependent on the mark-up of the item for the discount offered. Thanks to ADS for being so willing and helpful to work with us and offer a great deal!

TEAM NEWS

Holiday Greetings to you all, and above all—be safe out there in the snow and traffic! On another note, the **SAR badges** should be finished around December 20th.

OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING TRAINING/MEETING/ACTIVITIES

The **December Tuesday meeting** will be our annual winter meeting with a seminar on team building by Chief Anderson.

Saturday training: Winter Team. See Winter News for more details.

CLIMBING WALL, FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS:

Ski Bum Garage Dance: Sgt. Toll was presented a check from Marla Mott-Smith for \$100. Thanks for all your hard work in organizing this event!

CLIMBERS/BACK COUNTRY SKIERS NEWS:

To keep our climbing skills sharp, Roy W. and Jim S. have setup **weekly climb trainings** at The Front climbing gym for every Wednesday night at 6:pm. The cost is \$14/day. The Front also has other membership deals available. Also, in the past I have purchased 50% off passes on Groupon making it \$7/night. It is very important for everyone on the climb team to attend these a few times since it keeps our skills sharp and helps us learn how each other climbs. We'll try to send pages out with the specifics. For more info you can also contact Roy W. or Jim S. Thanks! *Report by Jared R.*

The Ski the Moon sessions that we have tried were a great idea, but the attendance was never stellar (pun intended). We have changed the **BC Ski Team training sessions** to one Saturday a month, which you can find on the WCSSAR calendar on the first page.

There will also be a session with the Winter Team (snowmobiles and snowcats) that we'll arrange with that team and announce later. Perhaps like in the past where the snowmobile team pulls the skiers part way then pull them back or it could be a search where part of the snowmobile team pulls us into the Monte backcountry then we dig snow caves while the rest of the Winter Team does a search training looking for us. If you have a preference, please contact Mike O.

The **MRA Winter Business meeting** will be in West Valley City, Jan. 6–8, 2012. Jared R., John S. and Sheri will be attending. The International Congress on Mountain Rescue (IKAR) summary video is interesting, the main theme was preventative SAR. You can see the 26 minute video at <http://vimeo.com/32415785> and past videos can be found at www.topographmedia.com. Remember that MRA is putting in a bid to host the 2014 IKAR meeting. *Report John S.*

DIVE/SWIFTWATER/AIRBOAT NEWS:

Dive News: The dive team conducted its **final evidence search** in Riverdale while the river level was lowered for work up by Echo. The river conditions were great as was the weather and we searched from 9 am to 2 pm. Some spots had about a foot of water and then we searched the deeper holes. It was a great turnout with Rick G., Kevin T., Todd N., Shaun P., Mike S., and Aaron S. A big thank you to all for taking a day off from work to come and search the river. Great Job! *Thanks Rick G.*

It was COLD!! Air was 23 degrees when I left my house, and the water was 40 degrees... We waited a while for the sun to come up, so that the lighting would be better for the search, (I also think we all wanted to wait for it to warm up a bit). We looked and concluded that the evidence we were searching for is not there. It had been in the water long enough that it could have been in one large snag, however, I really doubt it. After a couple of hours of searching, Shaun and I got scuba gear and searched the deep area's that we were not able to search by either wading, or snorkeling. *Mike S.*

Sgt. Toll took the team **tanks to Airgas**—personal tanks need to be taken in as well.

K9 NEWS:

It was **quiet month** for us and the weather kept us training mostly on our own. In a very informal conversation with Amelia, we got to talking about our training and where it has taken us and where it has fallen short. One area that we feel it has fallen way short is in the area of crime scene and building work. Don't misread this, we're still good at it but because we have spent most of our time training in wilderness type settings, we have become more comfortable when something unusual or different presents itself. Not only are we, as handlers, more comfortable, but our K9 partners are as well. These are training issues that, frankly, most K9 teams don't consider due to their difficulty and that they will never be called on to assist in these matters. You can count on the fact that we, as a team, will be concentrating on this aspect in future training. *Report by Bryan B.*

LOGISTICS/DISPATCH NEWS:

We need more folks to learn the **mapping software** on the computer at IC. If you're interested in learning this invaluable aspect of IC, send me an e-mail. Thanks to all who have sent me emails already! *Sheri*

MEDICAL NEWS:

OEC—The OEC refreshers are finished for another year! Big thanks to Wolf Mountain for hosting a large group of our team. *Sheri*

Anyone that is OEC and wants to **switch to EMT** should call Kathy at (801)778-6615. It is approximately 30 hours of class with one test for state certification at a cost of \$160. WCSO will reimburse team members for the test. *Sgt. Toll*

I will be conducting a **First Care Course** on March 8, 15, 22, 29 from 6–9 pm in the regular training room in the WCSO main building. Here is a description from the NSP website about the First Care Course:

"A first aid training program designed for ski area personnel and other outdoor recreation groups who may encounter medical emergencies before the ski patrol or other response team arrives. Based on Outdoor Emergency Care concepts, this course introduces basic assessment skills to help the non-patroller determine appropriate support for patients with a life-threatening illness or injury. Body substance isolation precautions are emphasized, in accordance with OSHA guidelines."

The credential is good for three years. This is the minimum level of first aid training for Weber SAR team members. If you are not OEC, EMT, Dr., etc. certified or your First Care certification is out of date, please plan to attend this course. *Report by Mike O.*

MOUNTED SAR NEWS:

Winter...brrr...but we're ready for a search if needed.

OHV/MOTORCYCLE NEWS:

Ditto!

WINTER RESCUE/SNOWCAT NEWS:

The Snow season is getting closer and closer. I haven't talked to anyone that has been riding yet. It is still early (lots of rocks and stuff that attract skis and belly pans).

On **Dec. 6th** we will have a short class on GPS. On **Dec. 10th** make sure you attend the GPS course that will be set up at the Environmental Center. This will be a great refresher for those who have used the Rino's. For those who are new to the team or those that haven't had much experience with the Rino's it is a must attend. We will all be able to learn more, and that will help us be more effective in the field. There will plenty of snow in the valley so come dressed accordingly.

The **Friday rides** at Monte Cristo will probably start in January of next year. If you can, try to attend one of the rides with the deputies. It is a great way to see different areas of Monte in the daylight. Sgt. Brandon Toll might have the parking passes on Dec 6th. We will give them out to those who are current with the requirements. *Report by Gary S.*

PREVENTATIVE SAR/PR NEWS:

Weber County is starting another **CERT class**. This will run January 19th through March 1st. 6:30–9:30 pm at Ogden Weber ATC, 200 N. Washington Blvd., Room #165 Lecture Hall with final class at 918 W. 2nd Street, Building A at BDO. Please contact me if you can help. *Jeff S.*

FINAL NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Really short newsletter and thanks to everyone for contributing! Thanks Kellie!

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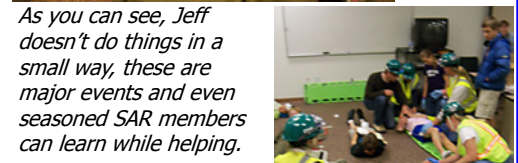
CERT course instructors on October 27th 2011, including our own Jeff S.



Disaster Drill Responders



All Jeff's CERT classes include hands on sessions that need both evaluators and patients.



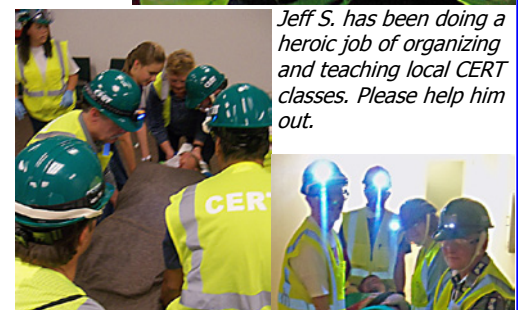
As you can see, Jeff doesn't do things in a small way, these are major events and even seasoned SAR members can learn while helping.



The many patients "just kept coming in" to the Treatment Area.



Securing patients to backboards in preparation for rescue team transportation.



Jeff S. has been doing a heroic job of organizing and teaching local CERT classes. Please help him out.



Thanks to Leon R. Seifert - CERT Central Zone Leader for sending these pictures.