



WCSAR Council Newsletter

December 2024

Important Dates

Upcoming Events

- 1/8/2025 – Wednesday – **January Council meeting.**
Since the first Wednesday of January lands on New Year's Day, the council meeting was moved out a week.
- 1/15/2025 – **Tech Wednesday.**
Come if you have questions about D4h, ActiveAlert, SARTopo, O365 (email/teams), Facebook water cooler, or any tech system we use in SAR.
January Tech Wednesday we need a rep from each unit to discuss naming protocols for Active Alert and SARTopo.
- 2/1/2025 – Saturday – **Council Bylaw Review**
Anyone who has suggestions or wants to participate is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Training Opportunities

- The council has a license for **Base Medical** from the State. Links should be sent out soon for members that want to sign up for their on-line training modules.

Deadlines

- 1/31/2025
Current Rosters and member training levels must be turned into the council for continued access to Active Alert, SARTopo and other tech resources.

Quick Updates & Reminders

Reminders

- 2025 Training mission requests should be submitted by now. If you need help, please reach out to unit leaders or Lauri.
- Tech Wednesday is canceled for December.

Building update –

- Site work has begun.
- The building permit is still in progress.

Recent Missions

- BMRC had 2 missions
- 4x4 had 3 vehicle recovery rescues/snow missions
- STS had 3 missions
 - Walk away in Bellingham
 - Swiftwater
 - Mutual aid request for a trailing dog
- WECG supported the walk away mission

If you aren't getting the calls, check with your unit leaders to make sure you have all your training up to date.

2025 Council Officers

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