



WCSAR Council Newsletter

January 2025

This newsletter from the council is intended to give the highlights of activities. For more detailed information, please read the minutes of the Council meeting.

Important Dates

Upcoming Events

- 2/1/2025 @ 09:00 – Saturday – **Council Bylaw Review**
Anyone who has suggestions or wants to participate is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please come prepared with suggestions or proposals.
- 2/15/2025 @ 09:00 – Saturday – **Trailer Towing training**
This is a requirement to be authorized to tow unit or council trailers. The classroom presentation starts at 0900 hrs and we'll run everyone through a practical exercise. If you have a vehicle capable of towing, please bring it.
- 2/5/2025 – Wednesday – **February Council meeting**
- 2/19/2025 – **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.

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. Check the council minutes for details.

Quick Updates & Reminders

Building update

- Site work has begun.
- We need gravel (a specific kind). If you know of anyone willing to donate gravel or dump truck services, please reach out to Gwynne.

Reminders

- Ski to Sea planning committee could use some volunteers. Reach out to Andy Saylor (andy.saylor@wcsar.org) to participate in Ski to Sea planning.
- Help out with fundraising by sharing grant opportunities with Gwynne. Places to look for funding opportunities are community clubs (Lions, Elks, Rotary, etc.), banks, large companies (BP, ConocoPhillips, PSE, LTI, etc.), & Tribes. Check with local companies for donations of items for the supply cabinet or for the new building (bathroom fixtures, kitchen appliances, flooring, lighting fixtures, etc.). Check with Gwynne before approaching businesses to make sure we aren't already working with them on something.
- The supply cupboard is open for business. Please sign out any supplies taken so we know what to restock.
- Biobug moved the traps around due to rodent sign in the vehicle bay. If you see rodent sign, please alert a council officer.
- If anyone has info they'd like added to the newsletter, please let Lauri or Jess know. We'd love to see training announcements shared to all units.

Recent Missions

- BMRC had a mission for a backcountry skier.
- 4x4 had multiple vehicle recovery rescues/snow missions.
- STS had a mutual aid mission with WASART.

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

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