



Debrief

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The Monthly Newsletter of
Far North Search & Rescue

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Next Training - Live Tracking - MAY

Dates: Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 May
Where: TBC
Meet: TBC

This will be an overnight exercise and you will be camping out before picking up the track again the next morning. Further details next issue

Next Meeting 7:30pm May 6th Proctor Library, Cobham Rd, Kerikeri

Other Training

Mountain Safety Northland: Intermediate Navigation

Two days of navigation practise and learning in the bush for those with basic navigation knowledge requiring to increase their skills.

Date: 9/10 May 2009

Venue Pukenui Forest, Whangarei.

Applications close 1 May 2009

Outdoor First Aid

A comprehensive 2 day first aid course designed especially to suit those who spend time in the outdoors.

Combines both theory & practical with the emphasis on outdoor practice.

Date: 16/17 May 2009

Venue: Whatitiri Hall, Maungatapere

Applications close 4 May 2009

Contact Sue or MSC direct: northland@mountainsafety.org.nz

Standbys and Callouts

Nothing to report



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Last Trainings TCA/Search Methods refresher – Cancelled due to insufficient numbers
Back to Basics Bushcraft - Ditto

FNSAR Mini SAREX - Kerikeri - 21st March

The exercise started with setting up the HQ trailer at a road junction in Waitangi forest.

While setting up, two mountain bikers were intercepted as they headed into the search area and were soon turned around to prevent contamination of the site and potentially upsetting our search. The going was easy as most of the time we were following the forest roads, and of course navigation was simple.

We were looking for an unresponsive "Johnny" who hadn't returned from a mountain biking ride in the forest, along with an unresponsive 53yr old and 7yr old girl thrown in for good measure. After initial reflex taskings were completed with no results, 3 x

teams congregated at a fire break and wandered purposefully along the edge of the break through a mixture of scrub, gorse, and cutty grass, sometime at a critical separation of only a couple of metres to try and locate the LP.

By 0230Hrs we had completed the taskings with no sign of Johnny and set up camp to get some sleep for what was left of the night.



0730Hrs saw everyone up and packing ready for deployment by about 0815 for another sweep of the previous area... this time looking for a responsive johnny came up with the results we were after. Johnny was located about 20m from where we had searched previously, all fit and well after spending the night in a cosy bivvy they had built for themselves. The second LP was found about 1/2 hour later. Searchers heard their call for help while being retasked by the IC and soon picked them up. Plenty of opportunities to hone skills, and check gear.

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