



Debrief

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Next Training - **Operation Bains Cold Case Sat 19th June**

Where Totara North

When Meet at Grants at 0800Hrs for carpooling, or at the previous Search Base at 0900Hrs

What Continuation of search for Amanjeet Bains.

Taskings will be assigned, and once those have been finished those that want to head home Saturday will then walk back HQ.

Those that are staying on will walk over to Lane Cove and to be transported across to KingFish Lodge.

At KingFish lodge we will be camping out. The bar will be open so we can watch the rugby.

For those camping out you will need a tent, food and cooking gear.

This will be collected at Totara north and transported out, so to make life easy, please try and limit to one pack..

As always weather can change the best laid plans.

Bring: Daypack and normal kit for search, no night search requirements.

** Likely to be wet **

Any questions please email or call Ian

July Training - **SARINZ Search Methods Full / Refresher Kaikohe 10/11 July**

Where Trefoil Park, on Left, 13km south of Kaikohe on Mangakahia Road

When SARINZ full Course 10th & 11th July. FNSAR Refresher 10th Both start at 0800Hrs Saturday

What **ESSENTIAL CORE SKILLS** This is a must do for anyone that hasn't done it.

New members make this a priority please as is a rare occurrence up this way.

Bring: SARINZ Folder (if you have one) LandSAR ID number (if you have one)

Full search kit for day and night search, in wet or dry (as it should be)

Sleeping bag

The site has sleeping marae-style sleeping, full kitchen and showers etc.

More details will be emailed closer to the time.

- If you haven't contacted Sue yet about this, Please do so now.

Next Meeting **7:30pm Wednesday 7th July Kerikeri**

At Proctor Library on Cobham Rd. Meeting room to left of main library doors.

New Member Pre-meeting Training Starts 7pm: SAR Packs, the Ins and Outs.

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Callouts:

CALLOUT: 07/05/10 - 58yo Male, Kawakawa

Brief late night "Stand Up, Stand Down" for a male paroxysmal sleep sufferer (sudden uncontrollable compulsion to fall asleep) reported missing from party. Stood down in early hours after he was found walking along roadside.

STAND BY: 08/05/10 - 70yo Male, Ngawha Springs

Received as we were debriefing from the SAREX (Op Bains).
Located by Police nearby, cold and wet, but unharmed.

CALLOUT: 26/05/10 – 20yo Male, Te Paki, Ninety Mile Beach

Another "Stand Up, Stand Down" for a German tourist lost in sand dunes at Te Paki. The 20-year-old was part of a group of international tourists who had gone to Cape Reinga and had stopped at the sand dunes. He became separated from the group and lost at about 1800Hrs. The alarm was raised at 2215Hrs and Police and local farmers scoured the area on quad bikes and four-wheel-drive vehicles. The NEST Helicopter was called in, and with night vision goggles was able to find the man, who had been signaling with the flash on his camera, in a remote part of Te Paki Station at about 0100Hrs.

Last Training

SAREX – Operation Bains 8th May

The scheduled Mini-SAREX was relocated to Totara North as a final push. The search planning to date was rolled over to Northland for peer review and some fresh eyes and new taskings to cross off some more areas. No new information came to light and the search was officially suspended pending further intel. FNSAR will continue to revisit the area for exercises in order to try and close the book on this one.

MSC Training coming up

Basic GPS 1 day - Barge Park, Whangarei, 24th July \$30

- Basic GPS work and location awareness.
- Understand how a GPS system works
- Do basic track and route following.

This is an ideal intro to the GPS and Comms exercise in August, where you will be getting down and dirty and doing things with your GPS you never thought possible!

FNSAR will cover costs for members to attend, but you will need to contact MSC in the first instance for bookings etc (and advise our training officer, Sue).

As an outside course, you need to be proactive with these, no-one will be asking you if you wish to attend. Email Pauline at northland@mountainsafety.org.nz

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Parting Shot(s)

Great Barrier Island trip - Postponed at this stage, Replaced with Op Bains Cold Case training exercise

New Members Induction training: Reminder to new members there is a series of short trainings to run from 7pm to 7:30pm on meeting nights, and slightly longer sessions on the third Wednesday evening of each month. These will introduce new members yet to attend a SARINZ course with an overview on such things as pack contents, tracking, navigation, search methods etc. These will rollover at the end of each sequence so if you miss one, you'll be able to pick it up again in a couple of months. Attendance will be recorded on your training records. Details on these will be posted on the website on the reminders page once available.

Rope Access Team: Approval has been given for formation of the team. Final documentation to cover OSH requirements is underway and first trainings shouldn't be too far away. If you are interested in putting your hand up for this, please contact Pete. There are certain prerequisites eg. should have previous abseil experience as a minimum (and no fear of heights!).

BackCountry Freeze Dried Foods: Grant has a couple of boxes of goodies: full 24Hr packs as well as single and two-serve packs. Catch up with him if you need to restock. Reminder that these are intended for Training/Operation use only.

Caption Competition: Here's an action-packed image from the recent awareness/fund raiser in Kerikeri. Email your caption to ian_ruddell@hotmail.com - Winner will be announced at the next meeting. You will need to be present to claim the prize.

Thanks go out to all those who helped in whatever ways, and also big thanks to Alan at the Kerikeri Outdoor Shop for allowing use of his window to promote the Group. Please support him accordingly.



Cheers!
Pete