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Next Training - SAREX / Operation Baines Sat 8th May 0800Hrs

Where Meet at Operation Baines Search Base, Totara North

When 0800Hrs until approx 1600Hrs, Saturday 8th May
Meet at Grants at 0700Hrs for carpooling, departing 0715Hrs

What Continuation of search, IMT rollover to Northland SAR at about 1030Hrs, management only - field teams will not be affected by this.

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

** Likely to be wet **

Contact Roger with any questions

Next Meeting 7:30pm Wednesday 2nd June Kerikeri

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

Callouts:

CALLOUT: 24/04/10 - Male despondent, Totara North

Received call that a car belonging to a missing despondent from the Waikato area had been located at the start of the Lane Cove track near Totara North.

Initial deployments over the first two days focussed on the immediate area, tracks and hotspots.

Following Saturday, a helicopter flyover was organised to try and identify further potential areas.

Sunday, day 3, saw Northland SAR joining us and teams revisiting some areas as well as extending the search area and investigating private properties, mangroves and areas on Kairara Rock.

With no further evidence of the missing man to date, the planned SAREX for this weekend has been relocated to the operation.

Last Training

Navigation April 18th

Four teams spent the afternoon revisiting such things as stride length, grids and projections before getting down on hands and knees to build sandcastles as their interpretation of a given area of topo map.

Once the sand had settled, the teams then had to complete a map and compass route to locate tags hidden in the bush before finishing with some resections to round off the day. All teams came through with flying colours.

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MSC Training coming up

Risk Management Venue TBC 12/13 June

Basic Bushcraft Kaikohe 26/27 June

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). Email Pauline at northland@mountainsafety.org.nz

Parting Shot

Great Barrier Island trip - Postponed at this stage, to be replaced with an overnight tramp somewhere in the wilds of Northland. Details to be advised.

New Members Induction training: Jo is coordinating 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.

Team Leader Assessments: Good to see people stepping up for this, in most cases there are only a couple of aspects to achieve in order to get signed off. Roger will liaise with you in due course.

Rope Access Team: It has been decided to form a rope access team within the group. This will not be vertical rescue or recovery, but intended for rapid access to injured parties in the vertical environment for securing and administering first aid whilst awaiting Cliff Rescue from Whangarei. A classic example of the type of situation was on Operation Baines, where ledges inaccessible to ground teams around Dukes Nose rock were investigated by an abseil team.

There are certain prerequisites eg should have previous abseil experience as a minimum (and no fear of heights!). At this stage it is envisaged that there will be a couple of full day trainings, before settling down to one half day training per month (including some nights). If you are interested in putting your hand up for this, please contact Pete.

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.

Until next month...

Cheers!
Pete