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Next Training - Mini SAREX - October 17th 18th

Where Kaingaroa area (South of Awanui)
When October 17th & 18th
What FNSAR Group mini SAREX. Good turnout please, thoroughly recommended for new members – As close as you can get to a real search.
Details to follow

Reminder of the Trailer Familiarisation session this Friday at Ians. 5:30pm

ANNUAL SAREX: NOVEMBER 6th – 8th. Waipu Caves. RNZAF Iroquois Booked.
Details being released at next meeting and will be published in October newsletter.
Please mark it on your calendars now.

Next Meeting 7:30pm October 7th ****AGM**** Kaikohe HQ

The next meeting will follow the AGM on the 7th October at our HQ in Kaikohe. The heat seeking device will be demonstrated at some point in the evening. For newer members and those with memory issues, the HQ is located in the compound at the rear of Kaikohe Police Station accessed from Crown Crescent (First left after turning onto Clifford St. off Broadway).

Callouts:

Callout: 06/09/09 - Taheke 17yo male lost in bush

A call from the Police, around 2030hrs on Sunday, informing us there was a missing person in the Taheke area. The lost party was 17yr old male youth who had gone into the bush not far from home in Puha Rd to look for a missing dog. This was around 1130hrs. The youth had taken a bitch (female dog) with him, possibly to attract the missing dog.

The LP was wearing a T-shirt and shorts, had no food, water, warm clothing or possession of a cell phone. The original missing dog returned approx 1600hrs by itself.

Friends of the youth, who is from England, contacted the Police and we were notified shortly after.

After a discussion between the Advisor and IC it was decided that due to the lack of clothing and resources, the dropping temperature and the fact that he was alone that an immediate response was required and a search was initiated. The phone tree was activated and searchers were to meet at Grants house at 2115hrs.

It was a good response from those that were available and it was also good to see some of the new members being prepared and responding at short notice. As searches go there are lots of surprises and this one was no different in the fact the a youth fitting the LP's description had emerged quite some distance away towards Rawene. Some time later the Police were able to confirm this and FNSAR was stood down, LP located and we hadn't made it out of Kerikeri.

Thanks again to all those that responded, also our members up north who were preparing to leave and to our very efficient and speedy Lemon Hill member who made it all the way to Kaikohe before stand down.

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Last Training

Low and High Angle Rope Rescue Refreshers – Sept 5th, 6th - No Reports Received. ☺

Parting Shot

Tuesday 11th August at the Kaeo Rugby Club host of Whangaroa Coast Guard. The Coast Guard team in the Far North met Whangaroa, Bay of Islands and Hokianga with partners Far North Search & Rescue and members of the boating fraternity and public to listen to a presentation from #5 Squadron (P3k Orions) of the RNZAF and #6 Squadron (SH29 Seasprites) helicopter of the NZ Naval Air Operations. After a brief on the capabilities SH29 Seasprite helicopter out on the field, there was lunch then a presentation of the capabilities of P3k Orions planes and SH29 Seasprite helicopter and how every boat owner in trouble can help with their own rescue.

Then out on to the water in Whangaroa Harbour for a practice demonstration of winching a man onto and off each vessel on the move. The day was finished off with a debrief at the Whangaroa Big Gamefishing Club. Our thanks to you who organised the event and #5 and #6 Squadron Leaders



Thanks to everyone who submitted something for this edition. Even if your piece wasn't used, your effort is very much appreciated. Cheers.!



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