



VASARCO MEETING MINUTES – 01/22/2011

The following representatives were in attendance:

Organization	Representative 1	Representative 2
Angel Search & Rescue (ASAR)	Gary Goodson	Greg Motley
Appalachian Search & Rescue (ASRC)	Evan Koepke	Doug Moore
Appalachian Professional Tracking Group (APTG)	Rick Christ	
Black Diamond Search & Rescue (BDSAR)	Bryan Saunders	Bob Wingfield
Blue & Gray Search Dogs	Melissa Taylor	Misty Sampson
Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group (BRMRG)		Michael Holroyd
Civil Air Patrol (CAP)	Lee Younger	
Commonwealth Search & Rescue (CSAR)	Bob Wingfield	Leah Coffman
DOGS East	Sharon Johnson	Sharon Jones
Greater Atlantic Rescue Dogs (GARD)	Pete McClintock	Patrick Berry
Hanover Hounds	Ed Martin	
K-9 Alert Search & Rescue Dogs	Scott Schumann	
Maryland Search and Rescue	Andrew Dorsett	
Mid-Atlantic Dogs (MAD)	Jane Servais	
Orion Search Management Group	Dave Carter	
Piedmont Search & Rescue (PSAR)		Bob Allam
Search & Rescue Tracking Institute (SARTI)	Kevin Brewer	Sharon Jefferies
Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group (SMRG)	Chris Stone	Melissa Coates
SW VA Mountain Rescue Group (SWVaMRG)	Rob Speiden	Erich Roscher
Tidewater Search & Rescue (TSAR)	Butch Burke	Nathan Brown
Top of Virginia Search & Rescue (TOVSAR)	Rick Christ	
TROT-SAR Mounted Team	Tomí Finkle	John Proudman
Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)	Mark Eggeman	Billy Chrimes
Virginia Search & Rescue Dog Association (VSRDA)	Jack Corrigan	Robin Harper
Virginia Recovery Canines (VRK9)	Trish Cartino	
Other Attendees	Joe Cline SWVaMRG Thresa Crossland TSAR/SARTI	



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- Exercise (Rick Christ)
2/17/2011 scheduled ALERT Exercise
2/18-19/2011 SAREX Hampton Roads (Contact Rick Christ or Nathan Brown
Help Needed to hold the following exercises:
HRD Jamboree (Large Scale/Inter-Group/with Mission Base Staff Exercise leading
to a future multi-day disaster)
Functional Exercise (Management/Mission Base Staff only)
- MOU (Bob Wingfield)
 - Orion – Pending implementation of management group standard
 - BRMRG status – Field evaluation on Feb 5th?
 - SMRG status – Field evaluation on Feb 5th?
 - VA Recovery Canines –
 - DELMARVA -
- SAR Conference 2011 (Harold Chrimes, Nikki Chrimes) – Apr 28-May 1 at Hungry
Mother
Waiting on cost information from HMSP before opening registration. Costs should be
inline with last year.

Due to schedule conflict with PSAR Conference Equine/K9 tracks will be presented
on 9APR2011 at Graves Mountain Campground. Contact T'mi Finkle.

- Urban Missing Person SAR (Rick Christ)
Need interested members (Law Enforcement, , Project LifeSaver, Trailing K9) for
committee.
- Website (Leah Coffman) – Activate Donation page once we have the PayPal link

Standards:

- Equine (Leah Coffman) – Create mounted evac standard; next review: Q2
- FTL (Sharon Keith) – Proposed revisions should be presented at the Jan meeting
- FTM (Bob Wingfield) - Proposed revisions should be presented at the Jan meeting
- FTS (Rob Speiden) - no revisions in progress for FTS due to the formation of the
Tracking Standards committee
- Group Accreditation (Kevin Brewer) – 12/10: Expect draft at Jan meeting
 - COQ curriculum status
- Search Mission Coordinator (Bob Koester) - After MTL and MTM standards; will
require revisions
- Management Team Leader (Dave Carter)
- Management Team Member (Dave Carter)
- Management group (Bob Allam) – Motion under new business
- K9 Air Scent (Jane Servais, Sharon Jones) – Met and reviewed a number of
proposed updates. Once these proposals have been reviewed further by the
committee, any modifications will be sent to the teams for discussion and approval.
Next meeting date TBD.
- K9 Cadaver (Pete Suitt) – nothing new
- K9 First Responder (Pete Suitt) – nothing new



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- K9 Trailing (Pete Suitt) – nothing new
- K9 Water (Pete Suitt) – nothing new
- Wilderness Rescue Technician (Bryan Saunders) – Pilot in progress and going well; runs through Sep 2010
Waiting on STM/STL standards
- Update on effort to provide comprehensive standards product (references, processes, definitions, format) (Bryan, Billy)

Old business:

- Post group reports on Yahoo prior to each meeting – Q4 not posted as of 01/17:
 - ACSAR
- Status on receipt of rosters by Jack Corrigan and Billy Chrimes
ACSAR not posted
- Suggestions for future presentations? Let Bob Allam know if you have suggestions
- VA-002-10 (Lewis Search) Challenge Coins created for those who responded.
Contact Rob Speiden.

New business

- Motion made/seconded/carried to begin approval process for new standard for management group. Next steps:
 - 30 day period for review/comment; provide comments to Bob by 02/22; files in Yahoo under Files > Standards For Council Review and are named Mgt Group Standard V3 and Eval Checklist
 - Comments and responses will be consolidated and posted to Yahoo along with the revised standard within 30 days (03/22)
 - Final review period for 30 days (04/22)
 - Motion to approve at next VASARCO meeting
- Motion made/seconded/carried to begin approval process for Group Accreditation Standard
- Motion made/seconded/carried to approve a recommendation to VDEM that BRMRG receive an MOU contingent upon successful field evaluation results on Feb 5.
- Motion made/seconded/carried to approve a recommendation to VDEM that SMRG receive an MOU contingent upon successful field evaluation results on Feb 5.
- Motion made/seconded/carried to approve a recommendation to VDEM that Virginia Recovery Canines receive an MOU.

- Others new business items?
- Thank You letter received from Morenci, Michigan Agency for Rob Speiden's assistance on search.
- Motion made/seconded/carried to create a Tracking Committee to facilitate the development of a new Tracking Standard.
- Motion made/seconded/carried to create a SOP Committee to facilitate the review and update of the VASARCO Standard Operating Procedures.
- Motion made/seconded/carried for GARD to sponsor Hanover Hounds to pursue MOU with VDEM.



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- 5/28-29/2011 K9 HRD Disaster training at Linthicum MD. Contact Jane Sevais
- TOVAR requested status be changed to AFFILIATE.
- Open discussion on future policy for granting out of state MOU especially if NASAR standards are recognized by that state.

Key Points Noted:

Provisional MOU until VA standards could be met by challenging or VA training (address costs associated with out of state teams)

Reciprocity of Virginia Standards

Primarily a State to State Issue

VDEM update (Billy Chrimes)

- Standards approvals: N/A
- MOU approvals pending: N/A
- Classes/GSAR schedule:
 - Jan GSAR in Rockingham area – In progress

Training:

- 02/18-20, 2011- TSAR will sponsor a SAREX (multi-disciplinary/multi-exercise)
- 04/02-03, 2011- BDSAR competition plus re-certs at Hungry Mother
- 04/28-05/1, 2011- VA SAR Conference
- 04/28-05/1, 2011- PA SAR Conference
- 09/16-18, 2011- SWVaMRG SAREX
- 06/25-29, 2012- WV SAREX 2012

Presentation:

- K9 disaster experiences (OKC to Haiti) (Teresa MacPherson)

Meeting Adjourned at 1326

Next meeting: 04/29 at 2000, location: SAR Conference

K9 evaluators meeting immediately following the VASARCO meeting

Upcoming meetings:

Date	Location	Presentation
04/28-05/1	Hungry Mother State Park	SAR Conference
04/29	Hungry Mother State Park	VASARCO meeting
07/23	VDEM	3D/topo/holographic map techniques (T'mi Finkle) - tentative
10/22	VDEM	TBD