

## Sunday General Session 0800-1200, Union Main Hall

During the Summer of 2005, several very large, very long or mutual-aid dependent missions occurred in Colorado, requiring unusual state-wide mutual-aid:

- A nine day search for a NPS ranger in Rocky Mountain National Park, involved 23 agencies. One day alone 41 search crews were fielded.
- A six day search for a hiker, on the west side of Snowmass Mountain, Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness, near Marble. This involved 13 SAR teams in a search area of 350 sq. miles.
- A week-long search on Mount of the Holy Cross required 21 SAR agencies. The last day's push incorporated more than 100 non-SAR volunteers!
- A two-day technical rescue on Crestone Peak required crews from five SAR teams.

On September 25th alone, three of these large, mutual-aid missions were all underway simultaneously. Every large incident teaches valuable lessons in mission management. Sunday morning's session is a round table discussion of lessons learned from 2005's large SAR incidents.

#### PRESENTED BY:

- Cindy J. Purcell, East District Ranger, Rocky Mountain National Park
- Tim Cochrane, Operations Director, Vail Mountain Rescue Group
- Joe Ben Slivka, Field Director, Summit County Rescue Group
- Zak Slutsky, Primary Mission Coordinator, Western State Mountain Rescue Team

This session will conclude with a presentation about the services of Colorado SAR Board's State Mission Coordinators

1. Resources for mutual aid SAR incidents, including air resources.
2. Incident overhead team support, as requested.
3. The duties, qualifications and selection process for state coordinators, and solicitation of state coordinator trainee candidates;
4. The duties, qualifications and selection process for CSRB overhead team trainees and solicitation of overhead team trainee candidates.

Presented by CSRB Senior State Mission Coordinator Barry Mitchell, Douglas County Search and Rescue Team.

Anyone interested in becoming a state coordinator will be asked to attend a breakout session immediately after the awards in the Cottonwood Room..

## MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE DIRECTOR

The air has cooled down, and we are looking forward to Sunday morning and the exciting session in the Ballroom starting at 8 am.

Looking forward we hope, as we quietly reflect tonight, that the courses offered at this very first "new format" SARCON will enhance your professional Search And Rescue life.

As you leave Sunday afternoon, we thank you for your support, we rejoice in the new friendships we have made this weekend, and we know that these few days have renewed our commitment to those we serve.

As your conference director, I thank you all for being allowed to enjoy this event with you, and on behalf of the SARCON team—we

wish you Godspeed and safe journey home.

See you in '07.

Ian Vowles

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From the CSRB President

Many thanks to everyone here this weekend because we all enjoyed your camaraderie! Large kudos to the SAR-CON team: Ian Vowles (MSAR), Dan Remsburg (TCSAR), Leonard Ginther (CAP), Kate Vowles (MSAR), Joe Ben Slivka (SCRG), Zak Slutzky (WSMRT), Bruce Fosdick (DCSAR), Greg Jones (SCRG), Howard Paul (ART) and the crew of the WSCMRT – but the real thanks go to you for attending; we learn just as much from each other as from the excellent classes taught by our great faculty. We welcome comments and suggestions; look for a survey in your mail shortly!

Our thanks also go to the many suppliers showing their wares this year; and to our silent auction and raffle prize donors! They help make the event “fun” for all while we examine the latest tools that help us get the job done: So That Others May Live.

Next year is the second biennial SAR Management Academy, featuring several multiple-day classes running concurrently, again here at WSC in July. Now is the time to start your plans to attend!



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**PHOTOS FROM SATURDAY**

