



Calendar

- January 8 7:00pm UNIT MEETING --
Training: **Avalanche
Awareness/Safety** by *Iain Morris*.
- January 16 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION -- **Winter Survival in a Mountain
Environment** by Don Lacer.
- January 26 9:00am FIELD TRAINING -- **Avalanche Rescue - Snow Shelters -
27 Navigation in the snow environment.**
- January 28 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- February 5 7:00pm UNIT MEETING -- Training: **Mission Organization**, Roles and
Responsibilities.
- February 20 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION -- **Patient Packaging Drills**
- February 23 Pageout FIELD TRAINING -- **Mock Mission** on Marys Peak.
- February 28 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

2001 IN REVIEW -- a glance in the rearview mirror

In the year just completed, we had eight missions -- six of which resulted in dispatching members to the field. During those six missions, we accumulated 1187 hours of operations and 6527 miles of driving. We participated in missions to assist Benton, Clackamas, Deschutes, Hood River, Lane, and Linn county Sheriff's departments on Mt. Hood, Mt. Jefferson, North Sister, South Sister, and near Middle Sister/Broken Top.

During 2001, the Unit successfully completed its MRA reaccreditation in Rock Rescue, Winter Rescue, and Wilderness Search. We also maintained an active affiliation with the Oregon Mountain Rescue Council and the Benton County SAR Council.

MANAGING SEARCH OPERATIONS COURSE -- fulfill a requirement

A *Managing Search Operations* (MSO) course will be presented March 2nd - 7th, 2002, at the Skyliner Lodge outside Bend. Successful completion of this course is required to advance from Support to Rescue level. To assist members in attaining this certification, the Unit has an *Educational Assistance Program* line item in the budget. Also, Benton County has announced scholarships to assist in defraying the tuition costs. Benton County would like Unit members who have completed the course to work in the SAR command post during missions.

2002 TRAINING -- a plea

The Training Committee has setup the Training Schedule for 2002 and Iain Morris (Vice President and Chairman of the Training Committee) is looking for people to be responsible for each of the sessions. The Training Committee will provide the responsible person with a list of objectives to be achieved by each member during the session. It will be up to the session organizer to either present the material her/himself or to arrange for someone else to make the presentation -- while meeting the list of objectives provided for the training. The schedule can be found on the Unit's website. Contact Iain (imorris@teleport.com) if you would like coordinate a particular training event.

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