

HISTORY OF SAR

In 1978, the State of New Mexico passed a law creating the Search and Rescue Plan. The plan was one of the first in the country and organized all SAR functions under a single entity, the New Mexico State Police. Up until then, and still today in many states of the U. S., SAR was handled at the local sheriff's level. Within this statewide plan, provisions were made for the use of volunteer SAR individuals and teams.

Shortly after this, many local teams sprang up. In early 1994, Santa Fe Search & Rescue Group was founded by Eldorado resident Dave Burdett, who also served as its first president. Soon afterwards, Santa Fe SAR Group became a non-profit corporation within New Mexico and gained its Federal tax-exempt status under IRS section 501(c)3.

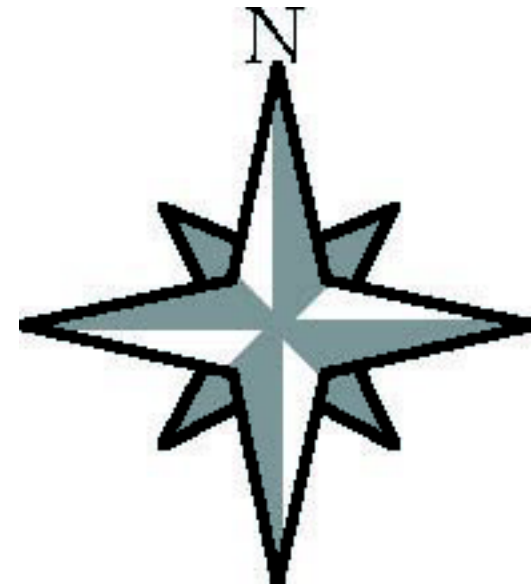
Santa Fe SAR Group continues today with nearly forty volunteer members at any one time, under the direction of a four member board of directors.

Funding is very limited and comes mainly from grants, member dues, donations and fund raising events. We appreciate any support you can give!

MISSION OF SANTA FE SEARCH & RESCUE GROUP

Provide trained teams to participate in wilderness searches for persons who are missing, injured or lost.

SANTA FE SEARCH & RESCUE GROUP



A CITIZEN'S GUIDE

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Meetings are held on the
2nd Thursday at 7:00 P.M.
each month at the
Eldorado Community Center
1 Hacienda Loop

WHAT TO DO when hopelessly lost?

When hopelessly lost, do the following, UNLESS there are sound reasons to do otherwise:

- Stay in the location where you first realized that you were lost.
- Send off emergency signals: THREE shots, and/or whistle blows. Pause, then repeat.
- Make a fire IF conditions permit.
- Stay warm and dry as possible.
- Make and consume warm/hot liquids as circumstances allow. Even hot water is good.
- If necessary, make a very simple shelter. Protection from high winds and cold rain are the main concerns. If there is sufficient snow cover on the ground, use a stick to cut blocks to set up a square, small, seating shelter. Use pine branches for insulation under feet, seat, and behind your back.

THE TEN BARE ESSENTIALS of wilderness travel

1. Water
2. Emergency food
3. Topographic map, compass
4. Sun protection; hat, sunglasses, sun screen
5. Extra clothes - wool hat, gloves, socks, rain gear
6. Whistle & signal mirror
7. Flashlight with fresh batteries
8. Knife, firestarter
9. Matches, candle
10. First aid kit; include needles, thread, safety pin

PLANNING A WILDERNESS TRIP

Prior to any trip, take the time to WRITE DOWN a comprehensive PLAN to include the following:

- Destination
- Departure time and date
- Expected return time and date
- Type of activities planned
- Needed supplies
- Needed clothing and foot gear
- In-case-of-Emergency considerations
- Personal description
- Vehicle description, plate number and planned parking location
- Any medical or physical disorders; medications

Leave this plan with a reliable person who could notify the authorities, on a timely basis, in case of a suspected emergency.

Don't forget to put those Ten Bare Essentials in your pack!