



# 2014 ISARC Conference

Did you miss the 2014 ISARC Conference? The food was amazing, the networking was great. Eric Hodges with McLean County shared his expertise on utilizing emergency volunteers, which every team could benefit from. You could have learned about GPS, watched a UAV fly overhead with ease, learned about evidence preservation, how to be safe on an ATV/UTV, gathered some crew leader skills, learned about low angle ropes, done a little patient packaging, first aid for non-medical folks, learn about how to help a K9 team, built a fire/shelter for your survival, or helped your group plan a search for a father and son. Mark Molleck and John Lund gave a great talk about the Project Life-saver and Care Trak programs.

A total of 71 people attended this year's conference.

The Annual Membership meeting was held on Saturday evening with a wonderful meal followed by the annual elections for those seats that were up. Earlier in the year the board decided to take the number on the board back to the original seven (7) rather than the nine (9) that it had been increased to a few years back. Elected to the board for a two-year term were Allen Matza of Will County and Doug Orr of Pike County. Mark Molleck of Peoria County Sheriff Office was re-elected to another term.

Officers were elected as follows:

- Kimberly Gotte—Chair
- John Simon—Vice Chair
- Annette Hannig—Secretary
- Val Sye-Haritos—Treasurer

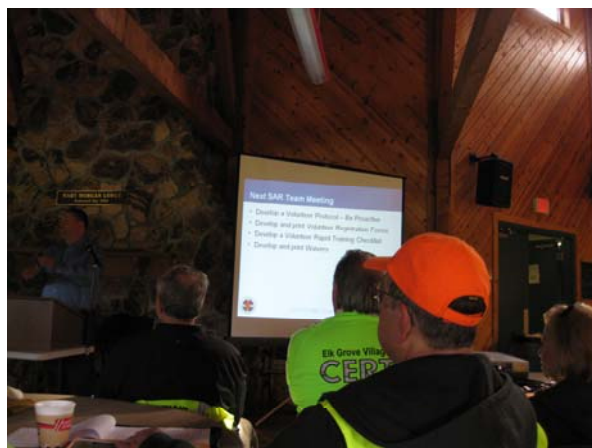
A huge "Thank You" to the conference committee, co-led by Curt and Annette Hannig and John Simon. All did a fabulous job on the conference this year.

The board has decided to hold the conference at the same location with a few differences. The tentative date is October 9-11, 2015. By next year there are to be more cabins built, remodeling of others. We will also arrange area hotel rooms at a conference pricing, for those of you who would rather stay at a hotel. The cabin/camping will still be included in the cost of the conference.

We need your help!! Let us know what kind of breakout sessions you are interested in having. Some of the feedback this year was that we need sessions that are not the normal everyday GSAR subjects. The conference is for the membership, so please give us your suggestions.

If anyone is interested in helping on the Conference Committee, we would also welcome that help. It takes an army to make it happen. Rather than have one or two counties host the conference, it was decided that it is a primary responsibility of the board with help from the membership to host the conference. If you are interested in helping out or have suggestions, email to [board@illinoissar.org](mailto:board@illinoissar.org).

Hope to see you next year at the conference.



Using Emergency Volunteers—Eric Hodges

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### Special points of interest:

- *Ground Search and Rescue Training, November 8-9, Metropolis, IL*
- *Ground Search and Rescue Training, November 15-16, Colchester, IL*
- *Ground Search and Rescue Training, TBD, Champaign, IL*
- *GSAR Instructor Train-The-Trainer, January 2015*

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ATV/UTV Safety



Patient Packaging



Evidence Handling



Low Angle Ropes



Search Management



Search Management

## Member Spotlight—Chad Kunkel

Chad Kunkel is a member of Brown County EMA Search & Rescue. He joined the Search & Rescue team in 2011 and has become a great asset to our team.

He lives in Mt. Sterling IL along with his wife and three children. Chad works for Quincy Medical Group as a Physical Therapist assistant. Chad has also been an EMT for the Brown County Ambulance Service ten years and a firefighter for the Mt. Sterling Fire Department and the Brown County Fire Department for three years. He also is a Boy Scout troop leader, where he found

his love for cooking. He has cooked for various events in his home county, so he was a great choice to ask him to be our head Chef for the 2014 ISARC Conference.

Chad loves spending time with his family, hunting and fishing. You just have to spend a little time talking to Chad to see how he feels about his profession, his family, his faith and the things that he does to help those in need, to see that he is the kind of person that is perfect for the Search and Rescue family. Chad is a great role model and an inspiration to

those he comes in contact with, young and old. We thank Chad for feeding us all so well at this years conference and look forward to having him be our Chef for conferences to come.





# ISARC Instructor/Lead Instructor Requirements

## **GSAR Operations Course**

Instructors must achieve:

- Successfully complete 2 ISARC GSAR Operations courses
- Recommended by a GSAR Ops lead instructor
- Member in good standing of an ISARC organizational member agency
- Receive approval by the organizational member point of contact
- Successfully complete GSAR Train the Trainer 2014 version or newer (as amended)
- Approved by the ISARC Board of Directors

Instructors must maintain:

- Instruct a component of the lecture annually
- Successfully complete GSAR instructor updates as determined
- Successfully complete the GSAR course or GSAR skill refresher (for instructors) every 3 years

Lead Instructors must achieve:

- Achieve all GSAR instructor requirements and be an instructor in good standing
- Successfully complete Search Management
- Teach each section of the GSAR lecture and facilitate each module while being evaluated by a lead instructor
- Evaluated by and recommended by two separate lead instructors
- Approved by the ISARC Board of Directors

Lead Instructors must maintain:

- Facilitate a GSAR course as the lead instructor annually
- Successfully complete GSAR instructor updates as determined

- Successfully complete the GSAR course every 3 years

## **Search and Rescue Initial Operations (SARIO) course**

Instructors must achieve:

- Achieve all GSAR instructor requirements and be an instructor in good standing
- Successfully complete the ISARC search management course
- Successfully complete IS-100, IS-200
- Member in good standing of an ISARC organizational member agency
- Receive approval by the organizational member point of contact
- Recommended by a Search Management Lead Instructor
- Co-teach with a SARIO instructor and receive a successful evaluation
- Approval by the ISARC Board of Directors

Instructors must maintain:

- Facilitate a SARIO course annually
- Successfully complete SARIO instructor updates as determined

## **Search Management (SARM) course**

Instructors must achieve:

- Achieve all GSAR instructor requirements and be an instructor in good standing
- Successfully complete 2 ISARC search management courses
- Successfully complete IS-100, IS-200, IS300, IS400, IS700
- Successfully complete search management train the trainer
- Member in good standing of an ISARC organizational member agency
- Receive approval by the organizational member point of contact

- Demonstrate proficiency in search management forms

- Recommended by Search Management Lead Instructor

- Approval by the ISARC Board of Directors

Lead Instructors must achieve:

- Achieve all SARM instructor requirements and be an instructor in good standing

- Successfully complete AFRCC

## **Basic Land Navigation (BNAV) course**

Instructors must achieve:

- Successfully complete ISARC GSAR (latest curriculum)
- Successfully complete 2 ISARC BNAV courses
- Successfully complete ISARC BNAV train the trainer
- Recommended by ISARC BNAV Instructor
- Member in good standing of an ISARC organizational member agency
- Receive approval by the organizational member point of contact
- Approval by the ISARC Board of Directors

## **Shoreline Rescue course**

Instructors must achieve:

- Successfully complete ISARC GSAR (latest curriculum)
- Successfully complete 2 ISARC Shoreline Rescue courses
- Recommended by ISARC shoreline rescue Instructor
- Member in good standing of an ISARC organizational member agency
- Receive approval by the organizational member point of contact
- Approval by the ISARC Board of Directors

# Committee Help Needed

The heart of the organization is giving the membership what they need/want as members of ISARC. In doing that there are a handful of committees that work on new projects and ongoing projects. If you are interested in serving on a committee, let us know.

Those committees are listed below with a short description of what they might be responsible for.

- **Conference Committee** will aid in planning and executing the annual conference.
- **Curriculum Committee** will pro-

pose new curriculum based on the matrix set forth by the board

- **Community Outreach Committee** will represent the organization at conferences and events. Also this committee will reach out to potential or new committees and direct them to mentor teams/sources to aid in their development.
- **Mutual Aid Committee** will develop a resource guide with contact and asset information of all member teams. Also this committee will work with first responder agencies to let them know our teams' capabilities.

- **Training and Validations Committee** will, based on developed curriculum, set the criteria to enable member teams to become validated. This committee also will aid in assigning requested training sessions to the appropriate area lead instructors. This committee will in the future set the criteria necessary for the credentialing of individuals based on the adopted training matrix.

*“Many hands makes light work”*

# Newsletter Material Needed

The quarterly newsletter is intended to be publication communicating things that pertain to member organizations within the Illinois Search and Rescue Council. The newsletter should be for you and about you. If there is a person and/or organization that you would like to see highlighted in the newsletter, send those suggestions or articles along with pictures to [board@illinoissar.org](mailto:board@illinoissar.org). It is always nice to see what other agencies are doing and how their members are furthering the cause.

If your agency went on a search and want to share the details or lessons

learned with the membership, that would be great also.

If your agency is hosting a class, training or fund raiser, please feel free to submit those also. Keep in mind that the newsletter will only be published once a quarter, unless we get enough content to make it otherwise. Remember this newsletter is yours, so make it what you would like to see communicated.

If we get a lot of articles the newsletter can grow in size and content.

As we get the committees up and going and actively delivering content, this pub-

lication could become a part of the responsibility of one of those committees, i.e. Community Outreach.

We are proud of each of our members and this is a great place to show off the things that your agency is doing.

We will try to publish the newsletter around November 1, February 1, May 1 and August 1. There might be a supplemental issue as we get closer to each years' conference.

Let us know your thoughts!!



# Illinois Search and Rescue Council

## NEWSLETTER

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***So that others may live***

The Illinois Search and Rescue Council is a charitable, professional, and educational organization which supports, coordinates, develops, promotes, and implements search and rescue resources with the underlying principles of saving lives and preserving property through its support of the National Search and Rescue Plan, the National Response Framework, and Illinois Emergency Operations Plan.

Our membership is comprised of SAR teams from all across the State of Illinois, and some surrounding areas, that have come together to further the professionalism of the SAR discipline. Our teams include organizations from public safety organizations as well as non-governmental organizations providing search and rescue services for missing persons within the State of Illinois.

We are on the web at [www.illinoissar.org](http://www.illinoissar.org)

Check for event and training updates often

We are also on Facebook!