



The Belay Line



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Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 27

Mountain Bike Team Training
Time: 11 am - 3 pm
Location: Phil's World, Cortez

Monday, April 29

Monthly Meeting
Location: Lightner Creek Room,
La Plata County Fairgrounds
6 pm: What is in Tom's Pack
7 pm: LZ training by Tri-State
CareFlight

Saturday, May 4

Basic SAR Operations
Time: 8 am - 4 pm
Location: Rescue Ranch

Wednesday, May 8

Mountain Bike Team Training
Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Location: Horse Gulch

Friday, May 17– Monday, May 20

TRRT Team Training
Time: TBA
Location: TBA

Monday, May 20

Monthly Meeting
Location: Lightner Creek Room,
La Plata County Fairgrounds
6 pm: Swiftwater with Aaron Ball

Hogsback Mission

On April 9, 2013, a general membership page went out at 11:35 pm to respond to a 46 year old male subject complaining of consequences from "a possible fall" with shoulder pain, cold symptoms and lack of shoes and socks. Two hasty team members responded to the Hogsback area behind the Tech Center. Subject called 911 multiple times, so accurate GPS coordinates were available and showed the subject on an easily accessible trail. Once in the field it became clear that the subject was not at the location previously plotted. The search was slowed down because of extremely muddy and snowy conditions as well as rough terrain. Updated GPS coordinates helped to finally locate the subject on top of Hogsback. Patient was assessed with cold symptoms, and indeed without shoes and socks. Determination was made to evacuate on foot. After a slick and exposed descent off Hogsback, subject was handed off to paramedics just after 3:00 am. Thank you to Dan Long for providing the much needed communication help as well as possible evacuation strategies.

Sweet Success!

The 1st Annual "Support the Rescue Ranch" fund raiser held last week at Chimayo raised over \$5,000!

Special thanks to Mike and Sandy Bruce, Julie Linn, event sponsors Chimayo, Alpine Bank, The Wells Group Real Estate Brokerage, Star Liquors, Osprey Packs, Claude Steelman of WildShots, Lost Dog Bar and Grill and Republic National Distributing Company. All monies raised from this event go directly to the purchase of a new building for LPCSAR.

The Community Outreach Event featuring former MLB player Daryl Strawberry held last week at Fort Lewis College was also a smash, raising over \$2,700 for LPCSAR! We are in the process of forming a committee to decide how these funds will be best used. Please contact Ron if you are interested in joining.

Thanks to everyone that pitched in to make these events successful!

Don't miss Basic!

Just a reminder that the general membership is invited and encouraged to attend to the Basic SAR Operations class being held on Saturday, May 4 from 8am to 4pm at the Rescue Ranch. Lunch will be provided along with a field exercise in the afternoon. It's a great opportunity to learn and to brush up on your skills.