



Buzz from the BOARD

In case you haven't heard...there's been some changes on the Board. In October Chair Person Ed Kemper found out there was going to be changes at the Village of Palatine and his team (and position) were being eliminated. Palatine officially notified us that they were withdrawing from membership. Unfortunately, this left Ed as a man without a host agency and, per our bylaws & Board member job description, he needed to be a member of a member agency to be on the Board. The Board agreed he had one month to come up with some kind of resolution but, again, unfortunately, he didn't find a place and so was removed from the Board. Jason Buckley was voted temporary Chair Person to fill the spot. Richard Bickel was voted temporary Vice Chair. This was all temporary as the elections for the Board were also ongoing at the time.

Three people ran for the Board unopposed, Richard Bickel, Mike Crews and Dawn Watson. We welcome the returning (Richard) and the two new faces (Mike and Dawn). Jason Buckley was voted Chair Person, Richard Bickel Vice Chair,

Dawn Watson Secretary and Carol Lussky Treasurer.

Even with the election there was still a vacancy on the Board (due to a way earlier resignation). Jason felt it was important that the vacancy be filled and appointed Beth Drendel from Kane County to the Board.

Alas, with the loss of Ed, the Board was once again short a member. Jason spoke with multiple people in the Southern portion of the State and no one was willing to step up and fill the spot. Domingo Kaller who is now with Lake County EMA volunteered and was appointed by Jason (with approval of the Board) to fill the vacancy until the next election this fall. We REALLY need representation from the Southern portion of the State. If you're interested, please contact Jason Buckley.

The Board would like to take a moment and thank Joan Brehm for all the work she has done on the website (creating it and keeping it up-to-date). Dawn, as secretary, will be taking over the WebMaster responsibilities.

Tom Foust was appointed Outreach Committee Chair and Kim Gotte was appointed Director of Training.

SAVE THE DATE!!! We are trying AGAIN to get a quorum for our annual membership meeting which will be held March 5th at 10 AM via Zoom. We need YOUR voting delegate to attend to assure a quorum to allow the business meeting to occur. The Board meeting will be held starting at 9am and continue after the general meeting. immediately afterwards. Check the website for more info.

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Things that I learned since I joined GSAR

- I did not join for the fine dining.
- Twisted ankles and sore feet will take you further than you thought possible when on an active search.
- The gruffer the searcher the bigger his heart.
- Search managers do not appreciate measurements being given in “cubits”.
- We can teach the military a thing or two about “Hurry up and wait”.
- A cold rainy night is the most common time for a call-out.
- Don’t piss-off the field team leader, he knows the best places to hide a body.
- Everyone in SAR has a purpose-Even if it is nothing more than being a bad example.
- 10% of team members do 90% of the work.
- Anything you need in a hurry will always be at the bottom of your pack.
- In every search there will be a swamp crossing.
- The dedication and professionalism shown by most searchers is a close second to sainthood.
- Knee deep is better than waist deep.
- You can never have too much flagging tape.
- Know the command post cell number.
- Nothing is waterproof.
- Teammates will share the food in their pack with you.
- Friends will share the GOOD food in their packs with you.
- Even 91 YO man can go over, under, round or through 5 strands of barbed wire.
- No drug can duplicate the high of bringing a lost person home to their family.

Found on SAR Search and Rescue Professionals Facebook Group

Submitted by Tom Foust

Recent Trainings

October



BNAV in Schaumburg



December



BNAV in St. Charles (Kane County)

If you would like to request additional information on any of the training programs offered by ISARC, or wish to schedule a course for your agency please [email us](mailto:training@illinoissar.org) (training@illinoissar.org). To request a course, please use our [course delivery request form](#). The link is located on our website (www.illinoissar.org) under the training tab.

Complete the form and email it to training@illinois.org

Upcoming Training

February 26	Lost Person Behavior	Carol Stream
March 12	Basic Navigation	Lake County
March 26-27	Ground Search and Rescue	Kane County
April 16	Basic Navigation	McHenry County
April 30-May 1	Ground Search and Rescue	Naperville
May 14	Basic Navigation	Peoria/Tazwell Counties
June 11	Ground Search and Rescue	Tazwell County
September 24	Lost Person Behavior	Lake County EMA
October 7-9	ISARC Conference	Clinton IL
October 15,16,29,30	Managing the Lost Person Incident	Lake County EMA

Registration for all these events is done through Eventbrite. When registration is open the link is posted on the ISARC website www.illinoissar.org (click the Training button).

For Sale Items

Who doesn't have a stockpile of "stuff" that you don't need or don't want but know it could be used by someone else in SAR. If you have something for sale email ALL the information, including price (and a photo if possible) to the newsletter editor at SARBuddy@yahoo.com. I'll put things in the next newsletter. If you sell or re-home it before the newsletter comes out please let me know as soon as possible or be prepared for the inquiries you may get. We (ISARC) won't have anything to do with the transaction—it's between the seller and the buyer. We're just trying to provide a platform to sell or even give away unneeded equipment. This is not for businesses.

If you want something in the next newsletter please have it to me by April 30.



A Tru Spec search shirt for sale. Only worn once. 2XL Tall. Reason for selling is don't like the fit. Asking \$20.00.

Contact Tom FOUST at 815-681-6333



SAR Tips & Tricks

Tired of scratches on your search safety glasses? You can store them in a shorty sock that has lost its mate. And it will give you something to clean the glasses with. Cheap and practical.

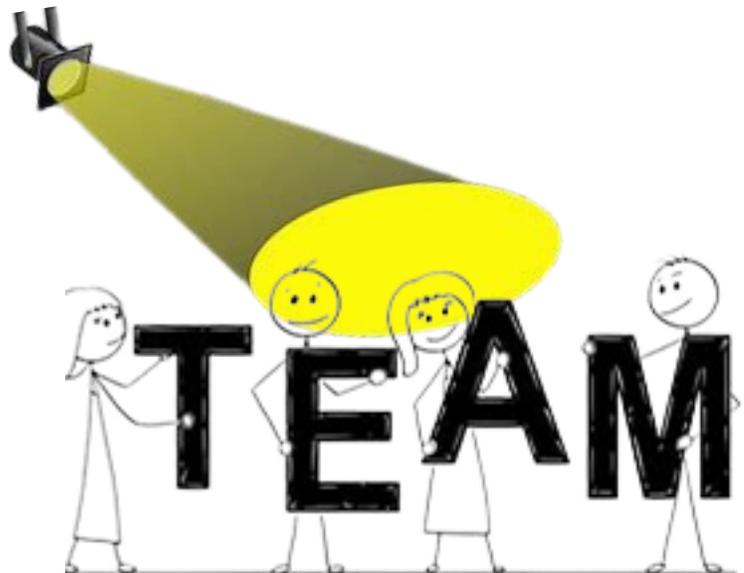
Submitted by: Tom Foust



Member Spotlight—See your team here!

Would you like to see your team in the Spotlight? Write a brief article on your team—share info about its creation, implementation, members, mission or anything you'd like other ISARC members to know about your team. What kind of deployments do you do? How many members? You get the idea.

Write it up (preferably in a WORD document) and send it to SARBuddy@yahoo.com. Attach a picture to include with the article and you'll see it in an upcoming newsletter.



The Loss of a SAR Friend

Mark W. Molleck, age 66, of Chillicothe, passed away on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Mark was born on September 3, 1955 in Peoria, Illinois, the son of Robert W. and Elouise "Sammie" (Creech) Molleck. He married Angela J. Herold on May 19, 1979 in Peoria. Surviving are his wife, Angie; his daughters, Tiffany Molleck of Chillicothe, IL and Melissa (Zach Patterson) Hauck of Peoria, IL; and his grandchildren, Mason, Jackson, Mallory, Ian, Markus, Matthew and Tyler. Also surviving are his mother, Sammie Molleck of Canton, IL; his siblings, Christine Keeling of Ocala, FL, David (Virginia) Molleck of Chillicothe, Lisa (Steve) Walker of Chillicothe and Teresa (Sam) Condon of Ridge Crest, CA; his half-siblings, Chuck Sanders of 29 Palms, CA and Bunny Farmer, of Las Vegas, NV; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father; his brother, Michael Molleck and his grandson, Ryan.

Mark served in the U.S. Air Force from 1974 to 1977. He was a patrol officer for the Peoria Heights Police Department from 1986 to 1989 before joining the Peoria County Sheriff's Department from 1989 until he retired in 2017. While with the Sheriff's Department, Mark was awarded many commendations and his greatest accomplishment was the development of the Peoria County Search and Rescue. He was the Vice President of the Chillicothe Fire Protection District Board of Trustees, a member of the George Washington Masonic Lodge #222 A.F. & A.M., the Mohammed Shrine and the Valley of Peoria

Scottish Rite. He was also a member of Mt. Hawley Community Church. Mark enjoyed woodturning, operating his Ham Radio, hunting, fishing and going to the Chillicothe Sportsman Club. Above all, he loved spending time with his family and he'd say his greatest accomplishment in life was being a dad and grandpa. Mark was also passionate about sharing his faith with others.

Cremation rites will be accorded and a visitation will be held on Friday, February 4, 2022 from 5pm to 7pm at Weber-Hurd Funeral Home in Chillicothe. A first responder walk through will be held at 6pm and Masonic Rites at 7pm. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 11am at Mt. Hawley Community Church. Pastor Darnell Starks will be officiating. Memorials in his name may be made to his church or to the Peoria County Sheriff's Department in the care of the Mark Molleck Memorial Fund which will be devoted to the Care Trak Program that Mark initiated in Peoria County. Online condolences may be made through www.weberhurdfuneralhome.com

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Mark W. Molleck, please visit our floral store.



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/Training Committee** will propose new curriculum based on the matrix set forth by the board. This committee also will aid in assigning requested training sessions to the appropriate area lead instructors.
- **Community Outreach Committee** will represent the organization at conferences and events. Also this com-

mittee will reach out to potential or new members 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.

"Many hands make light work"

Newsletter Material Needed

The quarterly newsletter is intended to be a 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@illinoisar.org or to Carol Lussky at sarbuddy@yahoo.com. 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 you 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.

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 in January, April, August and November. There might be a supplemental

issue as we get closer to each years' conference.

Let us know your thoughts!!



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SAR Folks sure are dedicated

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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.

Our website is: www.illinoisar.org

We are also on [Facebook!](#)

Check both for event and training updates