



**New Address and Phone Numbers**

There have been some changes in the contact information for the Patrol. The new address and phone numbers are as follows;

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**Congratulations to the New Officer Staff**

Every year after graduation a new Officer Staff is selected. Each of the new officers bring with them abilities and traits that will strengthen the team and shape the personality of the Officer Staff. This years officers are Capt. Mackenzie Merrick, Lt. Jake Gunn, Sgt. Kelby Chambers and Sgt. Greg Smischny.

**Orchids**

To the Douglas County Search and Rescue Team for the mass casualty joint training.  
To the Parent Support Unit (PSU) and everyone else that helped with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations!  
To the 2007-2008 officer staff-Keep up the great work!

**Onions**

Trucks that can't pass emissions tests.  
Leaking cooling systems.  
Multiple flat tires in the same week.  
(Luckily all these problems aren't on the same truck!)

**E- Care Classes**

E-Care classes are going on now and Advanced First Responder is required to earn your Shield. Remember, to meet the requirements members will only be allowed to miss 3 classes from beginning to end. There will be nightly quizzes as well as an end-of-course written and practical exam. Make sure you've marked your calendars on Tuesday and Thursdays through November so you don't miss a single night.

**Calendar Dates**

**October**

- Tue 2, Oct – Officers Meeting – HQ - 1900
- Sat 6, Oct – Littleton Craft Fair –Meet at HQ – TBA
- Tue 9, Oct – E-Care Classroom – HQ – 1800
- Thu 11, Oct – E-Care Classroom – HQ – 1800
- Fri 12, Oct – Littleton HS Homecoming Assist – TBA
- Sat 13, Oct – Columbine Preparedness Fair – TBA
- Sat 13, Oct – Map and Compass Classroom – HQ 0900
- Tue 16, Oct – E-Care Classroom – HQ – 1800
- Wed 17, Oct – General – HQ – 1900
- Thu 18, Oct – E-Care Classroom – HQ – 1800
- Tue 23, Oct – E-Care Classroom – HQ – 1800
- Thu 25, Oct – Annual BOD Meeting – HQ 1900
- Sat 27, Oct – Map and Compass Field – HQ – 0730
- Tue 30, Oct – E-Care Classroom – HQ – 1800

**November**

- Tue 1, Nov – E-Care Classroom – HQ – 1800
- Sat 3, Nov – Mission Coordination – HQ – 0900
- Sun 4, Nov – Littleton Stride Assist – TBA
- Tue 6, Nov – Officers Meeting – HQ – 1900
- Thu 8, Nov – E-Care Classroom – HQ – 1800
- Tue 13, Nov – E-Care Classroom – HQ – 1800
- Wed 14, Nov – Winter Ops Classroom – HQ – 1800
- Thu 15, Nov – E-Care Classroom – HQ – 1800
- Sat 17, Nov – Winter Ops Field – HQ – 0730
- Tue 20, Nov – E-Care Classroom – HQ – 1800
- Wed 21, Nov – General Meeting – HQ – 1900
- Thu 22, Nov – E-Care Classroom – HQ – 1800
- Tue 27, Nov – E-Care Classroom – HQ -- 1800

**December**

- Tue 4, Dec – Officers Meeting – HQ – 1700
- Fri-Sun 7,8,9 Dec – Avalanche Rescue Trng – TBA
- Fri 14, Dec – Holiday Party – TBD –1800
- Sat 15, Dec – Probation Test II – HQ – 0900
- Wed 19, Dec – General Meeting – HQ – 1900

**From Sgt. Smischny**

Good job to the probationary members in there first probationary test. You guys did great. Also remember that you still have one more to take, so keep study, and work on getting your packs repacked with food and water.  
Sgt. Smischny

### Report on the 50<sup>th</sup>

The 50<sup>th</sup> celebration was a great success. Stan would have been proud. It could not have been possible without the help of many people. A special thanks to the PSU and all the other volunteers who donated their time, talents and in many cases their money to help make the event a success.

Among other awards and recognitions, the Patrol was given a plaque by Littleton Fire Rescue for 50 Years of Dedicated Service. The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office presented the team with a Certificate of Excellence for the last 50 years. In addition the City of Centennial proclaimed July the 21, 2007 Arapahoe Rescue Patrol Day. Marcus Cook, the first Director of Field Operations for the Patrol, presented the Patrol with an engraved wood handled ice axe from the late 50s.

The award for the individual that traveled the greatest distance to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> has to go to Jim Dowell. He traveled all the way from Perth Australia.

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The real contest is always between what you've done and what you are capable of doing. You measure yourself and no one else.

Geoffrey Gaberino  
Olympic swimmer

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#### From Lt. Gunn

The Team has been doing awesome in coming to activities. A lot of you have been active and the Patrol greatly appreciates your work. So please keep it up, you are doing a great job. The only way to keep activity levels high is to be sure that your team leader can contact you at any time day or night for missions. Remember you are now on call 24/7 and your Officer needs to be able to contact you 24/7. The "chain of communication" is critical to the focus of our mission which is, of course, the victim. Over the next few months with the help of the Directors and the Chiefs we will be testing how quickly we can mobilize every member of the Patrol. You are doing a good job now and I know that you'll great in the future.

Lieutenant Gunn

### Director Position

At the July meeting the Directors discussed the open positions in the Board. The Board currently has seven active Directors and, as such, there is no urgent need to fill the open positions. However, it was felt that it would be appropriate to determine if there were any individuals interested in applying for the Board positions. Applications will be reviewed and possibly some positions may be filled at the Annual Meeting of the Board in October.

Interested parties should submit a letter of intent to President Rick Smischny by October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The Board will be looking for individuals who have a working knowledge of the Patrol and have the time and talent to assist in the various tasks of the Board. Applicants should detail their experience and reasons for wanting to be considered for the position BOD openings

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The greatest pleasure I know, is to do a good action by stealth, and to have it found out by accident."

Charles Lamb (1775-1834)..

Just a reminder that what we do is not for the glory, or the pride, but for others. The feeling that we acquire after finding our victim -be it good or bad- is just an additive. We know what we do is worthwhile, and if others happen to see this as well, again, it's just an additive.

Mackenzie Merrick

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#### From the Captain

Hello all!  
As I'm sure you can feel winter's coming up! Just a reminder to get your winter stuff ready now because it's starting to cool down out there and before you know it the snow will be dumping yet again, and there is nothing more painful than going on a winter search without winter gear. Also, thanks to everyone who participated in the Arapahoe County SWAT trainings. They were a blast and will certainly help our relationship with the SWAT team, as well as with ACSO. Any little thing we can do for them helps. I'll see you all on the next big one!

Captain Merrick