

# Black Diamond SAR Council

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## The Coordinator's Desk

Bryan Saunders

### Can We Be Compared to Service Dogs?

As you all know, I'm in a constant battle with myself over what I've done wrong, or what I haven't changed within Black Diamond to get folks to train and respond. As with the drop in Volunteerism across the Nation, BDSAR is no different. I have grown to accept that the "Offer it and they will come" only works for a certain percentage of the membership, and sometimes not all.

We have entered an entitlement society where the young folks (not all) are raised to expect something in return for a job well done; much like some K9s working to get the reward at the end. When we look at the broad spectrum of K9s we see they all are not bred to do the same thing, nor are they bred to have the drive that some others have.

We have members that, much like their working breed counterparts, will work to their hearts content because that's what they've been bred to do, and with no reward. Fee them and leave them to do their job. They don't care what's in it for them as long as they are doing what they love to do and are allowed to be successful.

Next are those that like the job, but do the job for the reward at the end. The "what's in it for me" folks are looking for the prize at the end. Well, I can assure you that fame and fortune have very rarely ever come out of volunteering in SAR. It's expensive and it's common to see most of us run from the media.

On the opposite side of that is the self gratification. Patting yourself on the back, for a job well done, is not a bad thing at all. People can thrive on self



gratification and being on a team that provides a service such as ours, can produce a large amount of that. But, you have to actually show up to get it.

Then we move to the companion dogs. Companion K9s are a wonderful thing and a pleasure to have around. No, they don't do much, except use up resources – like food and water – and require time for care.

When they come around, it's great to see them, but what service are they actually providing?

We all have a reason for belonging to the Black Diamond SAR Council. We all have our reasons for training or not training / responding or not responding. Ask yourself when the last time you were at a BDSAR training? Ask yourself when the last time you actually responded to a mission?

Thankfully, Black Diamond doesn't have a lot of overhead, and keeping folks that don't do much on the roster isn't a big deal. That is until we have a multi day event, and we get 20 folks out of 78 respond. Should folks actually be on the roster if they can't / won't respond? And I'm not talking about one event. We continuously see the same folks at every training, and every mission.

I ask this of every member every year... What have you given in the past and what can you give to Black Diamond in 2014. You don't need to tell me, the Board, the other members... Tell yourself.

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## From the Training Officer

Mike Maggard

May TBA	2014 Blue Ridge Parkway SAR Training and Simulation
June 13-15	Backbone Rock
July 11-13	Grayson Highlands State Park (Tentative) & Backbone
Aug 8 - 10	Backbone Rock
Sept 12-14	Grayson Highlands State Park (Tentative) & Backbone
Oct 12th	Location TBA ( GSAR )
Nov 9TH	Location TBA ( GSAR )

### TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM

This year training will be at Backbone Rock . There is a lot of work that goes into this so we will have to have a commitment up front for both weekends of BRT and both weekends of ART. If you want both, then it is a 4 weekend commitment.

June 13-15 Backbone Rock

July 11-13 Backbone Rock

Aug 8 - 10 Backbone Rock

Sept 12-14 Backbone Rock

We will plan on having a night exercises in September

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**REMINDER: Yearly dues support Black Diamond operations! Mail your checks to PO Box 22, Marion, VA 24354.**

\$25 - 1 member

\$40 - family of 2

\$50 - family of 3

\$60 - family of 6

Contact Bryan for other group rates.

*If you have difficulty remembering to remit your dues, consider mailing them in each year during your birthday month!*

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### 2014 First Quarter Team-wide Training

Feb. 8	Hungry Mother State Park @ 10 am
Mar. 8	Hungry Mother State Park @ 10 am
Apr. 9-13	VASARCO Appomattox 4-H Center

**MEMBERS:** Please read the email below from Mr. Garrison. Saltville RS has been very good about inviting us to their trainings - here is yet another.

On February 6th at 6:00pm, Jack Tolbert from VDEM will be at the Saltville Rescue Squad giving a free presentation on Meth Labs & Awareness and other chemicals. Saltville auxiliary will be offering snacks and beverages that evening at no charge. Please come if you need this information. Call Chris Flowers or Bill Garrison to get registered at (276) 496-4531. All agencies welcome.

Also the Saltville Rescue Squad is offering a Basic EMT Recert course beginning February 10th until March 10th. This will be the Virginia 36 Hour Recert. Call Bill Garrison or Chris Flowers at (276) 496-4531 to register.

## BDSARCO Training Requirements

Per the January 2014 Membership Meeting, training requirements for all BD Members were unanimously approved. (See page 3 for a convenient worksheet to keep up with your training hours.)

These required training topics and hours are to be completed annually, to include 4 hours with the K9 team.

In addition, all members are required to respond to three missions each year. Two of these may be in the form of attending a full-scale simulation, as in the Rocky KnobSAREx for example.

The Board of Directors and the Membership Committee will use this next year to develop a course of action for those who do not, or cannot, fulfill these requirements.

This is a big step for BDSAR and moves us in a direction that will insure a professional standard for our responders.





BDSAR's FCC License Call Sign **WQOH 896**

Bryan Saunders	BD1	Chris Bryant	BD25	Cole Morris	BD49		BD73
Mike Maggard	BD2		BD26	Jason Peters	BD50		BD74
Stacey Gulbreath	BD3	Bill Garrison	BD27		BD51		BD75
Bob Barlow	BD4		BD28	Michael Evans	BD52		BD76
Rob Blevins	BD5	B.J. Garrison	BD29	Aaron Sergent	BD53		BD77
Rana Brace	BD6	Bill Keith	BD30	Skipper Dorton	BD54		BD78
Derek Anderson	BD7	Sharon Keith	BD31	Mike McCurdy	BD55		BD79
Brandon Lintz	BD8		BD32	Ricky Cox	BD56		BD80
Alex Renfro	BD9	Anthony Holmes	BD33	Randy Toohey	BD57		BD81
Lester Owens	BD10	Ron Bennett	BD34	Mike Williams	BD58		BD82
Todd Lagow	BD11	Jeff Goodson	BD35	James Byrd	BD59		BD83
Doris Wheeler	BD12	Kevin Rasnick	BD36	Billy Mays	BD60		BD84
Bob Wingfield	BD13	Randy Ann Davis	BD37	Daniel Murray	BD61	Nina Cipriani	BD K9-1
Ken Smith	BD14	Trish Lockhart	BD38	Adam Murray	BD62	Don Cipriani	BD K9-2
Larry Hall	BD15		BD39	Codie Kegley	BD63		BD K9-3
Lisa Laughlin	BD16	Cole Morris	BD40	Nick Kiser	BD64	Anne Clark	BD K9-4
Greg Osborne	BD17	Stephen Grubb	BD41	Justin Allen	BD65	Cynthia Bales	BD K9-5
Allison Osborne	BD18		BD42	Joshua Barnette	BD66	DJ Wilson-White	BD K9-6
Joe Cline	BD19	Connie Allen	BD43	Brandon Osborne	BD67	Bill Smith	BD K9-7
Ashley Lewis	BD20	Marty Allen	BD44	Zach Miller	BD68		BD K9-8
Ryan Tipps	BD21	Rob Speiden	BD45	Branden Wells	BD69		BD K9-9
Mac DeBusk	BD22	Rick Christ	BD46	Alfred Rosenbaum	BD70		BD K9-10
	BD23	Leesa Gayheart	BD47	Marci Holland	CR135	Amanda Wenger	BD K9-11
Ken Miller	BD24	Mike Gayheart	BD48	Karla Grubb	BD72	Mary Justus	BD K9-12

*The topic of ‘Morale’ came up, and I said: “morale has nothing to do with happy kids or happy Soldiers. It’s about a confidence in their own ability to do the task at hand, do it well in miserable conditions, and then laugh about how bad it sucked. Good morale has more to do with readiness and mutual respect than keeping people’s self-view validated... it’s about teamwork, overcoming adversity, and focus on the mission. Good morale has everything to do with the comfort about your friend having your back and moving out on task than it ever will with receiving a ribbon or hugging and talking about feelings. You can have 100% unhappy Scouts (substitute, Soldier or Airman here) and still have high morale. You can’t have good morale and no talent; or worse, no respect for each other. I was asked to write that down somewhere, so here we are. Hooah. Colonel Chuck Douglas USAF*

***So what if someone uses a code instead of clear text?***

- 000 –Disregard last page
- 100 –Dispatch changed to ##
- 123 –TEST
- 200 -Alert ( Get your gear ready and open dispatch for a possible call)
- 300 –Callout
- (Overhead/Management)
- (K9 Team)
- (Technical Rescue)
- 441 –Status 1
- 442 –Status 2
- 443 –Status 3
- 444 Teams enroute turn around
- 445 –Search suspended
- 888 –Dispatch closed
- 999 –Disaster

Remember, a Status 2 or Status 3 may still require a response even after the find – for evac. Your dispatcher will let you know.

# SAVE THE DATE!! April 9 - 13, 2014

## Virginia SAR Council 2014 SAR Conference

### The Virginia Search and Rescue Council

*is excited to announce the dates for the  
2014 Virginia SAR Council SAR Conference.*

**To be held at the Appomattox 4H Center  
in Appomattox, Virginia**

Plan for a full 4 days of SAR Training and Breakout sessions.  
Some sessions in the past have included:

- 2 day Land Navigation
- Wilderness First Aid certification
- 2 day Air Scent K9 Track
- 2 day HRD K9 Track
- 2 day Trailing K9 Track
- Land Navigation competition
- SAR Planning with NTAP Data
- Searching for Human Remains & Clandestine
- SAR Mission Tabletop
- Responding to the Disaster
- Leadership within your Agency
- Meth Lab Awareness
- Equine Search
- Exciting Clothing and Gear Vendors!

Bring your children and leave them with our  
participate in SAR related events in our **Kid**

Be sure to follow the Virginia Search and Rescue  
updates or contact **Bryan Saunders** at [bsaunders@bdsarco.org](mailto:bsaunders@bdsarco.org)



#### CURRENT VASARCO UPDATES.....

- 1) Signs are being prepared - as requested last year - to lead folks into the 4H Camp from the main road.
  - 2) This may not be the last edition of the flyer - depending on how often presenters change things on me.
  - 3) The class schedule could change up to the day and time of the class
  - 4) All of the Thursday/Friday (2 day) lectures have minimum enrollments. If we do not meet those minimums, folks will be contacted to see if they want to switch or want a refund.
  - 5) there will be a 3 day trailing and a 2 day k9 trailing workshop led by Kevin Kochoer. I will get that flyer to everyone as soon as I have it. The K9 Trailing workshop will go all day everyday and there is no need to register for any of the other classes.
  - 6) The HRD K9 Track will run both Saturday and Sunday. The Lead Instructor (Sandy Lesko) will be able to tell you at that time what you will miss if you decide to take one of the other lectures during a certain time frame.
- Please let me or Rob Blevins [rblevins@bdsarco.org](mailto:rblevins@bdsarco.org) know if there are any questions.