



2006 Annual Report
National Association for Search & Rescue

...that others may live.

Preparing search and rescue professionals since 1972.

Mission

The National Association for Search and Rescue, Inc., (NASAR) is a not-for-profit membership association dedicated to advancing professional, literary, and scientific knowledge in fields related to search and rescue. NASAR is comprised of thousands of paid and non-paid professionals interested in all aspects of search and rescue - the humanitarian cause of saving lives - throughout the United States and around the world. '...that others may live.'

Response to persons in distress has long been an honorable, charitable tradition. The professionals in search and rescue have carried on this tradition of helping others by dedicating time, information, skills, equipment and funding to the relief of suffering. We are actively working toward the development of improved coordination and communications among federal, state, local, and volunteer groups. Our primary goal is to develop and provide professional credentialing products and services for your search and rescue community.

President's Message

I want to thank the Staff of NASAR for their hard work during 2006.

I want to also thank the Board and the members of this wonderful organization. Much of the work that is done in NASAR is done by members who volunteer their time to develop curricula, certification processes and other products for NASAR. They do this work many times without appropriate recognition, and sometimes face criticism or opposition to the work they do. So thanks to the many members who have worked diligently and faithfully to increase the awareness of NASAR in the marketplace, who have revised or created new products for NASAR. Specifically I would like to thank the SAR Dog working group led by Janet Yatchek and Art Wolff, the ISAR working group led by Mike Guzo and Eric Martin, and the MLPI working group led by George Rice and Dan O'Conner. There are many others (instructors, evaluators, coordinators, etc.) whose work day in and day out goes unnoticed and unthanked, to you, please accept my heartfelt gratitude for all you do for NASAR.

2006 was a year of transformation. The hard work of staff and others have helped moved this organization forward. Transformation is never easy. It is the goal of the Board of Directors to make the process of change as easy and transparent as possible. The Board believes the changes needed to implement the goals and objectives of the strategic plan will make a fine organization, even better. We have tried to listen not only to our members but to the search and rescue community as a whole. The Board has been implementing the strategic plan and working to accomplish the goals and objectives. An example of this is the recent revision of the bylaws and organizational chart. We believe by more carefully defining our member categories and streamlining the chain of command we will be able to be more responsive both to our member's needs and our customers. These revisions were in process for over a year. They were posted to the website for public comment over the summer and several insightful comments were received, thanks. The Board will be voting on the Bylaw revisions in the January 2007 meeting. Adoption of these revisions will help us meet our goal to make the organization more transparent and aid in increasing the level of professionalism of the organization as a whole.

The organization's fiscal health continues to improve. This will continue to be a challenge into the future. The Board is hopeful that through the implementation of the strategic plan, NASAR will become more attractive to potential supporters and through the transformation of the organization, more attractive to new members and students.

The Board hopes that you find this annual report informative and useful. Should you have questions, suggestions, or comments please feel free to contact myself, the Executive Director or any member of the Board of Directors. You can find our email addresses at www.nasar.org.

Sincerely,
Kathy Miller, President, NASAR

Awards and Honors

Lois Clark McCoy Service Award

The award was established in 1985 by the NASAR Board of Directors to recognize the person or unit who has made the most significant contribution to NASAR during the previous year or longer period of time. The award is granted solely on merit. It may be granted posthumously. It does not have to be granted every year. Originally called the NASAR Service Award, it was renamed after Lois Clark McCoy in July of 2002.

Tim Kovacs, Glendale, Arizona

Board of Directors Special Award

The Board of Directors has a Special Award this year. This type of award is given solely at the discretion of the Board for contributions which fall outside the scope of its traditional awards, but which merit special acknowledgement.

Norm Rooker, Ridgway, Colorado

State Award

The award was established in 1974 by the NASAR Board of Directors to recognize significant contributions to search and rescue AT THE STATE LEVEL. In 1991, the Board of Directors expanded this award to include the Provinces of Canada. The award is granted solely on merit. It may be granted to an individual or to a "unit". It may be granted posthumously.

Chris Boyer, California State Award Recipient
Drew Davis, Colorado State Award Recipient
Howard Paul, Colorado State Award Recipient
Sergeant Kathy Barrett, Massachusetts State Award Recipient
Tim Rogers, North Carolina State Award Recipient
Casey Ping, Texas State Award Recipient
Erik Westpfahl, Wisconsin State Award Recipient

Membership

The following is information on the total membership broken down by Involvement and Primary Speciality.

NASAR Demographic Involvement			Primary Speciality	
Commercial Business	147	1.36%	Aviation	286 2.64%
Educator	213	1.96%	Canine SAR	2333 21.51%
Federal Civilian	204	1.88%	Communications	59 0.54%
Local Government	1750	16.13%	Emergency Management	552 5.09%
Military	186	1.71%	Fire & Rescue	656 6.05%
Paid Provider	195	1.80%	Land SAR	2782 25.65%
Research/Writer	9	0.08%	Law Enforcement	644 5.94%
State Government	553	5.10%	Medical Treatment	239 2.20%
Volunteer	5597	51.59%	Mounted SAR	34 0.31%
Other	161	1.48%	Technical Rescue	1009 9.30%
No Response	1833	16.90%	Urban SAR	88 0.81%
	10848		Water SAR	135 1.24%
			Other	49 0.45%
			No Response	1982 18.27%
			10848	

The following is information on 2006 membership types by state.

	Corporate Individual Life			Organization & Licensed Organization	Total
	Corporate	Individual	Life	Organization	Total
Western States					
Alaska		27	4	377	408
Arkansas		31	1	232	264
Arizona		50	4	232	286
California	2	212	37	725	976
Colorado		43	8	522	573
Hawaii		18			18
Iowa		17		58	75
Idaho		19		203	222
Illinois		59	6	174	239
Kansas		16	3	58	77
Louisiana		28	1	58	87
Minnesota		14	1	29	44
Missouri		32	1	87	120
Montana		22		290	312
Nebraska		3		29	32
New Mexico		12	8	116	136
Nevada		17	6	116	139
North Dakota		2		29	31
Oklahoma		19	3	87	109
Oregon		26	2	174	202
South Dakota			2	29	31
Texas		113	4	319	436
Utah		13	4	377	394
Washington		37	12	145	194
Wisconsin		52	2	29	83
Wyoming		20	4	464	488

Please note all Organizations are comprised of one Designated Representative and twenty-nine Roster Members.

Finance

NASAR generated revenues of \$590,682 during 2006 versus a budget of \$638,050. The primary cause of this shortfall can be traced to the lack of attendance at our conference in Austin, Texas. The organization was able to recoup some of these dollars through management of expenses. Expenses for the year were \$610,250 versus a budget amount of \$637,732. The actual expenses also included an extraordinary item of \$26,766 in hotel charges at the conference for rooms guaranteed but not used. The net result for the year was a loss of \$19,567 versus a budgeted income number of \$318. These numbers are currently unaudited with the audit scheduled to commence in June, 2007. NASAR continues to work on increasing revenues and maintaining strict cost controls.

Board of Directors

2006 Officers:

Officer	Residence	Positions Held	Dates Served
Randy Servis	Flagstaff, AZ	President	Jan-Dec 2006
Kathy Miller	Orlando, FL	Secretary	Jan-Dec 2006
Dion Petaros	Dallas, TX	Treasurer	Jan-Dec 2006

2006 Directors:

Director	Residence	Positions Held	Dates Served
Coleman Brown III	Hampstead, MD	External Affairs Chair	Jan-Dec 2006
Jacki Golike	Huntley, IL	Member	Jan-May 2006
Dan Hourihan	Eagle River, AK	Appointed Member	May-Dec 2006
Dave Meek	Topeka, KS	Technical Programs Chair	Jan-Dec 2006
Kathy Miller	Orlando, FL	Strategic Planning Chair	Jan-Dec 2006
		Nominations Chair	Jan-Dec 2006
Scott Morgan	Northfield, VT	External Affairs Committee	Jan-Dec 2006
Dion Petaros	Dallas, TX	Finance Committee	Jan-Dec 2006
Randy Servis	Flagstaff, AZ	President	Jan-Dec 2006
Jim Stumpf	Boise, ID	Education Chair	Jan-Dec 2006
Art Wolff	Newport, TN	SAR Dog Liaison	Jan-Dec 2006

2006 Advisor:

Stephen Tropp	Oceanside, CA	Legal Advisor	Sept-Dec 2006
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	Corporate Individual Life			Organization & Licensed Organization	Total
	Corporate	Individual	Life	Organization	Total
Eastern States					
Alabama		15	1	174	190
Connecticut		13	1	116	130
District of Columbia			29	29	
Delaware		6		58	64
Florida	1	100	6	232	339
Georgia	1	46	6	87	140
Indiana		30	3	174	207
Kentucky		14	2	29	45
Massachusetts		34	11	58	103
Maryland	1	45	7	348	401
Maine	1	8	1		10
Michigan		24		203	227
Mississippi		11		29	40
North Carolina		80	8	522	610
New Hampshire		18	1	87	106
New Jersey		36	7	261	304
New York		62	5	174	241
Ohio		57	4	203	264
Pennsylvania	2	60	2	261	325
Puerto Rico		4			4
Rhode Island		4	1	58	63
South Carolina		19	1	203	223
Tennessee		36	1	116	153
Vermont	1	10	3	58	72
Virginia	1	37	8	145	191
West Virginia		26		87	113
International		35	11	232	278
Total	10	1732	203	8903	10848

Staff

Dates: Jan-Dec 2006

Megan Bartlett
Executive Director,
Chief Operating Officer

Janet Adere
Education Services Director

Don Cooper
Research and Development
Manager

Ross Robinson
Chief Financial Officer

Ellen Wingerd
Bookstore and Member
Services Manager

Bookstore

Top 4 Selling Items during 2006

Rank	Title	Quantity
1	Fundamentals of Search and Rescue	1,791
2	Introduction to Search and Rescue	1,135
3	Search and Rescue Field Operations Guide	1,124
4	Managing the Lost Person Incident	364

Education

The following is information on how many Courses and Certifications took place in 2006 and how many participants were certified or passed.

NASAR COURSES AND EXAMS CONDUCTED January - December 2006	# CONDUCTED January - December 2006	Participants Certified
Introduction to Search and Rescue	25	360
Licensed Introduction to Search and Rescue	3	20
Fundamentals of Search and Rescue	27	360
Fundamentals of Search and Rescue Instructor Workshop	3	12
Advanced Search and Rescue	1	4
Managing the Lost Person Incident	16	209
Licensed Managing the Lost Person Incident	1	30
Advanced Search and Rescue	1	4
Basic Water Rescue	0	0
Planning Section Chief: Search and Rescue	1	15
SARTECH III Certification	43	466
SARTECH II Certification	71	579
SARTECH I Certification	7	35
Licensed SARTECH III Certification	2	43
Licensed SARTECH II Certification	6	66
SARTECH II Apprentice Evaluator Workshop	24	46
SARTECH I Apprentice Evaluator Workshop	2	5
Licensed Instructor Workshop	0	0
Canine SARTECH III Certification	28	58
Canine SARTECH II Certification	11	29
Canine SARTECH I Certification	3	9
Canine SARTECH Evaluator Workshop	7	5
Human Remains Detection - Land	23	42
Human Remains Detection - Water	2	1
Official SARTECH III Online	454	427
Total Courses/Exams Conducted and Participants Certified January - December 2006	761	2825

The following is the breakdown per state of total people certified in SARTECH and K9 SARTECH per discipline.

	K9 SARTECH I	K9 SARTECH II	K9 SARTECH III	Human Remains Detection - Land	Human Remains Detection - Water	Avalanche	K9 Disaster Responder	K9 Disaster Responder - HRD
Western States								
Alaska			2			1		
Arkansas			1					
Arizona	3		7	2				
California		7	29	8				
Colorado			1	1				
Hawaii			10	1			7	
Iowa	1	1	8	3				
Idaho	2	2	5	2		7		
Illinois			4	2				
Kansas			1					
Louisiana			20	6				
Missouri			4	3				
Montana	3	2	5	5	2	6	1	1
Oregon			2					
Texas			12	11			6	1
Utah	1							
Washington	1	2	3	3				
Wisconsin		5	6	1	1			
Eastern States								
Alabama			7	3				
Florida	1	2	32	16	2			
Georgia			5	4				
Indiana			9	5				
Maryland		1	12	5	1		4	
Mississippi			2	3				
North Carolina			2	2				
New Jersey			1					
New York			5					
Ohio			4	1				
Pennsylvania		1	9	3			2	1
Puerto Rico			3					
South Carolina			3	1	1			
Tennessee	2	4	13	13				
West Virginia			1					
International			1			1		
Total	14	27	229	104	7	15	20	3

	SARTECH I	SARTECH II	SARTECH III
Western States			
Alaska		42	99
Arkansas	65	251	230
Arizona		51	39
California	14	1871	253
Colorado		51	102
Hawaii		29	4
Iowa		50	21
Idaho	2	49	8
Illinois	1	43	40
Kansas	1	84	15
Louisiana		32	52
Minnesota		15	14
Missouri	3	41	45
Montana	13	69	130
Nebraska		11	3
New Mexico		3	6
Nevada	2	85	75
North Dakota			21
Oklahoma		14	78
Oregon	1	22	22
South Dakota			85
Texas	2	220	264
Utah	1	68	111
Washington	12	91	39
Wisconsin	2	70	95
Wyoming	9	162	20

	SARTECH I	SARTECH II	SARTECH III
Eastern States			
Alabama		26	106
Connecticut		3	11
District of Columbia			1
Delaware		3	11
Florida	39	410	304
Georgia	16	104	51
Indiana	2	71	193
Kentucky		17	24
Massachusetts	1	15	175
Maryland	8	120	298
Maine			
Michigan		11	33
Mississippi		26	23
North Carolina	49	343	463
New Hampshire	1	3	14
New Jersey	1	32	228
New York	2	44	118
Ohio	2	107	311
Pennsylvania	3	54	170
Puerto Rico	1	10	33
Rhode Island		2	4
South Carolina	21	96	67
Tennessee	9	70	47
Vermont		79	12
Virginia	2	30	15
West Virginia	1	37	108
International	4	18	16
Total	290	5155	4707