



EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM - PAKISTAN

“THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE”

<http://dpartpk.moonfruit.com>

<http://groups.google.com.pk/group/ert-pakistan>

**Newsletter No. 11
November 2008**

OUR PEOPLE ARE OUR EDGE!

“Our members are the life blood of our team; their tireless efforts have ensured that DPART grew from a Sunday training forum to a regionally recognized and respected voluntary organization to eventually becoming part of an International SAR NGO.

In 2007-2008 alone our members accumulated in excess of 205 hours in serving the community ranging from safety training to rendering emergency care or manning free first aid camps.

Our volunteers are our ambassadors and our most precious asset.

Excerpt from ERT Pakistan Member's page @

<http://dpartpk.moonfruit.com>

Asfandiyar Niazi, Program Coordinator, ERT Pakistan

Asfandiyar Niazi

ERT Pakistan-Program Coordinator



Asfandiyar has been with ERT - Pakistan from its very beginning, following his experiences of the 2005 earthquake and through the development of the organization to its present status - an International SAR.

He currently splits his time between Pakistan and England with his wife and young son.

Asad Asif

Design Engineer

ERT Pakistan - Team Leader North



I feel both interests and hobbies go somewhat hand in hand. I like tinkering with computers and participating in community discussions on the internet, a.k.a. online forums. Apart from that, I love watching TV shows from US and UK based television networks and I have a pretty good collection of various seasons. I also enjoy RC aircrafts to the extent of watching them fly around. Books are another interest but only on selective themes like action, spying, etc. Tinkering with electronic items also amuses me and has been a past time for me. My favourite animals are eagles and lions - they are just so majestic creatures and free!

Joining ERT or DPART as it was formerly named, was and is a release for me towards volunteer work and some effort to return to the community what it has given to me in abundance: support and help. Furthermore, what the training has to offer is very relevant to life and the situations it throws at us.

Before helping others, one has to self reliant and knowledgeable in what one wants to help others with.

This is volunteer based work. For this to work there should be a level of commitment in keeping up to date with the on going activities of this community and participation in them.

Amaduddin Usama Najam

Engineer

ERT Pakistan Team Leader Central



I have completed Engineering in Information and Communication Systems, at NUST. My interests are voluntary work, watching movies, travelling and reading. My favourite animals are the eagle, horse and cheetah.

I joined DPART/ERT because I have a passion to serve my people, and my country. I want to remain prepared to help my people. I want to thank Asfand for providing us with this platform.

Faiz Ali

Alpine Guide/ HSE/Mountaineer
ERT Pakistan - Specialist Rope/High Angle Rescue



I live in Islamabad. Pakistan. I am danger addict, adventure lover. I am 34 years old and my hobbies are rock and ice climbing, and mountaineering expeditions. I am married and have one daughter and three sons. My favorite animal is the mountain sheep and my favorite color is green. I am successful in my life because of the blessings of the creator and my mother and father pray for me.

I do volunteer work with spirit. I have been helping several NGO's in Pakistan for the last 18 years I have been working as a Mountain Guide since 1990 and for the last 11 years I have been working as HSE/Mountaineer with an oil company in Pakistan and abroad.

I am trying to know about who my creator is and why and what he wants from us? The only way I can find my creator is through volunteer service for Humanity. This is the reason I joined ERT Pakistan.

My suggestion is not to forget our creator's kindness. For any information you can call me on 24 hours. For interest you can read this web story <http://www.k2news.com/03/chhish.htm>

Alana McConnon

Teacher
ERT Pakistan - Internal Comm.



I am an Australian and have been living here in Islamabad, Pakistan for the last year with Daniel Polta, also an ERT Pakistan Team Member, working at ISOI.

I am a teacher by profession and in addition to hobbies of photography, reading, cooking and gardening, I have a passion for learning about and exploring the world we live in, hence my travelling, living, working and volunteering in different countries.

I believe it very important to give back to society whenever and however possible. During my time here in Pakistan I have been working on a voluntary basis with several NGO's, alongside ERT PAKISTAN I am also involved in a local Community Development Organisation in Rawalpindi - The Prudents.

Norbert J. Almeida

Manager Safety & Security
ERT Pakistan - Member



Interests: sports (trekking, volleyball), the beach
Hobbies: dancing - Salsa
Favorite animal: DOGS and more dogs

I joined ERT Pakistan because of - ASH, Asfand, Asfandiyar - what ever you call him.... (easiest thing in this list to answer apart from my name).

Please contribute any news you hear or concern to the SMS Alert service 0343-2002007
TOO MUCH more info to contribute to write here...

Zeeshan Nawaz Khan

Business
ERT Pakistan - Member



Business at PAC Kamra, President Adventure Society of Pakistan, Working freelance on a project of child Labor with Pakistan Boy Scouts Association (HQ)

I am 26 years and have completed MSc. in Economics and Finance after BBA (H). My interests include mountaineering, trekking, hiking, roving (scouting), MTBs and skiing, and my hobbies are stamps and coins collection, reading books. My favorite animal is actually all animals (but in their natural Habitat).

I climbed The Gondogoro Peak (5860M) injury 2008. I have been a distinction holder of World Mountain Day Hike for the last 4 years. I came 2nd in 2008 in a Rock Climbing Competition in the Professional category. In 2006 I participated in the 1st International Mountain Bike Race (Balakot to Babusar Top) and also participated in the 38th National Skiing Championship in 2007 at Nalter, Gilgit.

I joined ERT Pakistan to be able to help and serve others with all that I possess. I wonder if in ERT Pakistan we can identify in advance what tool will best meet an unidentified requirement / hazard. (in low cost, minimum time and minimum risks?)

Quote for today - "Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending".

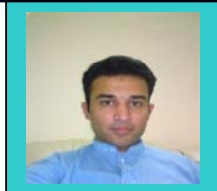
Daniel Polta
 Secondary School Principal
 ERT Pakistan - Member



I have lived in Islamabad for three years and work at the International School of Islamabad. In my private time I like to read, keep up-to-date on current events and spend time with my partner, Alana. We enjoy travelling when ever we can get away from our commitments in Islamabad. We find the Northern Areas of Pakistan especially wonderful but also hope to visit other parts of the country. My reading has recently been focused on economic and social theory. I also sing in the Islamabad Chorale and am slowly learning how to match the vocal pitch of other members of the tenor section.

I joined ERT Pakistan after meeting Asfandyar one Sunday morning for coffee in Jinnah Market. I joined to improve my own ability to help people during emergencies. In my work and travels often there is no one else around to help in an accident so I feel I should take steps to be that person.

Shams Ud Din Abu Bakr
 Banker, Askari Bank Ltd
 ERT Pakistan - Member



Interests: computers, designing, reading, movies, travelling

Hobbies: surfing, photography
 Favorite animal: dog, chicken and fish

I just joined ERT Pakistan, virtually - only on the internet. I was introduced by Usama. I joined because it has a team, adventure, recreation, travelling and most importantly volunteer effort for others / society. I am trying to do something... with out pay..... ;-)

Adeel Zafar
 UK University Representative
 ERT Pakistan - Member



I am 26 years old and married. My interests are in serving people through volunteer work. My hobbies include hiking, driving, camping, shooting and cooking. My favourite animals are the dog, and horse, actually I am very comfortable with all animals!

I joined ERT Pakistan because of Asfandyar. I first meet with Mr. Asfandyar at Margalla Tower from where we decide to work for people in disaster and till now we have been working together to support needy people. I suggest we have a proper meeting with all members.



February 2008 - 2 day course on basic life support, rope rescue (knots) and light urban rescue (using cutting tools)



March 2008 - Fire Suppression training

*We hope you have enjoyed this special salute to the hard working dedicated voluntary people who are **ERT Pakistan's Members**.*

As further profiles are shared they will be published in future issues of this newsletter.

Please make sure you are signed onto Google groups to ensure you continue receiving updates.



April 2008 - Blood Donation at PRCS, Islamabad