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Changes for the New Year "a fresh start"

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EVENTS CALANDER

-January 27th.

End of Month Meet @ 7th Ave,
Islamabad.

-February 3rd

Essential Care Skills Refresher

-February 10th

Light Urban Search & Rescue
Course

As some of you may have already seen, 2008 has brought in a lot of changes, our official newsletter "Lifeline" has been revamped with a fresh new look and focus on recording volunteer and team related content.

All of us at DPART SAR are very excited for the changes that have come in for the New Year, for starters we have a brand new identity with the introduction of a new logo, a new web domain, easier to navigate website.

Better training courses specifically designed for the Pakistani environment and with our operational jurisdiction, without compromising on the structural content of the syllabus as set by FEMA.

Those who have come down for recent training sessions will have seen that we now have a dedicated basic training site; we would like to thank the Boy Scouts Association of Pakistan, Divisional Officers for allowing us to use their facilities without cost.

Along with the new volunteer opportunities we now have a new rank, promotion and effort recognition system in place, we value the efforts of our volunteers and invest in their development and growth within the organization, along with the "International Award for Youth" we have excellent planned training and cooperatives exercise drills with traditional response agencies in the coming months.

Full details on the changes for 2008 titled: A fresh start are available on CD for members only, to request a copy please email: dpartpakistan@gmail.com

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Thumbs Up for E.L.S.



The ELS course is a foundation course offered to members of DPART SAR and communities to provide rapid assessment and immediate treatment for life threatening conditions.

January's ELS campaign went down really well with members and non members expressing a keen interest to come down and learn some vital skills, all participants passed the post test and practical skills evaluation with flying colours and were awarded certificates of completion.



DPART SAR members gained credits to qualify for their First Aid Provider badge, which is the required minimum for all operational members of DPART SAR.



Volunteer of the Month Award

We here at DPART understand the hard work and effort our volunteers put into the organization, we also understand that sometimes the costs of buying operations equipment and uniform maintenance costs may become a financial burden. It is with these two important points in mind that we have created this new award, the award will be on a monthly basis and will aim to recognise the exemplary efforts of DPART members both within their communities and within the organization.

Funding:

On each weekend meeting all members will be pay a 25 rupee subscription, this will be put in the team kitty to cover operational and training costs; it will also cover the cost of the team buying a small prize to give to the award recipient.

How does it work?

Members will be requested to nominate their favourite candidate through their team leaders, volunteers will be awarded solely on merit, at the end of the month the volunteer with the most deserving profile will be selected to receive the award.

The award recipient will receive a certificate along with a small prize purchased from the team kitty; this may be in the form of uniform replacement "if damaged" operational gear or a training/adventure training token which may be redeemed in exchange for training with one of our training partners i.e.: Hand gliding.

Members are requested to forward their nominations for January through their respective divisional team leaders:

- ◆ North Division "Islamabad": Asad Asif
- ◆ Central Division "Rawalpindi": dpartpakistan@gmail.com

