



## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TEAM SEARCH AND RESCUE

**“People Helping People”**

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### May in Brief

- \* **New DPART Member**
- \* **DPART SAR on duty in the community**



### **Congratulations Asfandyar and Mehvish**

*On Saturday, 10 May 2008 at 4.15pm in London, U.K "Mikhail" was born weighing in at 6.7 lbs.  
All DPART members would like to extend their heartiest congratulations to the Niazi family ☺*

### **DPART SAR on duty at “The Prudents - International Family Day Celebration” May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Wonderland Nawaz Sharif Park, Rawalpindi.**

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008, from 5 to 11.00pm, The Prudents - a community welfare organization based in Rawalpindi - organized a public event to celebrate the importance of family linked to the UN International Day for Families on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The event was attended by over 8000 people who enjoyed the free fun rides and shows in the park.

DPART SAR volunteers managed a first aid and informational booth. This was the first time that DPART has participated in such an event. It was very successful. Many members of the general public expressed interest in DPART SAR and several new members were signed up. DPART SAR promoted awareness of fire safety procedures and emergency response contact numbers through posters and give away materials for children. First Aid was administered to one person during the evening.

It is hoped that DPART SAR will have opportunities to participate at future events held in the community in collaboration with The Prudents and other local NGO's.



## QUICK QUIZ

Take this quick quiz to see how well prepared you are for an emergency response.

*Check your answers in your training manual!*

1. What does the acronym P.A.S.S. stand for?
2. When would you need to do this?
3. What does STOP stand for?
4. Do you complete a danger assessment after you have checked the victim for signs of life?
5. There is no need to call 1122 or 15 if you are attending to the victim until you have finished. True or False
6. Begin dressing a wound immediately. Do not do a complete check for any other injuries until you have finished with the first one you see. True or False
7. Always work with a buddy when using equipment such as fire extinguishes or concrete cutting tools. True or False
8. It is not necessary to wear safety goggles, masks or helmets. True or False
9. What does HAZMAT mean?
10. Do you ask or tell a choking victim that you are going to assist him?

***How did you do?***

DPART SAR members are keenly anticipating the arrival of SAR Chief Gary Foo and Andy Ford (Fire-fighter) and a few others from UK ERT for training in a very comprehensive program.

## Volunteer of the Month - May

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Please remember to forward your nomination for 'June Volunteer of the Month'.  
**Only you can make this work!**

### Training Manual - Unit 1 Disaster Preparedness

In the light of recent natural disasters in Asia this is a timely reminder that anything can happen at any time, a key to survival and being able to assist others in need is **preparedness**.

Check you have a disaster plan at home and in your workplace - if so do all people present know about it?

Check the contents of a Disaster Supply Kit - is it complete? Do you need to add to it? Is it easily accessible in an emergency? Do you have sufficient water stored?

For a review of basic disaster preparedness for you, your family, friends and neighbours re-check unit 1 of your Basic Course Handbook.

*The Prudents would like to extend their sincere thanks to DPART SAR volunteers for their assistance and support at the International Family Celebration on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2008.*

THANK YOU  
The Prudents  
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## Coming Up in June

- **Traffic management training with Islamabad Traffic Police** \* to be advised
- **Physical Therapy and Psycho-social Awareness Sessions** \* to be advised
- **Gary Foo and Andy Ford UK ERT - Operational Training Course** \*to be advised