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BREAKING NEWS!

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DPART SAR RESPONSE TO EARTHQUAKE IN BALUCHISTAN

DPART SAR with the assistance of AVERT USA and Wilson Pharma distributed lifesaving medicines and non food items to the affected population. We thank Dr. Khuram and his team for all their help and support.

TRAINING SESSION

The annual meeting and a training session was held at Relief Pakistan on 14th December 2008. Nine members were in attendance.

Issues raised at the meeting included training sessions, response by members, reports, equipment status, plans for 2009 and responding to community problems.

A BLS refresher session was held

- how to give oxygen to victim
- checking different vital signs
- sequence of assessment and assistance steps

PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) was also allocated to members.



DEMC 08

The **Disaster Management Exhibition and Conference** was organized by the NDMA on 16th and 17th December 2008 at the Convention Center, Islamabad. The aim was to improve awareness about emergency resources.

Various organizations across the country held stalls at the exhibition including:- CDA, Rescue 1122, Islamabad Territory Police, Pakistan Air force, Pakistan Navy, Army, Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority, W.H.O, UNICEF, UNHCR, vendors and local NGOs.

Team Member Usama Najam attended the exhibition on the second day. He felt that it was a very well arranged and informative event. As well as introducing DPART SAR to organizations at the exhibition he visited several stalls and learned about the actions of other organizations and about the equipment and resources that are available.

DPART SAR RESPONSE TO GHAKHAR PLAZA FIRE

DPART SAR members responded to the collapse of Ghakhar Plaza Rawalpindi on Saturday 20th December 2008. The collapse resulted due to a two day inferno that had engulfed the multistory shopping complex.

On day one both ALPHA Team and Bravo Team provided assistance to teams from RESCUE 1122, Pakistan Army engineers, civil defense and local police departments. Members assisted with crowd control, barrier control and conducting search operations for the trapped victims in amongst the rubble.

ALPHA Team Member Ali Mohammed's diligence led to the team successfully locating a trapped survivor on the second quadrant of the collapsed structure.

On day two, BRAVO Team Member Usama Najam assisted authorities in crowd control and debris removal at the site.

DPART SAR members were given an honorable mention by the District Coordinating Officer for Rawalpindi for their efforts.



DPART SAR, SOUTH DIVISION MEMBERS RECEIVE INTERBURNS CERTIFICATION

South Division recently under went First Aid training with Interburns International.

Divisional Officer "Norbert Almeida", Team Leader Mohammed Ayub and Operational Member Hasan Zuberi participated in the course.

The members learnt how to treat injuries such as burns, cuts, fractures and manage unconscious casualties.

Members were assessed on BLS skills and removing motorcycle crash helmets correctly in the trauma patient.



US FEMA IS-317 ONLINE COURSE

Introduction to Community Emergency Response, IS-317, is an independent study course that serves as an introduction to emergency response for those wanting to complete training or as a refresher for current team members.

It has six modules with topics that include an Introduction to CER, Fire Safety, Hazardous Material and Terrorist Incidents, Disaster Medical Operations, and Search and Rescue. It takes between six and eight hours to complete the course. Those successfully finishing it will receive a certification of completion and .8 CEU's from the Independent Study Office.

Members can access this course at:

http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/training_mat.shtm

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Our page is accessible on:
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=7303388625&ref=ts>

DPART SAR PAKISTAN MEMBER'S HANDBOOK

DPART SAR Pakistan is proud to announce the release of the new *Member's Handbook*.

The Member's Handbook will prove a valuable asset to members both new and old. It includes everything a member might need to know including:

- Code of Conduct
- Uniform Issues
- Incident Command
- SMS Alerts
- Ranks
- Training
- How to specialize

