



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TEAM SEARCH AND RESCUE

“People Helping People”

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Two New Websites

www.dpart-sar.info

This replaces the previous site of <http://dpart-sar.co.cc>
Check it out!

dpart-sar.org.uk

This is the UK arm of DPART-SAR used to raise awareness of our efforts at an international platform. It will help provide our UK office an online presence; the UK office will assist in fundraising and is home to the EFR (Emergency First Response) Instruction Team.

Also don't forget to look at the team work presentation from the 'Wild Geese'. You will find it in the discussion list, posted on June 22nd with subject [Our Team Mascot "The Wild Geese" @ \[dpart@googlegroups.com\]\(mailto:dpart@googlegroups.com\)](#)

Training in Peshawar with Gary Foo

DPART SAR was invited to participate in a well organized and intensive training session 'Training the Master Trainer' facilitated by Gary Foo (SAR Chief ERT Search and Rescue, UK) held in Peshawar. One DPART SAR member (Usama Bin Najam) attended one of the training sessions.

The course was designed for the civil defense personnel from Azad Jammu Kashmir (AZK) and North Western Frontier Provinces (NWFP) regions. It was organized by GTZ (Germany) and the Government of Pakistan and NWFP for capacity building and disaster preparedness. The focus was on developing awareness and preparedness. The participants from various civil defense and NGOs already are experienced and have training. The responsibility of the participants is to train teachers and students of class 9 and above in their respected areas.

The training outline has been developed by Gary Foo. All participants received a training manual which was the basis of the sessions, combining theory and practice. The hands on practice sessions were extremely valuable to all participants as they put into practice the theory themselves in addition to learning from their co-participants. Participants were active and able to discuss points of view and make valuable contributions to the sessions.

Sessions included:-

- ✓ Rope Rescue (types of ropes, knots, bends, hitches, anchor, precautions, karabiners, figure of 8 w/ears, scenarios, types of harness, safety precautions...)
- ✓ Water Rescue (precautions, moving water, safety first, flood, team work...)
- ✓ Ladders (types, fire, drill, commands, safety precautions...)
- ✓ PPE (Personal Protection Equipments)
- ✓ Urban SAR (BSAR) (techniques, safety precautions, ICS...)

Participants were very interested in sharing their backgrounds, ideas and learning about and appreciating the efforts of each other's organizations. DPART SAR was very happy with the course and the opportunity to be a part of it - many thanks to the organizers.

2009 Plans for DPART SAR - Pakistan

- **Construction of DPART Central Head Quarter in Rawalpindi.**

This will be available to use by team leaders, it will provide IT support, have room for a dispatch desk, training room, cache room, transport (an ambulance if we can get some funds, if no funds available then a motorcycle).

- **New Equipment**

Including a Spinal Board, First Responder Bags, and Rescue Tools including Rope and Water Rescue Kits.

- **New Medical Qualification - EMFR Qualification**

All Team Leaders and junior members may nominate themselves for "Emergency First Responder" - This qualification will add onto skills gained during ELS and BLS training and is an internationally recognized qualification. There will be a new badge to place on uniforms for members trained under this qualification. Also EFR qualified members will be allowed to act as assistant trainers for ELS within DPART SAR.

- **New Preparedness, Rescue and Response Qualification**

The Basic Training for all DPART members has been re-packaged to comply with AVERT guidelines, now all members will undergo AVERT ERT Certification.

The second batch of AVERT ERT training has been scheduled for Jan 2009. The first graduates were trained by DPART and were for NVM ERT.

This training is internationally recognized and will provide the foundation for our response work in Pakistan. It will cover everything in the DPART Basic Training Manual along with some additional topics. All AVERT Qualified members will be upgraded to Level 4 Responder.

- **New Uniform - fully operational members**

This will still be the same as currently used however a new and cost effective/practical change will be introduced.

Feed back on the proposed plans will be greatly appreciated, thank you.

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Program Coordinator - DPART SAR

Volunteer of the Month - May

Alana McConnon - North Division

Volunteer of the Month - June

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

Incident response by DPART SAR member - Usama Bin Najam

On 6th June 2008 at 2.00 pm near a wagon stand on the Islamabad Highway heading towards Rawalpindi, Usama Bin Najam responded to a traffic accident involving a motorcyclist and a pedestrian.

He responded by taking his first aid kit with him to the scene and securing the area of bystanders. Both victims were conscious and were able to answer questions as Usama completed a head to toe assessment of their injuries. He treated and bandaged the wounds and advised them to seek further medical support - to receive tetanus injections. He further assisted one of the victims experiencing weakness and nausea.

The victims expressed their sincere gratitude to the timely, efficient and effective response by Usama to their incident.

DPART SAR have recently gained the services of Mr. Norbert J Al-Media, Program Officer - Karachi

DPART SAR would also like to welcome all New Members who signed up in June.

We look forward to working together as

"People helping People" ☺

Coming Up in July

- **DPART SAR Team members 'Get Together'**
- **Traffic Management Training with Islamabad Traffic Police** * to be advised
- **Physical Therapy and Psycho-Social Awareness Sessions** * to be advised
- **Gary Foo (SAR Chief ERT Search and Rescue) - Operational Training Course** *to be advised