

Main Story Chestnut Hill Search

GPSAR was contacted by the Philadelphia Police Department to help locate Mr. Dermott Glackin of Chestnut Hill.

Mr. Glackin had been last seen on 23 February 2004 in the area of Gravers Lane Station (Septa R7). He was seen heading east at approximate 1900hrs. that date.

GPSAR put out over 30 tasks over 2 days during the search for Mr. Glackin.

Areas had been searched all over the northwest section extending down to near North Philadelphia, out to Montgomery County and even the Trenton area.

Despite a remarkable effort put forth by all parties involved (not the least of which was the phenomenal effort by the fam-

ily) Mr. Glackin was not immediately located.

He was eventually located approximately 1 mile from the



PLS in the yard of a private residence not visible from any surrounding public areas.

Apparently the home owner had been away for some time and simply hadn't looked into

the yard upon return.

One of the things that comes out of this tragedy is that in urban areas we have to make sure it's well understood that people HAVE to check their properties.

We cannot just go onto private property. Where the subject was eventually located would not have been visible from the street with the best binoculars made. That combined with absolutely NO sightings in that area over the course of the search added to the sense of frustration that all involved felt.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the Glackin family and all that helped them during this difficult time.

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Searching Abington Area Search

GPSAR was contacted for a search in the Abington area by the local PD.

The search was for 2 missing boys aged 4 and 6.

The boys were located approximately 2 miles from their home unharmed and in good health.



As always...GPSAR would rather be called sooner than later and we thank Abington PD for calling us sooner.

Quick action on everyone's part probably prevented a tragedy enabled us to be recalled en-route.

EDUCATION / OUTREACH

Getting Busy!

During the second quarter of the year we've been busy. We usually have a slow time around now but for some reason that's changed. We've done the usual events like the Pet Expo but have been called to speak at schools, corporations, clubs and more.

There is no way to express the importance of doing these "details". They either pay us back because someone remembers something we've told or shown them and because of this they don't end up needing our services or

some someone who knows of a need



for us now knows how to get in touch with us.

Everybody wins.

If you'd like to have us speak at your location let us know as far in advance

as possible and we'll try to get a presentation together for you.

Education and Outreach are important but they must be balanced with actual field training which is always paramount in everyone's mind as it should be!



Training Never enough

Enough can't be said about the importance of training. No one is an expert. If you've stopped learning then something is wrong. You should come away knowing something (no matter how seemingly trivial) after every outing.

We've trained inside and out in any



combination of circumstances and environment we can expose ourselves to. The result is that we're better prepared each and every day but we keep a healthy respect for the element of surprise.

Keeping trainings interesting is tough work when you're coordinating the schedules of 35 + people who are already busy.

It would be great if the SAR teams could get together and coordinate trainings so that people might go to each other's trainings to make up for



missed ones, cross train, etc. I'd like to see that day come sooner than later personally.

As I've said before, "Training never ends".

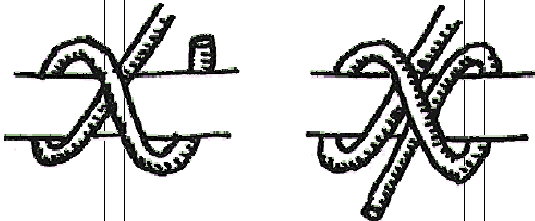
TECHNICAL TOPICS

Packaging

Field packaging differs in many ways from ambulance packaging.

There are several styles out there that are all effective for what they do.

We tend to use 25ft. pieces of 1" tubular 4000lb rated webbing with a standard clove hitch then criss cross from shoulder to foot



Clove Hitch

and back up to the shoulder ending with a clove hitch on the other side.

Now something special we add is a 10ft. Section of webbing under the arms and tied off using clove hitches to the bas-

ket. This protects the patient from downward movement if the basket is tilted upward.

There are dozens of different ways to do this. All have their good and bad points. Try a couple out and see what works for you in your environment.

How to be indispensable.

3—Have the tools that you need to do your job.

#2—Have the mindset to do your job.

#1—Show up to do your job!

Q8 : What Is The Modern Role Of Search And Rescue

Search and Rescue (like everything else) is changing. There are 2 choices; (#1) change with the changes or (#2) be left behind.

In this area it's going more urban. That means a change in tactics, trainings, and more.

During the last search we had resources that simply could not be utilized properly due



to the nature of the environment.

Since we can't change the environment we

clearly need to address the tactics.

This is something that we'll be formally addressing in the near future in an attempt to adapt SOG's accordingly.

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