

Search and Rescue academy offered

During January, the Josephine County Sheriff's Office Search And Rescue (SAR) Division will conduct its ninth "OSSA SAR Academy."

The academy is open to all interested citizens and is offered at \$10 per student. Students must be at least 16 years of age, with no maximum age, and no prior experience is required.

There is room for 60 students in the 40-hour academy. Classes will begin Jan. 8

and conclude on Jan. 17, with testing/demonstration on Jan. 23. The academy will be held at the SAR facility at 250 Tech Way in the North Valley Industrial Park.

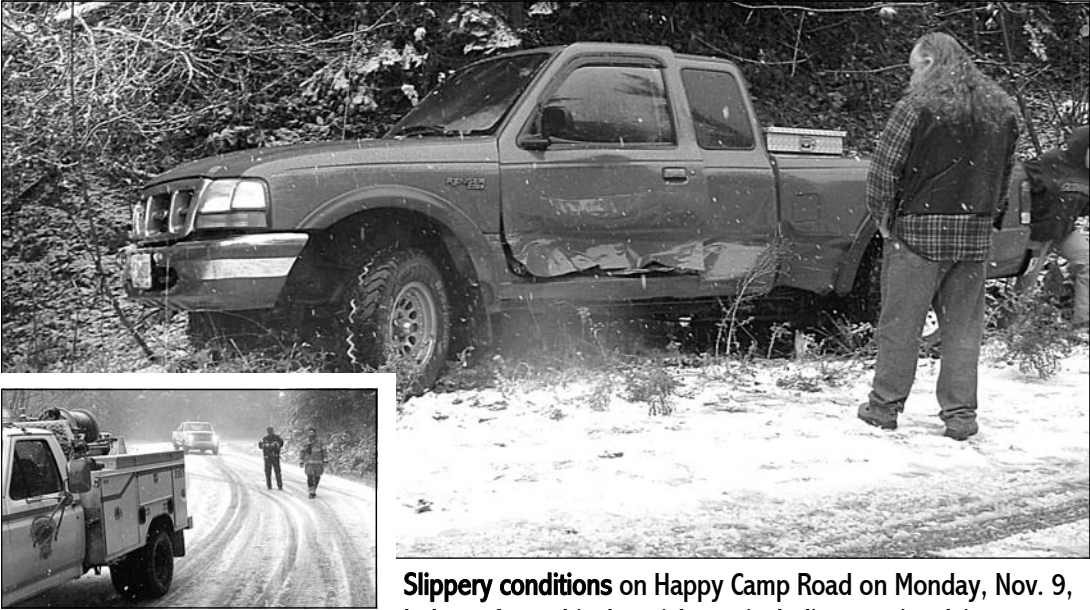
The curriculum will provide a thorough introduction to search and rescue, meeting the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA) minimum training requirements.

The SAR Academy will cover topics such as map and compass, global positioning systems (GPS), man-tracking,

wilderness survival, radio communications, search techniques, cold-weather emergencies, helicopter safety, crime-scene preservation and a variety of other subjects.

SAR is an all-volunteer unit, funded entirely through community donations and grants.

For more information or to register, contact Josephine County Emergency Management at 474-5300 or email sar@co.josephine.or.us.



Slippery conditions on Happy Camp Road on Monday, Nov. 9, led to a few vehicular mishaps, including one involving an Illinois Valley Fire District vehicle which grazed the side of this pickup truck after responding to another wreck. (Photo by Dale & Elaine Sandberg, IVFD Media Dept.)

Applications, audits and annexations IVFD topics

Items that the Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) Board of Directors addressed during its Thursday, Nov. 12 board meeting at district headquarters on Caves Hwy. included:

*Heard an update from Deputy Chief Jeff Gavlik regarding recent recruitment efforts. Gavlik said that IVFD has received six ap-

plications for firefighting recruits and two additional support applications. The district is in the process of conducting background checks on the applicants, Gavlik said, and added that he hopes to get the recruits into training within the next two months.

*Approved the annexation of several properties into the district. Those prop-

erties are located at 116 Crooks Creek Rd., 1660 Thompson Creek Rd. and 15 Beebe Dr. Also annexed was a larger piece of property located on Thompson Creek Rd. and owned by the Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District.

*Received a report from Medford-based certified public accountant Richard Brewer regarding his audit

of the district's finances.

Brewer praised IVFD's use of internal controls, and gave the district a "clean bill of health" for its fiscal management practices.

"The overview is positive in almost every way," Brewster said.

IVFD's next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 10.

~ Scott Jorgensen

Where's the alarm?

Following are alarms to which Illinois Valley Fire District responded through Sunday, Nov. 15:

Friday, Nov. 6

*12:35 p.m., MVA, Redwood Hwy./Ken Rose Lane

*2:19 p.m., MA, 35000 block Redwood Hwy.

*5:40 p.m., MA, 28000 block Redwood Hwy.

*6:20 p.m., small vehicle fire, Redwood Hwy./Eight Dollar Road

Sunday, Nov. 8

*10:47 a.m., MVA, 14000 block Redwood Hwy.

*2:02 p.m., MA, 100 block Junction Avenue

*5:29 p.m., structure fire (burn pile), 26000 block Redwood Hwy.

***Monday, Nov. 9**

*8:31 a.m., flue fire, 2000 block Rockydale Road

*10:06 a.m., MVA, 12000 block Happy Camp Road

*10:27 a.m., MVA, Page Mountain

*11:00 a.m., MVA, 2000 block Happy Camp Road

*4:31 p.m., open burn, 27000 block Redwood Hwy.

*4:44 p.m., open burn, 1000 block Deer Creek Road

*5:16 p.m., open burn, 30000 block Redwood Hwy.

*7:19 p.m., MA, 100 block Old Stage Road

Tuesday, Nov. 10

*7:06 a.m., MA, 200 block O'Brien Road

*1:28 p.m., MVA, 33000 block Redwood Hwy.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

*7:44 a.m., MA, 400 block Redwood Hwy.

*9:12 a.m., MA, 5000

block Deer Creek Road

*11:06 a.m., MA, 800 block Eight Dollar Road

Thursday, Nov. 12

*10:19 a.m., MA, walk-in, 600 block Caves Hwy.

*6:36 p.m., MA, walk-in, 600 block Caves Hwy.

Friday, Nov. 13

*9:26 a.m., MA, 3000 block Takilma Road

*10:39 a.m., MA, 400 block Daisy Hill Road

*2:33 p.m., MA, 200 block Shadowbrook Drive

4:18 p.m., MA, 23000 block Redwood Hwy.

Saturday, Nov. 14

*5:22 a.m., MVA, 5000 block Caves Hwy.

Sunday, Nov. 15

*6:37 a.m., MA, 500 block Schumacher Drive

*4:00 p.m., MA, 100 block Sawyer Avenue

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Tales from the Police Blotter

(Editor's Note: Factual information for 'Blotter' is provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.)

Friday, Nov. 6

*Two reports came in around 1:22 p.m. of a northbound gray or black sedan with a reckless, speeding driver passing unsafely on Redwood Hwy. in Selma.

*A report of second-degree criminal mischief and first-degree burglary was to be filed following discovery on Pinewood Way that a residence was forcibly entered.

*While waiting at a bus stop on W. Watkins Street with her children, a caller said, the driver of a small, light-blue pickup truck spun out, nearly striking her and the kids.

*A reported stolen van was recovered on Brown Road.

*On S. Redwood Hwy. at Oregon Caves Chevron, Robbjean Ann Soderlund, 38, was cited on charges of violation of the basic rule (VBR)/speeding (61 mph in a 45 mph zone), driving while suspended (DWS), and failure to carry proof of insurance.

*Adam Harry Sladon, 27, was cited on a charge of VBR on Redwood Hwy. at Krauss Lane at 8:36 p.m.

*An intoxicated woman who vomited at a Downtown Cave Junction service station and couldn't find her car was given a ride home.

Saturday, Nov. 7

*Jason Evan Burke, 38, was cited on a charge of speeding, (70 mph in a 45 mph zone) on Redwood Hwy. at Laurel Road at 3:05 p.m.

*Dennis Allen Kelly, 47, was cited to appear in Cave Junction Municipal Court on a charge of speeding (41 mph in a 30 mph zone) on S. Redwood Hwy. at 3:57 p.m.

*In the 300 block of S. Redwood Hwy., Galen Eli Aller, 61, was cited on a charge of failure to appear (FTA) on an original charge of carrying a concealed weapon. And Gregory Wayne Sampley, 57, was cited under a warrant charging FTA on an original charge of second-degree criminal mischief.

*John Alden Terry, 58, was cited on a charge of speeding (60 mph in a 45 mph zone) on Redwood Hwy. at Rockydale Road at 6:31 p.m.

*In Downtown Cave Junction at 8:20 p.m., Terry Alan Hendrickson, 45, was cited to appear in CJ Muni Court on charges of driving under the influence of an intoxicant (DUI), refusing a breathalyzer test, failure to use lights when required, illegal display of registration, no operator's license, and driving uninsured.

Sunday, Nov. 8

*A nondescript cow, while not deemed a hazard, was loose on Southshore Drive near Lake Selmac.

*On Schumacher Street a woman said that she wanted people, whom she'd allowed to stay, removed from her property. She was informed that it was a civil matter.

*Some sort of disturbance was reported at 8 p.m. in the 27000 block of Redwood Hwy. where a young man was said to be destroying some sort of property (not his own).

*For whatever reasons, a lot of noise and screaming were heard on E. River Street near N. Junction Avenue at 10:36 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 9

*A bear (size nor color provided) was reported in the vicinity of Lorna Byrne Middle School at 6:24 p.m. Trouble might be bruin.

Tuesday, Nov. 10

*There was a call that a man exited a gray sedan with plastic where the windows should be, and began walking around in the 4700 block of Caves Hwy. looking through binoculars. When startled by a neighbor, the "suspicious person" darted into bushes to hide, and later was picked up near Tycker Crossing by someone in the same car that had dropped him off originally.

*Lynneah Artelle Dennis, 55, was cited on a charge of speeding (62 mph in a 45 mph zone) on Redwood Hwy. at River Street at 4:57 p.m.

*Richard Eugene Kelly, 38, was cited on a charge of speeding (74 mph in a 55 mph zone) in the 32000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 5 p.m.

*At Illinois River Forks State Park, Shirley Sarfaty, 52, was cited on a charge of possession of a controlled substance/marijuana.

*A caller stated that a man was "hanging out" in front of the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction with a bag of marijuana. When contacted, the man in question had no weed, but some was located in a nearby trashcan, and destroyed. Also, James Irvin Mutina, 57, was cited on a charge of having alcohol on public premises.

*A caller stated that a 20-year-old man was "using Hays Cut Off Road as a race track," and that the behavior had increased since the complainant confronted him.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

*Just before lunchtime it was reported that a man had exposed himself to another person following a disturbance at St. Matthias Episcopal Church.

*It was stated that a

woman who came to believe that harm was about to come to her stole a pickup truck and fled from a Selma residence around 5 p.m. No charges were filed after the situation was resolved roadside on Redwood Hwy., and the vehicle was returned.

*Mark D. Patterson, 22, was cited on a DWS charge on Redwood Hwy. at Krauss Lane at 7:10 p.m.

*Gunshots and yelling were reported coming from an Aries Lane residence after a neighbor confronted another regarding dogs fighting. Subsequently, Dean Michael Smith, 46, was cited on a charge of felon in possession of a firearm and lodged in Josephine County Jail.

Thursday, Nov. 12

*A rural Cave Junction man claimed that charges were made against his checking account by Charter Communications, and that he'd never had service.

*Donald Ray Johnson, 59, was cited on a charge of speeding (61 mph in a 45 mph zone) at milepost 31 on Redwood Hwy. at 4:09 p.m.

*Three Illinois Valley High School students were found in possession of marijuana, the principal reported. Brandon Froderman, 17, and Alycia Mather, 15, each were cited on a charge of PCS/marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school. A deputy was to meet with the third student later.

*A caller had trailed persons believed to be stealing mushrooms from a Redwood Hwy. address to a location on Rockydale Road.

*Raymond Frank Mills, 43, was cited on a charge of speeding (77 mph in a 55 mph zone) on Waldo Road at 7:46 p.m.

*Charles David Carbis, 52, was cited to appear in Cave Junction Muni Court on a charge of speeding (63 mph in a 45 mph zone) somewhere on S. Redwood Hwy. at 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 13

*Several buildings on N. Old Stage Road were broken into overnight, an employee reported.

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