**CASARA Zone 2**

**AGM**

**Newsletter**

**March 17, 2013**

**Hello everyone**

**October 2012 was the last newsletter so it is time to update members on events since then.**

**Unfortunately because of ill health I have been absent since Dec and I want to thank Garry for stepping into the Zone Commander position and along with Brad, Ken & George for organizing exercises over the last few months. The weather has not been very cooperative so many planned exercises were cancelled later.**

**Currency is always an issue and to stay operational requires a lot of organization and patience to keep training up to date, thank you to everyone for your hard work & support.**

**Continuing on from Oct Newsletter**

**Sat, Nov 24, 2012 Two flights went ahead and one ground search team. The day was successful with 18 members enjoying lunch at the Golf Club after.**

**Frid, Dec 7, 2012 CASARA members enjoyed the Christmas party put on by Brandon Flying Club at the Victoria Inn, It was a fun casino night with tokens for gambling.**

**Wed, Dec 19, 2012 Tentative exercise cancelled due to weather & later date of Dec 29, also cancelled.**

**Feb 1, 2013 Ken Fox coordinated a successful exercise with two flights and a ground target team. Congratulations to Rene LeGal for getting his Spotter Certification.**

**Sun Feb 3, 2013 Brenda Preston gave a First Aid & CPR refresher course.**

**Sat Feb 16, 2013 Brad Wells coordinated this exercise with Ramona Clubb. One flight went ahead instead of two planned & one ground target team.**

**14 members watched a video on Underwater Egress and discussion on techniques followed. More discussions will follow on this subject.**

**Sun, March 3, 2013 Joint exercise in partnership with Grand Valley SAR, Brandon Regional SAR and the Office of the Fire Commission.**

 **The exercise was very successful despite the weather grounding CASARA flights so ground teams from all the SAR dept’s went ahead with the search.**

**Communication is still the key and the Fleetnet radios worked the best. There are still differences in relaying information such as map coordinates etc, which will be good training for the next joint exercise planned for later in the year.**

**There is an excellent write up in the Brandon Sun for everyone to see.**

**Thank you to everyone who took part for a job very well done.**

**Wed, March 6, 2012 One flight & ground target exercise to meet currency requirements.**

**Wed, March 13, 2013 One flight & ground target exercise to meet currency requirements & orientation flight for new member**

**Sat, March 16, 2013 CASARA General meeting to discuss Provincial**

**Bylaws**

**Sun, March 17, 2013 Zone 2 AGM**

**Tasking from JRCC & RCMP**

**JRCC-May 9, 2012 Standby on Call**

**RCMP -May 15-21, 2012 Missing boater, Lake Manitoba**

**JRCC-July 5, 2012 ELT signal, ground team, terminated before search commenced**

**RCMP-July 26, 2012 Missing child, Russell area**

**JRCC-Aug 10, 2012 ELT search by air then ground**

**RCMP-Feb 23, 2013 Person & vehicle search, Roblyn area. Search terminated before CASARA departed**

**Thank you to everyone who helped and supported me in my first year as Zone Commander as always you all did an amazing job and to all the members for giving their time to CASARA “So Other’s May Live”**

**Dates & Events in planning stages for 2013**

**Visit to control tower at Brandon Airport.**

**A day trip to visit 435 squadron in Winnipeg & Aviation Museum with lunch.**

**SAREX in Dauphin/Swan River with invitation to Zone 3 members.**

**These preliminary dates will include training in the form of; ground survival courses, ELT Training, First on Scene, Ozi-Explorer as well as Academic training to include Maps, Navigation, GPS & quiz’s. Pilot academic training to include; Decision making procedures, Safety issues, Weather & Navigation etc.**

**All information will be on the website under Zone 2’s schedule, please check it regularly as dates and events may change and details will be updated as needed.**

**I will be sending out emails with information and a request for attendance closer to each event.**

**Wed, March 27, 2013 SAREX in morning 9 am.**

**Academic training on Garmin Aera GPS, maps & Ozi-Explorer in afternoon**

**Sat, March 30, 2013 SAREX & continuation of academic training from wed, Mar 27**

**Sun, April 28, 2013 SAREX/Academic**

**Sat, May 25, 2013 SAREX/Academic**

**Sun, June 16, 2013 SAREX/Academic**

**Wed, June 19, 2013 Evening SAREX/rain date June 20, 2013**

**Sun, July 21, 2013 SAREX/Academic**

**Sat, Aug 10, 2013 SAREX/Academic**

**Sept/Oct Joint GSAR & CASARA exercise**

**This 2012/ 2013 year we welcomed 4 new members, Mitch Bohrn (June 2012) Rene LeGal (Sept 2012).**

**Lance Dornn (Oct 2012) Lances two son’s Layton and Ty joined us for some meetings but because of their age are not eligible to register, Layton will be 18 in Sept so we hope he will join us as a member then.**

**Michael (Junior) Davis our newest member (Feb 2013)**

**CASARA Zone 2**

**2012/2013 Annual Report**

**March 13, 2013**

**CASARA Annual Report taken from the CMS, Note: some discrepancies to #’s**

**32 Active members, including 4 new members in 2012/2013 year**

**22 certified Pilots, Navigators & Spotters, 3 require currency flights & 2 new members in training. 10 members make up the ground and base crews**

**Zone 2 has:**

**4 pilots all current, 1 unavailable at present**

**6 Navigators, 5 current, 1 requires currency flight**

**12 Spotters, 10 current, 2 require currency flights, 2 new members in training**

**Tasking:**

**1JRCC, 4 RCMP** Total flying hours 26.1

**Total volunteer hours 130.9**

**Flying & Ground Exercises** Total exercises 32.0

Total aircraft hours 52.1

Total vehicle KM 1974.0

**Total volunteer hours 1044.7**

**Academic Exercise / Planning & Administration**

 **Total volunteer hours 360.5**

**Combined Total Volunteer Hours 1,536.1**