

Operational Call Outs - May:- Wednesday 11th May—called out for a search in the local National Park for a missing man, whose car was found bogged with his passport and medications inside. 15 SES Volunteers turned out, two search teams drove to the location and a logistics team manned the base. Maps, GPS patterns and search areas were setup. Then police received information that the persons bank account had just been accessed in Geraldton!!No further action was needed - but thankfully the missing person was identified as being safe - that was the main thing!

Community Support.

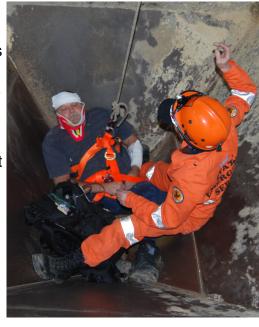
The SES girls helped setup for a Big Morning Tea organised as part of the National May campaign to raise funds for Brest Cancer Research.

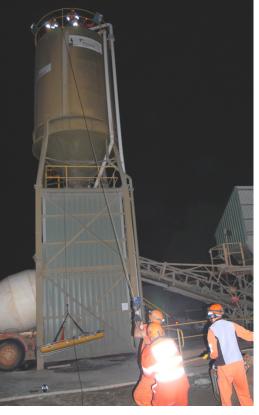
Training.

A practical Roof Safety training session combining rope techniques (anchor selection, knots, and safety harness applications), with roof access techniques, was run. This was to re-enforce previous training and call outs to maintain skill levels. Volunteers also had training and tested out the new radio systems installed in the new V8 troopy.

In both troopy vehicles we now have the HEMA navigator systems, which provide full GPS guidance for street, bush track and topo navigation. These will be valuable tools when going into unknown 'territory' in any town, or any bush situation, anywhere in the state.

A realistic industrial training scenario was held at the local cement processing plant. A challenging situation at night with a double problem to solve with the extraction of an unconscious 'victim' who had fallen into a material hopper and a top of the plant rescue. Just like a real scenario the teams knew nothing about the problems that faced them until they arrived at the scene. In went the first aider's with their packs and oxy-vivas. Portable flood lights were setup, safety systems were worked out, set up, and the rescues were implemented. More experience, more lessons learnt - ready to apply in the next live operation.- [Mac Holt]





June 2011 training schedule :-

Date Time Activity Organiser(s)
Weekend 4th/5th Canoe & Cray Carnival—Community support & Training Steve C
Monday 13th 18:45 HEMA navigators—In Vehicle Exercise—out there... Mac
Monday 27th 18:45 Land Search - Formations/Position - function/exercise Rae

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