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Annual Report

The K-9 Search and Rescue Team, Inc. headquartered in Dolores, CO, with Divisions in Southern California and Arizona, held their annual meeting recently.

The Team reported responding to eight missions in 2011 in three states, with the majority in Colorado. The Team presented canine related classes at numerous state and national conferences and presented demonstrations for local groups in all three Divisions. The Team also spent a considerable amount of training time for the dogs, handlers and the support personnel. In addition, the Team retired their old search bus and replaced it with a cargo trailer equipped to accomplish the same task at less expense. The business side of the Team required extra effort, including fund raising, grants, etc.

The group elected Staff Members for 2012 with Chuck Melvin (CO) remaining as Team Commander, Kimberly Kelly (CA) as Public Information Officer and Division Supervisor, Kat Remmerde (CO) as Plans Section Chief, Michelle Warburton (AZ) as Operations Section Chief, Dennis Beauford (CO) as Logistics Section Chief and Mark Plantz (CO) as Finance Section Chief. Kayla Hardin (CA) remains as Training Unit Leader and Cindy McArthur (AZ) remains as Section Supervisor. Several unit leaders and section deputies remain to be appointed to fill out the command and general staff positions.

The Team plans a busy year with conference presentations scheduled in AZ, NM, CO, NV, MT, CA, WA, OR and TX. Man tracking training with Sam (retired master sign cutter for the Border Patrol) & Patty Pinkerton in AZ, an avalanche school, numerous demonstrations, etc. are already on the calendar. The Team also will sponsor their annual pancake breakfast during Escalante Days and agreed to do another in support of the Dolores Fire Department for TriState Fireman's Convention, continuing that close working relationship.

The Team welcomes a number of new members and applicants in all three Divisions. A New Member Academy will be offered soon for newer members and interested guests. New members and help are always welcome. More information may be found at the Team web site www.k9team.org, email at k9@k9team.org or 970.882.4746