

## MRA CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### FRIDAY/SATURDAY

#### **Keynote; Friday**

Called by Hope, Faced with Reality: Integrating Loss and Mortality into

#### SAR Work

Cal Cates is an award winning writer, published researcher, international speaker, podcaster, and the founder and Executive Director of Healwell, a non-profit whose mission is to touch people affected by serious illness, to teach practitioners how to care for those people and to advocate for broad access to skilled touch.

#### **Keynote: Saturday**

TBA

#### **Medical**

1. High Altitude Illness...Janice Weixelman
2. TBI/Concussion ...Tim Durkin
3. Psychological First Aid for SAR Personnel... by Art Fortini
4. Emotional Rescue - Best Practices for Resilience in SAR... Alison Sheets
5. Resiliency and Responding with Authenticity...Kerry Jordan/Cal Cates
6. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in civilian rescuers. Each year more rescuers die by their own hand, than in the line of duty. We have refused to address this or even talked about it.

A discussion about PTSR, PTSD, CISD, How to use mental PPE. How to recognize a fellow worker with troubles....Michael Ferrara

#### **Canine**

1. K9 fitness: What Every Dog Handler Should Know...Jennifer Holmes
2. K9 fitness..Jennifer Holmes will set up a station outside of main lodge Friday and Saturday with obstacle course and K9 evaluations.
3. Top 3 Things You Need to Know to Protect Your K9 ...hands on with k9s....K9 Medic
4. Training With Intention...Kate Graham

5. Developing objective based training plans focused on isolating variables for any K9 discipline...Denise Alvord
6. Building the Working Puppy..Kate Graham
7. Indications for SAR dogs...Ann-Marie Boness .. with K9s
8. Indication: Practical Work for HRD, Live, and Articles...Ann-Marie Boness...with K9s

### **Rescue/Search**

1. Near Miss Panel...Dale Wang
2. Difficult missions/ good outcomes..Blake McCarty
3. Rigging For Rescue..subject to be announced..Mike Gibbs
4. Rudy Moder Search in ROMO...George Janson
5. Breaking the Halo..explores the deadly thinking errors that can occur outdoors and beyond; offers a simple, universal approach to confronting complacency, assumptions, and communication breakdowns between subordinates and leaders...Katjarina Hurt
6. SMC Vector Rigging - This will include how to set up the SMC Vector (Edge and load management system) correctly but will also introduce new equipment such as Winches, Clutches and different styles of pulleys...Martin Barnett
7. Lightweight Rope Rescue Systems; How much do they weigh, and how much time do they save?..Steve Petty

### **Tracking**

1. Mantracking 101 - LCSAR tracking team

### **Helicopters**

1. HAATS demonstration ..Charlie Shimanski ...Thursday evening
2. Helicopter-based RECCO system..Tim Durkin

### **Snow**

1. Alpine/Mountaineering accident on Mt. Neva (Indian Peaks)..Alison Sheets
2. How Beacon Guidebooks uses the ATES scale, and how you can too. We use the Avalanche Terrain Exposure Scale (ATES) to classify avalanche terrain as it relates to a person's exposure to likelihood and consequences. My presentation would go through the exercise we use to classify the terrain in our area, which will hopefully teach the audience

the value of doing so, and will give them a primer on how to do it themselves...Andrew Sovick

3. Crevasse Rescue..American Alpine Institute

### **Drones**

1. How and When to Leverage Drones from the Perspective of IC..Morris Hansen..Friday

2. How to Leverage Drones Effectively in SAR..Morris Hansen..Saturday

3. Drone use at Night...John Sohl..Thursday night..1 hour (1/2 hr in IC area, ½ hour in field)

### **Command**

1. Building an Incident Command Vehicle...Aaron Gaylord

2. SAR TOPO...Matt Jacobs

3. Incident Leadership and Safety..Michael St. John

4. PIO/Social Media...Amy Ho

5. SAR's role in child abduction response incident...Chris Ruch

6. Building a high performing SAR team - Mountain Rescue team leaders have responsibility for ensuring their team members are developing the skills needed to safely and effectively execute their mission, foster good relationships with the responsible authorities in their area, and create a positive culture among their members. This talk will provide leaders and future leaders with techniques and strategies for creating high performing teams and effective non-profit organizations - ...Chris Ruch