



Exercise ARTHURS 2015

28th-29th March 2015

FINAL REPORT

Introduction

The Canterbury Police District major land search and rescue exercise (SAREX) for the 2014-15 year was held at Alford Forest on the 28th and 29th of March 2015.

The exercise involved approximately 70 LandSAR personnel, 25 Police personnel,

Objectives

The objectives of the SAREX were:

- a) *To enhance the inter-group operating capabilities of LandSAR groups in the district.*
- b) *To promote leadership within SAR teams.*
- c) *To assess LandSAR field teams in basic SAR skills outlined in the LandSAR field competencies document.*
- e) *To set a baseline for field team performance throughout the district.*
- f) *To assess how fatigue and psychological pressure affect the operational effectiveness of the teams and to train in conditions that will simulate a realistic operational environment.*

Scenario

The SAREX consisted of a 24 hour rogaine. During the 24 hour period the 14 teams that competed had to attempt to complete 11 skill stations. These stations were based on the LandSAR field competencies. Four of the stations were compulsory.

Details of the stations are included in the exercise order, which is attached as Appendix A.

The scenario was designed not as an attempt to train field teams, but as a way of assessing their level of competency. During past years it has increasingly become obvious that attempting to train a large number of field personnel in all the necessary SAR skills is unachievable. It is also clear that attempting to train IMT personnel at the same time as field personnel leads to large delays for field personnel and is ineffective.

So the concept we are now using for the district SAREX is to assess the field teams and let them know what level they are at so they can tailor their group training throughout the year to address their weaknesses. They will also have an idea how they rate against other teams in the district. We intend to continue to use this concept for future exercises, after incorporating modifications and lessons learnt from this year.

Some of the changes made from the previous run Rogaine SAR Ex's were to increase the rest period to 6 hours, therefore not requiring the participating teams to provide a non competing driver. also that they could take the rest period at any time or location they desired, having a complete shut down of all stations from midnight to 0400hrs, this giving the station staff a break. Having the stations placed strategically around the exercise area making them more accessible, shortening down the station

task times, this allowing more time to transit. Having some of the stations capable of taking 2 teams at the same time

Police funding

Police supplied catering for the exercise for the ICP and final BBQ and refreshments [REDACTED] and hired the Arthurs Pass Outdoor Education Centre that was used as the ICP [REDACTED]. In addition police supplied two assessors and covered the costs of supplying police staff.

Monitoring report

The SAREX was reviewed by the following people:

- Sergeant Anthony Harmer - Wellington District SAR Coordinator (Appendix B)
- Sergeant Sean Judd - NZ Police West Coast SAR Coordinator

A survey has also been sent to exercise participants. The results are attached as Appendix C.

These comments were generally positive, with many complimenting the organisation of the SAR Ex on how it as much improved from the previously run Rogaines

Lessons learnt

1. The stations being located closer together and in a circle worked well.
2. The system with the rest area worked well and was appreciated by the participants.
3. Assessment feedback or a summary should returned to the participants as they have completed the station task.
4. The booking system requires some refinement and simplification.
5. The gold, silver and bronze level of competency system was effective.
6. Stations need consistency and to stick to criteria and timeframes.

NZSAR funding

The funding was applied as follows:

Travel for assessors

[REDACTED]

Ration packs for participant and station staff

[REDACTED]

Planning, staffing, stationary and printing

[REDACTED]

Total

[REDACTED]

Effect of funding

The funding was targeted targeting the Canterbury Land SAR groups in a wide range of SAR related competencies.

It allowed us run the District SAR Ex in the Arthur's Pass environs, and meet the costs associated with that. This is the first time a Canterbury District SAR Ex has been held there.

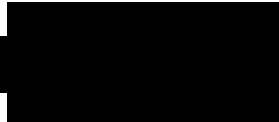
The changes made to this Rogaine District SAR Ex ensured good engagement from the participants, the participants being able to achieve to a high standard and positive feedback returned the debriefing survey.

It's pleasing to see that the teams make up was generally of a mix of experience, with new members learning from the tasks and group environment. This is evident by the standard achieved by those participating. See results Appendix D.

The funding provided by NZSAR has enabled us to get a comprehensive look at the standard and abilities in the region and allows groups to address identified issues in their training going forward.

Customer Invoice Note

A customer invoice note is being prepared and will be forwarded separately. 



Phil Simmonds
Sergeant C661
SAR/DVI Coordinator - Canterbury
13th May 2015

Appendix A - Exercise Order

Canterbury District Land SAREX 2015 - Exercise Arthurs

RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Teams **do not** require a non-competing driver. In saying that any participants who feel they are too fatigued to drive home following the exercise will have arrangements made for them to either stay in Arthur's Pass or a driver made available to deliver them to their home. Anyone in this position will need to communicate with the ICP staff.
2. All teams must consist of three to four people. The team must designate one person as the team leader (they must remain the leader throughout the competition). If anyone in a four person team has a member withdraw from the SAR EX for any reason, the remaining 3 person team members can continue with the SAR EX. Regardless all teams must finish with a minimum of three people.
3. Teams must comply with all rules and directions from organisers and signs. Teams that fail to do so will face point deductions. Intentional rule breaches will result in disqualification.
4. Individuals and teams must carry what they would be expected to carry on a SAR operation (see page 18 of the [LandSAR field guide](#) for details). Teams will be in the field for the night (and will be involved with the exercise for much of it) and must carry suitable shelter.
5. Every competitor will be issued with a 24hr ration pack (back country). Any other food must be supplied and carried by the team. A BBQ lunch will be provided at the ICP on Sunday. Water will be available at the locations indicated on your exercise map.
6. Teams must ensure they have two VHF and one HF radio and that they are all working correctly before deploying into the field. HF radios and batteries will be available from the logistics team from 1000 hrs Saturday. Teams must check their equipment is in working condition before beginning the competition.
7. The event includes 11 stations. Most of the stations are based on competencies found in the [LandSAR operational and probationary](#) field competencies documents.
8. All stations (except the rest area) will be awarded points. There are a total of 1000 points available to teams. Any team that achieves over 7500 points (75%) will receive a gold award, teams that achieve between 600 and 749 points (60-74%) will receive a silver award. Teams achieving below 600 points (59%) will receive a bronze award.
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STATION	TIMEFRAME	POINTS
Observation	30 min	50
Search Methods	45 min	100
HF Radio	no limit	50
Team building	45 min	100
Navigation	No Limit	250
Pack Inspection (<i>compulsory</i>)	20 min	50
Clue Processing	45 min	100
River Crossing (<i>compulsory</i>)	45 min	150
Rest Area (<i>compulsory</i>)	6 hrs	0
Quiz	No limit	50
First Aid (<i>compulsory</i>)	45 min	100

10. 4 out of the 11 stations are compulsory for all teams. They are the PACK INSPECTION, RIVER CROSSING, FIRST AID and REST stations. The other stations are not compulsory but teams should aim to complete as many as possible. The course is designed to be achievable.
11. All stations once visited by a team will be considered completed, with the exception of the NAVIGATION task. Participants can complete any part or portion of the NAVIGATION course as they travel between any other activity, there is no requirement to book in for the NAVIGATION task and this task will remain unmanned throughout the exercise. The NAVIGATION clue sheet is included with the competition pack and needs to be completed and handed in on at the completion of the exercise.
12. There is no designated rest area for the exercise, teams can take their Rest Stop where they want and when they want. They must radio the start of their rest stop, giving the Grid Reference. This period must be for a 6 hour continuous period. They must radio when they have completed the 6 hour rest stop before they continue with the exercise. This does not stop teams resting at any other point, or in any other place during the competition, but all teams must check into their rest area for a minimum of 6 hours, regardless of any other rest breaks they take.

13. All stations will not operate from midnight to 4am, no bookings will be taken during this time.
14. Teams will be given a communications plan as part of the competition pack. All teams must complete VHF radio calls at the following times:
 - when entering the competition area
 - when arriving at a station
 - when leaving a station
 - when leaving the competition area
15. Teams must also answer radio calls from the ICP at any point during the competition.
16. There one VHF radio channel for the exercise area.
17. Teams can only have ONE active booking at a time. Once they reach a booked station, they are then free to book another station. Bookings are not essential and if a team is passing a free station then they can check into that station by contacting the station supervisor.
18. Teams will be penalised 10 points for:
 - 1, failing to arrive at a booked station on time
 - 2, cancelling a booking
19. Teams must give an ETA for their arrival at a station when booking. If they fail to arrive on time they will forfeit their booking if another team is waiting.
20. The procedure for booking a station is to call the ICP, "Arthurs Pass Base."
21. Some stations can take more than one team at a time so it will pay to check with Arthurs Pass Base if there is bookings available.
22. Teams must be back at the ICP by 1100 hrs on Sunday 23rd March. Teams that have not returned will lose 10 points for every minute they are late (ie 10 minutes late = 100 points lost, 30 minutes late = 300 points lost).
23. When arriving at a station, participants must go to the 14 digit location provided in the briefing pack (marked with Police Emergency tape), call the sector supervisor to advise they are at the arrival point for that station, and then WAIT until a station supervisor comes to get them. Teams that walk past an arrival point into the station area without permission will have points deducted.
24. The word of all exercise officials, assessors and safety officers is final. No discussions will be entered into.
25. Teams must not interfere with any signs, markings, navigation stations etc. Absolutely no litter is permitted. There should be no lighting of open fires within the exercise area during the exercise.
26. Toilet facilities are available at the locations indicated on the attached competition map.
27. The sealed road is not to be used as a travel corridor, Participants are not permitted the main road (state highway 73) to walk along, the marked tracks should be used, and the main road can be walked directly across, after ensuring there are no approaching vehicles from either direction. Teams found not complying with this safety rule will be disqualified.
28. Teams must not climb any fences. All gates must be left as they are found. Care must be taken to avoid damage to any property.
29. The only permissible method of travel for exercise participants during the exercise is by foot. Participants should ensure that general travel between stations is on formed tracks.
30. Teams must stay together throughout the competition. All team members must be within a 100 metre radius of their team leader at all times.
31. All teams must report to the resources unit, which will have a desk setup outside the ICP, when they have concluded the exercise so they can be logged out. Teams must ALSO log out over the radio.
32. Teams will only be allowed to attempt each station once during the exercise (except for the NAVIGATION), and must comply with any time limits for completing each station.
33. Teams will not be advised of their score for the individual events until the conclusion of the competition. Team leaders will be posted a feedback sheet for each station in the days after the exercise.

Appendix B - Harmer Report

SAREX Arthur's Pass (Canterbury) 2015.

INTRODUCTION and CONCEPT

Sergeant Sean JUDD AND I were invited by Sergeant Phil SIMMONDS to attend the Canterbury SAREX 2015 at Arthur's Pass. This was in a dual role as assessors and to share a format for testing the national SAR community to a wide range of skills through a competition format that encourages team work and builds ability. The format used was a rogaine style of decision making meaning that each team of four had a set number of stations to visit over a 24 hour period, some of those stations being compulsory, e.g. First Aid. Each station had points allocated to it, as did the use of communication methods and navigation. The team with maximum points at the end of the weekend being announced overall winner.

OBJECTIVE

To independently assess the SAREX and develop a shared knowledge of this style of SAREX.

STATIONS

Listed below is each specific station on the SAREX, I ensured that I observed at least one team being processed through each station. Navigation and Communications were assessed through successful completion of those tasks.

SEARCH METHODS

A realistic location and scenarios was established for the search of a small child who had disappeared from her father in an unfamiliar environment. The Instructors maintained good control and knew their material well which provided an excellent station.



HF RADIO/COMMUNICATIONS

Each team was required to set up their HF radio at least once over the course of the weekend and communication with AREC who were located near the ICP. Teams were also required to communicate via VHF through AREC to book into their respective stations.



NAVIGATION

Each team was able to choose to pick up points by correctly navigating to points previously set out within the confines of the SAREX boundaries. Each point had a unique code to ensure that teams had successfully found the right location. This control provided the opportunity of an essential SAR skill to be illustrated through practical application. There were a range of points to find, some presenting as 'easy points' in a competition. Each point was the same as the next except for the code so that time was not wasted by identifying what it was that the team was meant to be finding. I believe that this is an essential element of future SAREXes.



TEAM BUILDING

A range of team building exercises were used to require each team member to engage and participate to achieve the team's objective. Teams that choose to attend this station later in the SAREX may have felt the additional strain of decision making under fatigues. The instructors at this station selected a good range problems that did not necessarily HAVE any one right or wrong approach. This station certainly highlighted some strengths and weakness within teams.



RIVER CROSSING

As a group each team was required to successfully identify a safe area to cross a river and then to complete the river crossing safely. This station tied in well with highlighting a safety culture within teams by working collaboratively together. The site selection was well suited to the SAREX as the site chosen had a range of options to cross the river, some safer than others.



PACK INSPECTION

Each team was required to undergo a complete pack inspection at some point during the SAREX. Unknown to the teams this was after the River Crossing station so also added an amount of realism that they don't get to pick and choose what they have in their packs and when.



QUIZ

Each team was required to answer a quiz which was to be handed in before 0800hrs on the final morning. There were no problems with this quiz.

REST

Each team was required to have at least 6 hours continuous rest. This did not present an issue and was well managed by each team out in the field as it would need to be during an extended operation. Teams were not allowed to sleep at the ICP for convenience.

FIRST AID

The location and scenario for this station were excellent in that each team was presented with an injured tramper who had fallen onto his ice axe. The location was at the end of a small walk which negated simply calling for an ambulance and required each team to act in the best interests of the patient. Also noted of the location and the scenario was that it did not lend itself to 'this is just another exercise' way of thinking which meant all teams got involved and maximised their participation.



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

As with any SAREX it is only as good as its management and how much the teams get involved. Each team was obviously involved in each exercise. This level of involvement did not decrease as the weekend went on. In speaking with participants over the course of the weekend they each took learnings away from their time and were genuinely enthusiastic about their part in the SAREX.

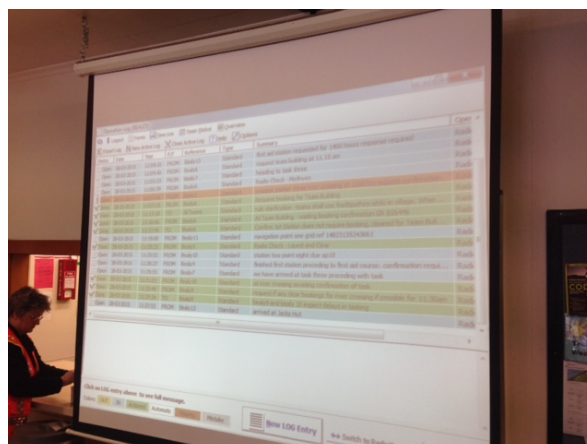
SAFETY/ RISK MANAGEMENT

Safety was highlighted right from the outset of the SAREX during the initial briefing, this was followed up on by the safety officer, and was again highlighted in the final debrief before teams were awarded with their placing or dismissed from the SAREX. A safety officer was appointed and was regularly seen throughout the course over the weekend. The SAREX was brought to a close by the District Commander and O/C SAR after all teams had been given the opportunity to pack up and be fed.



INCIDENT CONTROL and PLANNING

It is evident that Christchurch SAR have been running a well trained group and have identified areas of learning as this SAREX ran seamlessly. The event was well managed, well resourced, and illustrates how a well planned SAREX can be achieved.



CONCLUSIONS

The purpose of this report is to evaluate and assess the general running of the Christchurch SAREX and to see if its goals were met. Additionally, to increase national exposure to this format of SAREX.

1. I believe that Christchurch SAR now have a tried, improved, and proven format for accurately assessing the capabilities of their members, both Police and Volunteer.
2. Four person teams are an ideal number for teams to operate effectively over an extended operational period.
3. Now that they have a winning format the next challenge will be to maintain the level of enjoyment and commitment shown by all teams.
4. This format can be replicated around the country with relative ease. The temptation to alter the format needs to be avoided.
5. I will be strongly recommending this SAREX format to other areas.

SUMMARY

It is my opinion that this SAREX is an example of how we should be running SAREX's nationally. There is little to be gained from traditional SAREXes if trying to meet the same objectives. This format of SAREX allowed teams to self manage themselves with support if required. This was not run as an IMTEX and should not be confused as one.

This is an excellent framework to test the skills of LandSAR members and Police in the field. This SAREX has my full endorsement as the way ahead.

Sergeant Anthony HARMER
O/C SAR/DVI
Wellington.



Appendix C - Survey

Question 3 Showing 34 responses

Can't think of any

None was well done and enjoyable

Navigation off track River safety observed as part of the journey rather than a station Communicating a foot print

The booking system was confusing and over complicated the issue

On several Sarex events scorers have marked teams down for not delegating team member tasks in front of scorers. Teams i have been in have already tasked positions to team members.

Lift intensity to level of actual OPP.

None

The most useful stations were the ones that also had a little time for an immediate debrief of some sort (we pushed a few stations for feedback - even when they weren't meant to!). The learning happens when you are fresh in the situation - and after all, this is as much a training session - especially with a high number of newbies. Perhaps 10mins should be allocated formally to each station for this? Looking forward to getting the written reports - but the immediate stuff is priceless!

The team building station could run two teams at a time; in other worlds an exercise in cooperation and communication between teams. This is the main element missing from the rogain style SAREX.

Team building skills were daft, a waste of time activity.

None

First Aid was really good and useful, most of the others were as well to be honest.

First Aid -make sure participants get the chance to apply first aid/ compression/ slings etc, package the stretcher

None, it was about right, good stuff

It would be nice to get feedback straight away at each station while it is still fresh in our minds.

Perhaps extending slightly the routes between the nearer stations and also personally I would like to see te exercrise extended maybe another 12 hours just to test endurance capabilities

Time delays to book in a slot, maybe a couple of stations could have 2 groups at the same time, eg team building and clue processing. Involves more people though.

no changes

If you say in briefing teams are not allowed back to head quarters to sleep, grounds only, stick to it. Some teams went back and slept in comfortable beds whilst others roughed the outdoors.

The instructions were that no feedback was to be given "on the day". My understanding is that feedback was given at all/most stations and as greatfully recieved as it was all fresh in the participants minds and being timely taken on board and could be discussed if needed. The SAREX should be a learning environment to a certain extent and feedback at the time helps with the learning

If it ain` t broke,don` t alter it!

More feedback on the spot from markers

Stations were OK

Maybe numbering them? Yes they had grid locations, but with a couple, we found ourselves saying, "I suppose that must be it". Just a thought.

Nothing that I can think of. It was superbly run and a fantastic location. The weather made it hard, but the fact that we could accomplish a lot in a short distance, made it achievable. Really glad there wasn't too much distance involved. It was the perfect amount of challenge.

Read the rules out at the start, rather than let teams read them themselves. Would probably eliminate some of the confusion.

Consider a low angle ropes base

Possibly close stations down for a longer period. Some stations are more difficult to complete during hours a darkness

The addition of a station that covers off basic rope skills incorporating the lowering of a stretcher down a slope of moderate gradient.

Allow time for a 5 minute debrief at the end of each station. We would get a lot more feedback in person than from reading it off a form. It would be more detailed and would save the station staff from having to write out a feedback form that most of the team probably never gets around to reading anyway.

River Crossing - make comment in the information sent out pre-SAREX that river crossing is assessed on mountain safety technique etc as our group had not received the most up to date training, therefore used the wrong technique and subsequently were marked against this. Would be good for assessment stations to state what technique they are using then groups can train/familiarize their selves with this.

Read the rules out. I know it was put back on the teams to read them but because of the competitive nature most teams didn't.

Timing of first aid station was frustrating

great format, keep it the same

Question 6 Showing 25 responses

Something completely out of the blue....like the team come across a car accident with injured etc and have to do some quick thinking

None

Radio issues? Being placed on Standby regularly and not stations having been told were booked being empty?

I really like the rogaine format. I think the secret is keeping teams challenged and occupied with a wide range of relevant tasks over the whole weekend, which is tougher to do on a traditional SAREX. However, if made a priority, I think it could be done with a traditional SAREX format. The traditional format is better for showing newer members what a real SAROP looks like.

I think it was well run.

Alternate between Rogain and traditional. Rogain whilst is good doesn't give a true indication of capability. Unfortunately some view it this way. However I see opportunity to combine a Rogain starting in the morning till mid afternoon with an OPP kicking in Saturday going through the night finishing the Sunday. just a suggestion although plenty of scope to do other events where they are testing. Intensity is a must and activity must be based around actual tasking.

I think the nav checkpoints could have been a little more traditional rogaine style - more map/compass/clue based (although that could have been our teams reliance on the GPS unit!)

A traditional style SAREX provides plenty of search method practice and team inter operability experience.

I disagree with the competition style, and particularly the booking method

Having a station up on the exposed tops would be a good challenge, particularly one where the team would have to compensate for terrain.

Good Ex. I enjoyed it as the team was on the go the whole time and a good use of time. Not sure traditional SAREX will offer the same opportunities

No keep it the same

Would be very happy if the next one was run the same as this one.

Long distance, endurance work, finish with a search after a difficult trek (overnight) then a rescue which will push us to our limits. Maybe in a river or steep(ish) slope. I encourage this as in a real search when you've got to a person, often the work has only just begun.

Look closely at points. Points for Aicken nav point seemed quite low (20) compared to Avalanche Peak nav point (50)

Maybe mix up participants from other groups-a great way to meet other SARies & always a good way to observe another way of doing the same job.

Proper communication between base and station in the booking format.

No. It took a little while to get your head around the planning required for this style of event and it was frustrating having to wait for booking confirmations, but having said that we managed to do complete all stations. At the end, comms were coming back with suggested alternative times or stations which was great.

My only suggestion would be to make it a lot like this one was. Great incorporation of the village/houses next to the bush allowing for the perfect blend of both worlds.

Maybe add a rescue station. We did a lot of search related stations and one first aid, but there wasn't much focus on rescue.

Offer a tuition station for mapping.

A good old lost person/party type scenario incorporating processing a campsite and have a FULL IMT element running.

I felt extremely let down that the winning LandSAR team got no recognition for winning. They put in two days of their own time to come and compete and worked hard to get such a high score. I think they deserved to have it announced as a mistake instead it being swept under the rug. A lot of people suspect that it was only because the district commander was there, and that it wasn't actually a mistake at all. Hence LandSAR members are questioning the integrity of the Police and if there is much point in competing again if this is how they are going to be treated.

Make the tasks worth more points i.e. 500 for a task

no i enjoyed it

Question 11 Showing 28 responses

Looking forward to next year!

Congrats and a pat on the back to all people who took part in putting together and running this event it went off well and was excellent

The First aid was more stream lined. Concern about the police team dumping packs and returning on time from the high nav station? if it is going to be a competition

Navigation was a massive improvement from last year

Thanks!

I thought rotational movement of teams may work ?

While I think the event has merit, as mentioned it does not include a cross section of assets available and from an operational point of view would be the first option in Reflex tasking.

Thanks - the regional SAREX is the highlight of the training year for me. A Rogaine style is a great change from the monthly sessions, and its a good chance for us to get competitive! I really enjoy the extra pressure of the competition style. So well organised and a good length of time as it's achievable - but it's long enough to have moments of personal challenge (climbing up Avalanche Peak track at night with full packs on!). Well done!

From a training point of view this was the easily best Rogain style yet; feedback from the stations is important.

This was my first SAREX so I don't have anything to compare it to sorry.

I don't agree with it

Very impressed with this event, given it was my first one. I found it great fun. Thanks very much

Thanks for a good EX. Please be aware that some of the participants turn up to these events pretty much knackered from their day to day jobs, so if they don't appear raring to go its nothing personal :)

Very good even with the rain

Great place, great event, pity about the weather.

Very well run, well thought out exercise, full credit to everyone involved, thanks

Hold it in Arthur's Pass every year. Maybe we'll get some sun next time!

it was the best Rogain sarex that i have been in i have been in all 3 rogan well done to Phil and his team

I think this years` was more achievable than previous ones so that gets a tick from me. March 15 ?!
Great location. Great to have the 6 hour stand down instead of the 4. The distance teams had to travel while doing the SAREX was reduced from the last year making it realistic to Complete which was great. Very satisfying to be able to complete it.

Booking sustem could work better

Please consider alternating between the rogain style and traditional year by year. They test different team management skills.

This was my first SAREX as I only joined in November of last year. I was encouraged to attend by my training coordinator who said it is one of the best ways to learn. I was a littel nervous that I didn't have the skills, but I was paired up perfectly. I was also so proud that my team won a silver award. being age 44, and having not done tramping in a while, it was a bit intimidating, but I have to say, this was one of the best experiences of my life. I was so challenged, yet I felt supported and safe the whole time. What a great and well organised event!

It seemed well organized and it was an awesome venue. Thank you!

Rogain is a effective way of practising a whole range of skills, Consider a Rogain style for IMT to practise Initial response & then progression onto a multi day type operation.

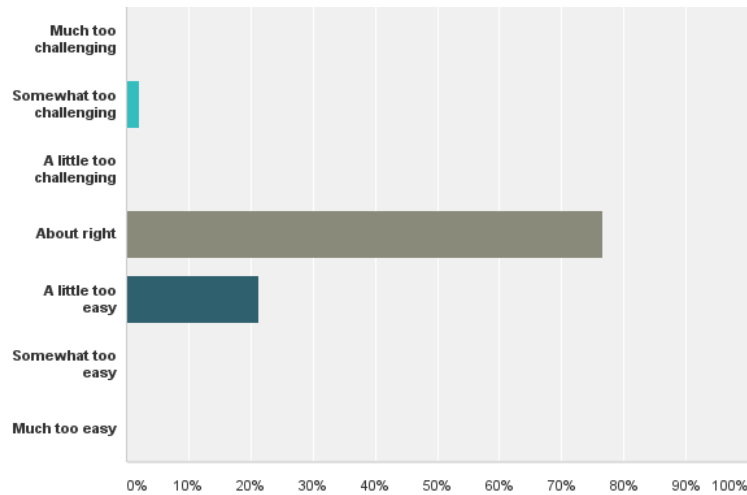
A couple of the navigation spots 1 & 2 were way out of the way would recommend pull them in closer like the others were. Don't do a map with the stations on it just makes it far too busy. The method of giving the grid references was perfect on the 1st sheet with the points etc on it as it then drives the navigator of the team to enter the waypoint in to the GPS to get the team there, or more importantly he/she has to use the map to get the team there. The format you used for navigation tasking was perfect so if you could do the same with the stations that way it forces use of map/gps. If you would like further explanation or assistance in the future please do not hesitate to contact me. Regards Charlie Dawson
Christchurch SAR Group Email: charlie.dawson@airnz.co.nz Mobile: 0272555181

Would be good for the teams to have had to sign in personnel and in/out their radios/GPS as you would at a SAR operation. Post out individual certificates with the assessment sheets. Other than that thank you my team really enjoyed the weekend.

got a lot out of it, good work

Q1: Was the SAR EX course too challenging, too easy, or about right?

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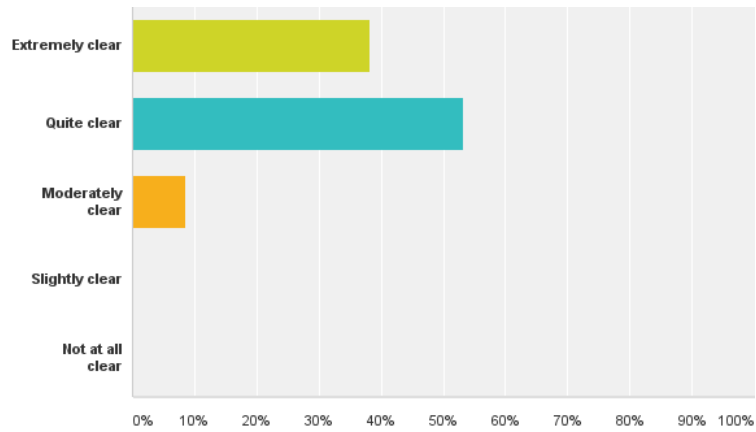
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Answer Choices	Responses
Much too challenging	0.00% 0
Somewhat too challenging	2.13% 1
A little too challenging	0.00% 0
About right	76.60% 36
A little too easy	21.28% 10
Somewhat too easy	0.00% 0
Much too easy	0.00% 0
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Q2: How clear were the objectives of the SAR EX?

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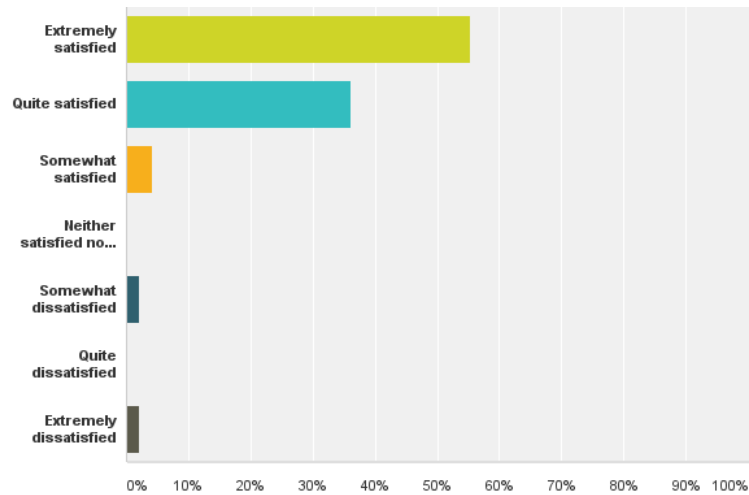
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Extremely clear	38.30% 18
Quite clear	53.19% 25
Moderately clear	8.51% 4
Slightly clear	0.00% 0
Not at all clear	0.00% 0
Total	47

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Q4: Overall, were you satisfied with this event, dissatisfied with this event, or neither satisfied nor dissatisfied?

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Q4: Overall, were you satisfied with this event, dissatisfied with this event, or neither satisfied nor dissatisfied?

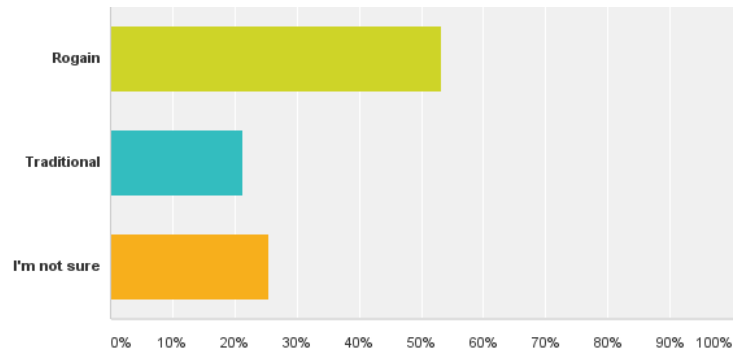
Answered: 47 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices	Responses
Extremely satisfied	55.32% 26
Quite satisfied	36.17% 17
Somewhat satisfied	4.26% 2
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	0.00% 0
Somewhat dissatisfied	2.13% 1
Quite dissatisfied	0.00% 0
Extremely dissatisfied	2.13% 1
Total	47

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Q5: For next year would you like to see another Rogain style SAR Ex, or a traditional style SAR Ex

Answered: 47 Skipped: 0



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Q5: For next year would you like to see another Rogain style SAR Ex, or a traditional style SAR Ex

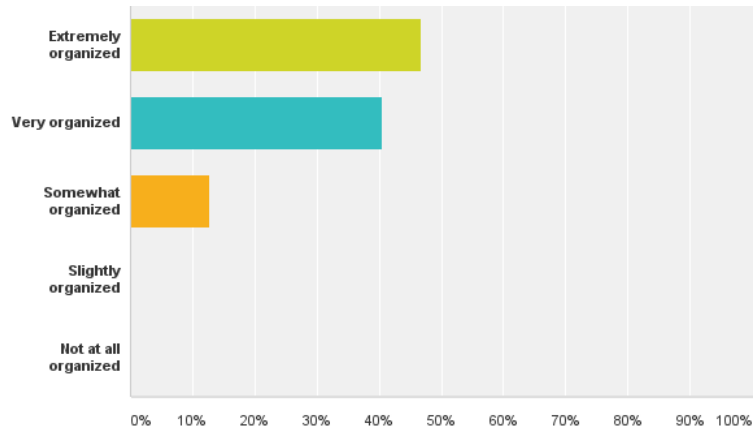
Answered: 47 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices	Responses
Rogain	53.19% 25
Traditional	21.28% 10
I'm not sure	25.53% 12
Total	47

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Q7: How organized was the SAR EX event?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 0



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Q7: How organized was the SAR EX event?

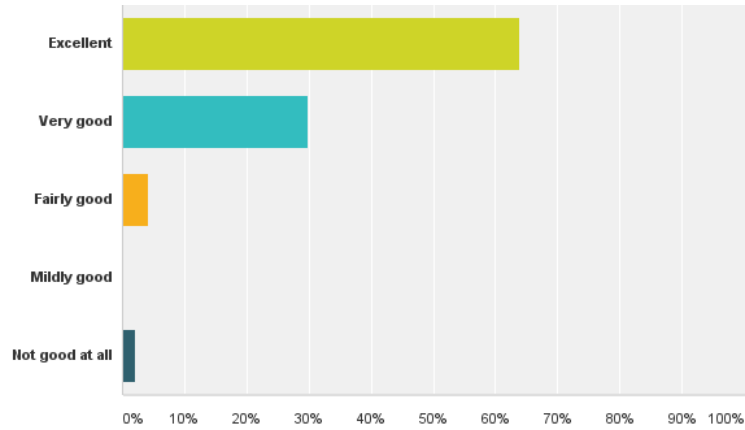
Answered: 47 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices	Responses
Extremely organized	46.81% 22
Very organized	40.43% 19
Somewhat organized	12.77% 6
Slightly organized	0.00% 0
Not at all organized	0.00% 0
Total	47

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Q8: Overall, how would you rate the Rogain SAR EX?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 0



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Q8: Overall, how would you rate the Rogain SAR EX?

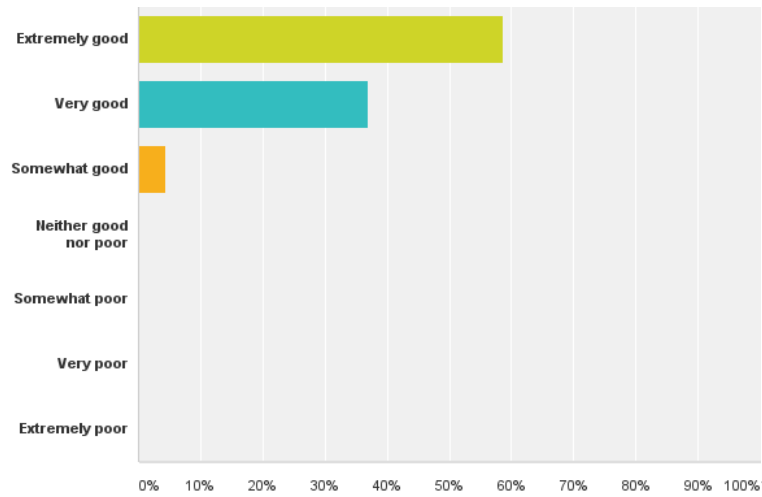
Answered: 47 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices	Responses
Excellent	63.83% 30
Very good	29.79% 14
Fairly good	4.26% 2
Mildly good	0.00% 0
Not good at all	2.13% 1
Total	47

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Q9: How would you rate the venue/location?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 1



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Q9: How would you rate the venue/location?

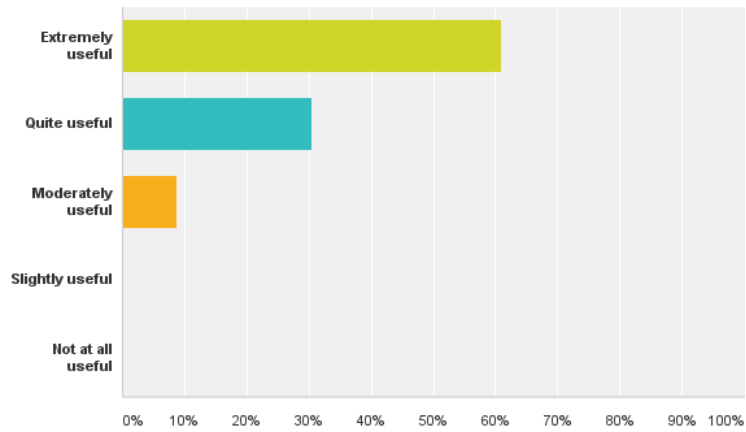
Answered: 46 Skipped: 1

Answer Choices	Responses
Extremely good	58.70% 27
Very good	36.96% 17
Somewhat good	4.35% 2
Neither good nor poor	0.00% 0
Somewhat poor	0.00% 0
Very poor	0.00% 0
Extremely poor	0.00% 0
Total	46

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Q10: How useful for SAR EX training do you think is this style of event?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 1



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Q10: How useful for SAR EX training do you think is this style of event?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 1

Answer Choices	Responses
Extremely useful	60.87% 28
Quite useful	30.43% 14
Moderately useful	8.70% 4
Slightly useful	0.00% 0
Not at all useful	0.00% 0
Total	46

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Appendix D - Results

Christchurch 1	Bealey 3	879
South Canty Police	Bealey 2	831
Christchurch Police	Bealey 4	805
Methven	Bealey 6	803
Christchurch 2	Bealey 9	780
Arthurs Pass	Bealey 7	764
Ellesmere 1	Bealey 12	751
Rakaia	Bealey 13	740
Oxford	Bealey 1	683
Christchurch 3	Bealey 5	680
Christchurch 4	Bealey 11	656
Ellesmere 2	Bealey 10	552