



SARSCENE 2007

Canada's national search and rescue conference
October 17-20
Victoria, British Columbia



SARSCENE, now in its 16th year, is the only national search and rescue event in Canada. The British Columbia Provincial Emergency Program, in association with the British Columbia Search and Rescue Association, is co-hosting this year's conference with the National Search and Rescue Secretariat. SARSCENE will take place at the Victoria Conference Centre across from Victoria's picturesque Inner Harbour.

Who attends

About 700 delegates are expected this year: provincial and territorial emergency programs responsible for search and rescue, volunteers, Canadian Forces, Canadian Coast Guard, police services (including the RCMP), Parks Canada, Transport Canada and Meteorological Service of Canada. Specialists in search and rescue prevention, technology and training attend as delegates, speakers and exhibitors.

Conference activities

- Training courses
- Business meetings
- Games
- Presentations
- Short tutorials
- Exhibits
- Demonstrations
- Social events
- SAR Awards banquet



Victoria and Vancouver Island

Victoria has the mildest climate in Canada and is green all year. It is located on the west coast of Canada on Vancouver Island, situated on the southern tip near the mainland of British Columbia and Washington State. A mountainous spine runs the length of Vancouver Island, breaking into long mountain fjords on its west coast that cut deeply into the island. The west coast of the island is mostly uninhabited, except for a sprinkling of small communities and the world renowned Pacific



Photo: Tourism Victoria

SARSCENE Games

The SARSCENE Games showcase ground and inland water search and rescue in a friendly yet competitive environment.

The Games consist of six challenges that demand cooperation, knowledge and quick thinking by teams of four people. Qualified adjudicators score each event which are designed so that anyone with a basic level of SAR training can participate. Participants with more experience or advanced levels of training may earn higher scores and bonus points in some events.

Events may test such skills as:

- Navigation (compass and GPS)
- Interpretation of maps
- Common SAR knots
- Basic low angle rescue
- Visual search techniques
- First Aid & emergency
- Scene management
- Survival skills
- Search management
- Clues and evidence handling
- Judgment and ingenuity



Games awards will be presented at the opening 'Meet and Greet' on Wednesday night, Oct. 17. Advance registration is appreciated, although there is no cost to enter a team.

Games will take place rain or shine. Contact Carole Smith by e-mail at csmith@nss.gc.ca or call 1-800-727-9414 or (613) 996-3727.

Travel and accommodation

Air Canada is offering a 10% discount for SARSCENE travel. Reservations must be made online at www.aircanada.com quoting promotion code U67HPXP1. See the SARSCENE website for links to the BC Ferries and Washington State Ferries, as well as a list of hotels offering special rates. Mention SARSCENE when you book a room.

All hotels are within walking distance of the Victoria Conference Centre. Check with the hotels on their policies regarding working dogs, early departure fees, parking, breakfast and other costs.

Presentations

Confirmed sessions include:

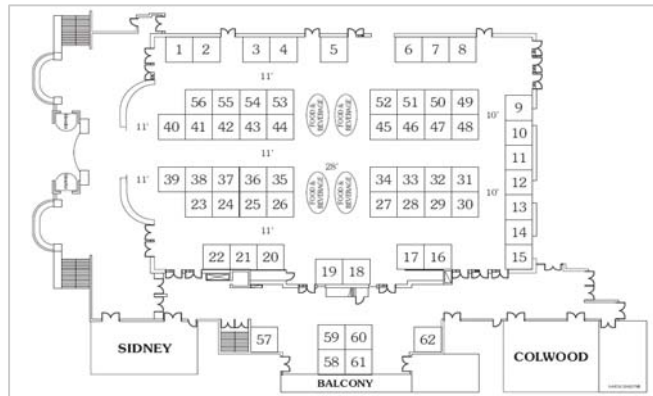
- SAR and 3rd party child abductions
- SAR volunteer credibility
- International best practices for avalanche accidents prevention
- Marine simulator project and training program
- U.S. Civil Aviation Patrol and SAR
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and SAR
- Operation Training
- Risk-taking behaviour: implications for SAR prevention
- Newfoundland and Labrador Training Program
- AdventureSmart - SAR Prevention
- Update on MEOSAR (Cospas-Sarsat)
- The making of a message: the Canadian Avalanche Centre's experience with media coverage
- The latest research in lost person behaviour
- Joint Rescue Coordination Centre
- Locator technologies for wandering patients
- Using a canine log
- SAR Management System including volunteerism and crime investigation
- Police and volunteer panel discussion
- 'Prevention Café' on best practices in SAR prevention
- Tapping into Canadian Forces
- PLB pilot project
- SAR leadership
- SAR New Initiatives Fund - information session
- How technology and the Internet are changing avalanche safety training
- SAR pre-plans for long-term care facilities
- Bears, cougars and rattlesnakes
- CASARA/BC PEP - Air in BC
- Spotting and spotter training
- Canine standards
- Canadian Labour Code
- Underwater recovery
- SAR in the North
- Avalanche exposure terrain scale

SARSCENE Short Tutorials (NEW)

Time has been set aside for 20-minute (or less) tutorials on a specific aspect of SAR. Contact SARSCENE2007@nss.gc.ca with your idea or for further information.

Trade Show

SARSCENE is a unique opportunity for face-to-face interaction with the key people in search and rescue. The trade show is a popular part of the overall program and attracts delegates throughout the event. Coffee breaks and lunch on Friday will be held in the exhibit hall. Breaks are scheduled to give delegates time to visit the exhibits, including a 'no conflict' time at the end of the day on Thursday and Friday



Exhibits will be open to the public on Saturday morning, October 20, 2007. Contact Stephane Bachand at sbachand@nss.gc.ca or call 1-800-727-9414 or (613) 992-8215.

Go to
www.nss.gc.ca
for the most
up-to-date
information
and to register for
SARSCENE 2007.

Demonstrations Saturday, October 20

Search and rescue in action—an outdoor presentation of marine, air and ground scenarios played out for SARSCENE delegates and the public.



REGISTRATION

Online registration is available at www.nss.gc.ca. The deadline for advanced delegate and volunteer registration at a reduced rate is August 31.

Registration includes the opening 'Meet and Greet' (light dinner) on Wednesday, Oct. 17 and lunch with the exhibitors on Friday, Oct. 19. Social events and the closing banquet are not included.

Registration Fees

SAR volunteers	Until August 31	\$100
	From September 1	\$135
Regular delegates	Until August 31	\$300
	From September 1	\$400
Exhibit booths	Until July 31	\$1,150 (includes 2 registrations)
	From August 1	\$1,350 (includes 2 registrations)
Awards Banquet	Per person	\$35

