

LAND SEARCH & RESCUE

Road-show Events, March 2023

Skip and Brett Stoffel, Emergency Response International, USA **Land search management, an international perspective**

New Zealand LandSAR are proud to host international guests Skip and Brett Stoffel at the **LandSAR Hui, March 3-5 2023**. Many longer-serving LandSAR members will know Skip Stoffel from his many previous visits to New Zealand working with Ross Gordon in the delivery of the 5-day MLSO course at the Royal New Zealand Police College and the week of pre-conference courses at the 2004 LandSAR Conference at Hopuhopu.

Brett Stoffel joined the company over 16 years ago and is the current President and CEO of ERI as well as search management, LPB, SAR field skills and survival tutor.

In 2015, Skip, Brett and the ERI team combined with the National Association of Search and Rescue (NASAR) to combine their two search management texts into one standardised SAR management training package. For the first time, this aligned doctrine and practice across all land search management course delivery throughout the USA and around the world where these two organisations deliver SAR management training.

As New Zealand goes through its updating of CIMS and SAR training over the coming years, there is a need to revisit our doctrine and practices. This session will look to share from this experience, address a few myths and misconceptions about search management practices and provide an opportunity to ask questions, seek clarity and develop glimpse into where NZ fits in terms of current doctrine and practices.

In recognition that not every LandSAR member can make the National Hui on 3-5 March, it is planned to have a number of road-show events throughout the country. These sessions are occurring in the evenings to better suit volunteer availability and will be approximately 90 minutes in duration. The locations for this years road-show events have been targeted at regions that missed out on the 2016 road-show events with Chris Young.

The road-show event details and venue hyperlinks (google maps) appear below.

- **Tue 7 March, Cromwell.** Start 1900. Venue: [Lake Dunstan Boat Club, Partridge Road.](#)
- **Thur 9 March, Wellington.** Start 1900. Venue: [Hutt Valley High School Staff Room](#)
- **Fri 10 March, Hawkes Bay.** Start 1930. Venue: [Hastings Fire Station.](#)
- **Sun 12 March, Rotorua.** Start 1830. Venue: [Deer Stalkers Club, Neil Hunt Park, Lynmore.](#)
- **Tues 14 March, Whangārei.** Start 1900. Venue: [Hatea Room, Whangārei Theatre.](#)

Come and enjoy an informative evening with some of the worlds best SAR tutors. Feel free to ask questions, seek clarification and develop your own understanding and be more empowered to contribute to the update of NZ doctrine and practices. Attendance is free and open to any LandSAR and/or Police SAR members and invited guests.

For more information on the road-show events, check with your Group committee or your LandSAR GSO. For more information on the National Hui, last minute registrations, and the current programme go to: landsar.org.nz/about/annual-conference/

