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## **SNOWSKIPPER SEARCH & RESCUE GETTING READY** **Equipment check and more scheduled for Saturday**

Mesa County, Colorado—The winter months have hit Mesa County hard in the last few days, so the timing of an annual meeting for the local Search and Rescue Control, Inc. (SARC) SnowSkipper Team is good. On Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. the SnowSkipper team will be in the front parking lot of the Sheriff's Office inspecting their snow mobile equipment and getting ready for the missions they know are in their near future.

SnowSkippers responded to 7 missions in 2008 and 3 missions in early 2009. SARC overall had 51 missions in 2007, 61 missions in 2008 and is estimated to have 90 missions by the end of 2009.

The media is encouraged to meet with the SnowSkipper members, get good b-roll footage, and get winter survival and outdoor tips. Please keep in mind that the Sheriff's Office does not charge for SARC missions and in most cases gets reimbursed from the State of Colorado for some SARC mission expenses. People pay into the reimbursement statewide fund through the purchase of hunting licenses, ATV licenses, through the purchase of COSAR—Colorado Search and Rescue cards, and more.

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