



# CARECONVOY™

## Gifts that Appreciate

### **Update:**

*Our first organized, coordinated CareConvoy™ was tremendously successful. The CareConvoy™ collected and distributed more than \$80,000 in useable Emergency Services Equipment and surplus Medical Supplies to communities throughout the Baja Peninsula of Mexico, in the weeks before Thanksgiving.*

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Thirteen years ago, Todd Jaynes, the CarConvoy™ Organizer, began providing volunteer Emergency Services for SCORE International Off-Road Racing's events. Working with variety of local agencies, sponsors and participants, Todd has continued recruiting, organizing and supervising these volunteer EMS Crews for Off-road Races across the Baja peninsula.

In 2005, one of the Emergency Services Crews from Idaho included Dennis Pattersen, then Fire Chief from Carey, Idaho (pop. 520). The Carey Fire Department had some usable excess equipment and Turnouts\* (firefighting coats & pants) which they offered to take along, just to see if there was any interest from Emergency Service organizations in Mexico.

The equipment was very well received. The crews from Idaho have been collecting and donating equipment informally since that trip in 2005.

For the "Score - Baja 1000 Race" in November of 2010, the CareConvoy™ became an official international project of Global Peace Partners, Inc. The decision was made to see if this could become a more formalized, more frequent event and whether a concerted effort would significantly increase the scale and scope.

Emergency Services departments in four states were contacted and asked to go through their storage units and set aside usable equipment, supplies, and outdated meds/items which they were not using and could to donate to their brothers in Mexico.

Within one month, the CareConvoy™ collected donated equipment, materials and financial support worth more than \$78,000, with \$2,500 to provide gas for the trucks that were headed south. For every dollar of cash we were able to deliver more than \$30 worth of equipment and supplies.

We knew the CareConvoy™ was going to grow when the very first place we went to collect donations was at the Hagerman, ID Fire Department. They had a full truck load of equipment waiting for us. We quickly had more equipment than we had trucks, volunteer drivers or money for gas.

The CareConvoy™ headed south from Jerome, Idaho with volunteers from Boise, Buhl and Jerome. The CareConvoy™ stopped in Provo and Hurricane, Utah, Beaver Dam, Arizona as well as Mesquite, Nevada to pick up equipment, additional trucks and volunteers.

We entered Mexico at Tijuana and traveled to Ensenada, Mexico where we were met by volunteers, sponsors and the Mexican Red Cross to help distribute the donations to the agencies who were present.

Hannibal, the Director of Alpha Rescate, told a story of a palm tree fire the week before. When his crew turned out to fight it, they only had 3 incomplete sets of turnouts between all the responders. The CareConvoy™ was able to give 15 complete sets of turnouts to his agency alone.

When we asked these firefighters and first responders who were receiving these donations, if they could provide us with hats, shirts, or other commemorative tokens to give to the American groups that had made the donations, they literally gave us the shirts off their backs and the hats off their heads. These tokens are now displayed as memoirs of the event with several donating agencies.

Our first organized CareConvoy™ was a resounding success. We discovered that it cost approximately \$1,500 per truck to send materials to Mexico and return to Idaho. Each pick-up truck carries on average \$30,000 in materials.

We have barely scratched the surface for the amount of usable equipment, supplies and medical items that are available in the U.S. and we have touched just a few of the communities needing this life saving equipment.

The next CareConvoy™ will leave Jerome, Idaho on March 7th for San Felipe, Mexico.



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## You can help:

- If you are a **Hospital, Emergency Services Agency, Fire Department or Emergency Responder**, don't discard usable materials or outdated meds/items, set them aside and call us.
- If you want to **put together a team** to join our CareConvoy™, give us a call and we will either swing by to pick you up or organize another branch to meet us at the border.
- If you are **a driver and would like to take a trip to Mexico** with a pick-up truck full of supplies, we would like to talk with you.
- If you are an **individual, company or organization** that would like to support this life saving effort, **cash donations** can be made to the CareConvoy™ at any Wells Fargo Bank.
- If you would like to help locally, we always need help **driving around, collecting donations and repacking** them for each trip.
- If you are with a **news media** organization and would like to travel with one of the CareConvoys™, give us a call.
- If you would just like to help...we can use **your skills and enthusiasm**.

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## Notes:

We discovered that when Emergency and Fire Districts in larger, wealthier cities buy new supplies and equipment, they pass their usable things to smaller neighbors. These communities in turn pass usable stuff to even smaller communities. Many of these smaller communities and districts rely on these contribution.

There comes point where the smallest more rural communities have no where to pass usable and serviceable equipment. Historically, the material must then be discarded. One Emergency district told us that just weeks before we contacted them for donations, they had taken 3 truck loads of materials to the landfill. This means that thousands of dollars worth of life saving equipment was discarded because they had no other options.

There are a number of reasons that these materials, equipment and supplies must be placed in storage or set aside. The station may have gotten newer equipment. Regulations may have changed preventing its use. It may have some cosmetic damage. All of the materials donated to the CareConvoy™ are usable.



## Sponsors & Participants:

### **SCORE International Off-Road Racing**

<http://www.score-international.com>

<http://www.score-international.com/schedule/>

### **Instant Mexican Auto Insurance** (Hal Andreoli)

<http://www.instant-mex-auto-insur.com/>

### **Professional Security** (Shann Clifford/Anthony Thomkins)

<http://www.manta.com/c/mmlrwp/professional-security-service-inc>

[www.getaguard.com](http://www.getaguard.com) ~ [wewatchit4you@aol.com](mailto:wewatchit4you@aol.com)

### **Hagerman Fire Protection District/Quick Response** (Chief Peterson)

[hagermanfire9471@msn.com](mailto:hagermanfire9471@msn.com)

### **Shoshone City Rural Fire District**

(Jim Holston)

### **Beaver Dam/Littlefield Fire District**

(Chief Hunt)

[ddlfd@relianceconnects.com](mailto:ddlfd@relianceconnects.com)

### **NORRA** (Mike Perlman)

<http://www.norra.com/>

### **Mexican Red Cross** (Rico)

[rlozoya@cruzrojaestatalbc.org](mailto:rlozoya@cruzrojaestatalbc.org)

### **Hurricane, UT** (Duard Stout)

### **Motorsport Medical**

(Rod Gamble/Rick Higgle)

### **Motorsport Safety Solutions**

(DJ Jensen)

## Resources & Information:

<http://www.facebook.com/CareConvoy>

Photos from the November 2010 trip.

<http://www.facebook.com/CareConvoy?v=photos>

\*Turn Outs

[http://www.thefirestore.com/store/category.cfm/cid\\_47\\_turnout\\_gear/](http://www.thefirestore.com/store/category.cfm/cid_47_turnout_gear/)

<http://www.turnoutgear.net/>

approx. \$1,000 new/\$400 used per coat (based on Ebay bids 1/13/2011)

approx.. \$600 new / \$400 used per pants (based on Ebay bids 1/13/2011)

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