

Minutes

Meeting: SAR Council Meeting Place: SBSB HQ
 Date: January 19, 2005 Time: 1905 hours

<u>Unit Members</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Unit Members</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Unit Members</u>	<u>Attended</u>
Apple Valley Posse	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Oak Glen SAR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Vol Forces/IMT/CP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Aviation/Air Medics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Rim of the World	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Barstow SAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Big Bear SAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	SAR Dog Team	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Bear Valley Posse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Cave Rescue Team	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	San Gorgonio SAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Central SAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Valley of the Falls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Colorado River SAR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Victor Valley SAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
East Valley Posse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	West Valley Posse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Morongo Basin Mtd.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	West Valley SAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Morongo Basin SAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Wrightwood/Phelan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Visitors:

1. Dean Miller
2. Roman Chrmszvz
3. Sonny Lawrence
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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 1905 hours by Director Mike Ward followed by the flag salute led by Don Widdows, the most senior SAR member present.
- II. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
- III. **MINUTES** – November minutes were distributed, read, and accepted with corrections.
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Total net worth \$15,444.97. We will need an audit of the books. msa
- V. **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. **Deputy Chief Nobles**
 1. Unable to attend.
 - B. **Capt. Toby Tyler**
 1. Presented Mike Ward with Commander's award from SBSB.
 2. Thanked Virgil Merrett for his efforts in making the SAR teams what they are by way of equipment and budget support.
 - C. **Lieutenant Virgil Merrett**
 1. The Mt. Baldy search was completed with the recovery of the two bodies. Volunteer Forces will help replace the lost gear of the Wrightwood team that was stolen from a locked Sheriff's SAR vehicle.
 2. Introduced our new Volunteer Forces administration.
 3. Lieutenant Merrett told the group he was moving up to Captain and will be moved to cover the Adelanto Detention Center. He thanked the group for their service and willingness to perform their duties.
 - D. **Sgt. Patterson**
 1. Mentioned Darren may be here tonight to say his goodbyes.
 - F. **Cpl. Mike Schlax**
 1. Mike told the group he had taken over for Darren and gave his e-mail address. He told the group he wanted to help in anyway possible and to call him with your requests.
 2. He, and John Amrhein, told the group that they need the Blue Cards sent to Mike.
 - G. **John Amrhein**
 1. John handed out the cards to record the HAM operators. These cards will help Vol. Forces to ID members and have their call signs.
 2. Talked about SAR COM. He discussed the repeaters that we will have available. One more repeater is up, #8, Aero/Quartz. #6 HEAPS has been up. The remainder should be up by summer's end.

3. A portable repeater will be available soon thanks to the efforts of Lt. Merrett.
4. He discussed a class sponsored by the dog team. The class will be held Feb. 12, 2005, at 0900 - 1500 in the SBSB headquarters conference room. Topics will include use of dogs and their benefits. They will discuss court cases involving evidence located or uncovered by dogs. They will discuss records you should keep to make these court cases favorable

H. Mike Ward

1. House Keeping: Mike felt the need to clarify a statement he made at the last meeting. He had asked for the SAR teams patients with regard to team needs stating the department's primary function is law enforcement. He wished to point out that his statement in no way means our SAR teams are unimportant or unappreciated!

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Mounted Parade Detail:** Mike Ward asked Tom Schneider to comment. Tom told the group about upcoming events. The next parade detail meeting will be held at his place this Sunday, January 23rd. Contact Anona Gasca, head parade detail coordinator, at steve.gasca@verizon.net for further information. Or e-mail him at tom_kasey@eee.org. It is open to all who ride and wish to be part of the detail.
- B. **Renae Marticorena**, the Red Cross Volunteer Administrator of Disaster Communications, Stated she needs communicators for the Red Cross that are Ham operators. Please have any persons interested in helping, contact Mike Ward. Lt. Merrett told the group how important the Red Cross's interface with the sheriff's department has been during the fires and recent emergencies. Lt. Merrett felt we should help supports their needs.
- C. **Gift of Love Program:** Mike thanked all that attended and helped in this annual program. It was a very successful year thanks to our SAR teams involvement.
- D. **HAM Courses:** Mike discussed HAM courses for the teams. If your team is interested, please contact Mike Ward. The classes are designed to handle fifteen members at a time. Victor Valley told the group they have a member that can help with the training if we need more instructors.
- E. **Wish List:** Lt. Merrett touched on the list. Some items are available now; the remainder will be available soon.
- F. **Team Roster** with new officers and members. Please make sure Mike Schlax has updated team rosters.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dick Leiterman, East Valley Posse, discussed a book the County EOC is selling as a fundraiser for \$10.00. It is deals with emergencies and the title is "Its a Disaster."
- B. Mike asked the group to read the December issue of The Tracker. He then complemented Jeff Lehman, editor, for doing such a great job and continuing the efforts of the past editors. Please take a moment to read the issue. Jeff will accept any article relative to our efforts as SAR teams.
- C. Steve, Barstow team, invited anyone interested in attending the retirement party for Don Widdows. February 11th at 1830. The dinner will be held at Quigley restaurant, on Linwood Rd. , in Barstow. Cost is under \$15.00 per person. Don was presented with an award recognizing his past 43 years of SAR service and 12 years as a Board Member of SAR council. Capt. Tyler, Lt. Merrett, and Director Ward made the presentation. Mike also presented him with an Inland Empire SAR Council jacket.
- D. Kathy Tindle, who was unable to attend, will be presented with an IESARC jacket for her help as Assistant Director of IESARC over the past two years. Darren Goodman, who was unable to attend, will be presented with a plaque in recognition for his dedication to our SAR teams.

VIII. INDIVIDUAL TEAM OPERATIONS

- A. Mt. Baldy body recovery, Victor Valley, Wrightwood, West Valley, West Valley Posse, Yucaipa teams, the Dive team, SB Fire Rescue, Apple Valley Posse, the Cave team etc. 50-60 members, in all, were present. El Monte residents, a young boy and his mother, went into the river and drowned. We started at the point last seen and continued down stream. The young boy was about 300 feet from PLS and the mother was another 500 feet or so down stream. Dive teams recovered the bodies with the SAR teams on the bank aiding as necessary.
- B. Baseline and Boulder, a young pregnant lady was caught when a debris dam broke loose sweeping her, and her vehicle, into the fast moving river. Rescue efforts began immediately with the helicopter being launched to help. She was not found until days later while continuing the search. Our Helicopter located the body and Central Mountain team, who was also out searching, was brought in to package and prepare the body for the helicopter extraction.
- C. The LA search is still on going. We are helping with the dive teams and cadaver dogs. The level will be dropped another 20 feet. There is a major silt build up. West Valley team will also assist.

- D. The Lytle Creek "Cave Man" went up the canyon on the south wall, approximately a hundred feet from the canyon floor. He was attempting to find shelter in an old mine during the heavy rainstorm. What he found was an indoor swimming pool and was unable to enter. The creek began to rise and he was trapped. With cell phone in hand, and sleeping bag overhead, he stayed outside the mouth of the mine from Saturday until Tuesday waiting for the weather to clear enough to get the helicopter in to him for extraction.
- E. At the Artic Circle, in the Big Bear area, we had two or three cars near the dam spin out on the ice. That caused a major pile up of other cars and busses that blocked a hundred or so cars. Many people were extracted and taken to the Catholic Church Shelter via snow cat. Several cars were left until the roads were cleared. There were no injuries.
- F. Several wash outs were handled via deputies. These were homes that were cut off due to the floods in various areas. Our helicopters brought in food and water. Medical aid was provided as necessary.
- G. We had dog teams for three days at the La Concheta mudslide.
- H. We had a request for help on the Mt. Pinos, Kern County, search. Family members found the lost hiker. He blacked out and died. The family knew his short cuts and were able to locate him.
- I. The Morongo team helped a stranded motorist during the snowstorm in November. San G. has been out on several stranded and lost people due to the floods and slides.
- J. The twin hikers lost on Baldy were found in a very wet and cold condition. There were 24 alpine type team members there. Don Welch came in looking like a drowned cat, according to Lt. Merrett. The conditions were severe to say the least.

NEXT MEETING – MARCH 16, 2005

ADJOURNED AT 20:48 HOURS.

Respectively submitted:

Tom Schneider
IESARC Secretary