

# Minutes

Meeting: SAR Council Meeting Place: SBSB HQ  
 Date: November 17, 2004 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Big Bear Posse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	SAR Dog Team	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Wrightwood/Phelan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Visitors:

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| 1. <u>Denny Wells</u>      | 3. <u>Sonny Lawrence</u> |
| 2. <u>Wendell Anderson</u> | 4. _____                 |

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 1905 hours by Director Mike Ward followed by the flag salute led by Denny Wells, Commander elect of the Victor Valley team

II. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

III. **MINUTES** – September minutes were distributed, read, and accepted.

IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Total net worth \$13,427.70.

V. **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A. **Deputy Chief Nobles**

- DC Nobles told us of the budget that has been partially restored with 155 vacancies being filled. There will be 38 new trainees in the next academy. There will be several laterals to fill other open positions.
- Capt. R. Beemer has been promoted to Deputy Chief beginning in January.
- The department plans on purchasing six new Eurocopers B-3 at a cost of \$2.2 mil each. We have dollars set aside for two with one more being purchased with funds from selling aviation assets. The remaining three will be purchase in the next fiscal year.
- The new jail acquisition in Adelanto is in process.

B. **Lieutenant Virgil Merrett**

- Told the group that \$1050 was given to the IESARC from the proceeds of the BSAR class from out of county personnel. He also asked for the purchase of a range finder for less than \$500 for laying out the navigation courses. Additionally it could be used, if necessary, for other SAR needs.
- He discussed other funds that we have collected as sponsorship from Fife, Webb & Associates, and Bionx.
- He stated that between \$20,000 and \$25,000 would be available for the wish list. The items will be communication gear (155 stuff) and safety gear such as ropes, helmets, etc. He also mentions that if light bars were required they needed to be added to the wish list.

C. **Darren Goodman**

- Discussed the wish list and told the groups that he needed the lists ASAP with the new guide lines listed by Lt. Merrett.
- Alpine searchers will be searching this weekend and he has sent out a notice. **(This has since been cancelled by e-mail to all groups.)**
- BMC will be held this weekend with over 65 members signed up.
- First Aid/CPR was discussed. Volunteer forces have instructors available to all groups. The requirement is for an initial 21 hour course then four hours each year after that. Some of the teams have used the American Red Cross class for eight to ten hours and it is good for three years. Darren will get the policy and it will be given to all members so there is uniformity in the dept.

D. **John Amrhein**

- Addressed the HAM community in SAR and will be sending out a request for names and call signs for the members.

**E. Mike Ward**

1. Mike stated the next HAM class would be available to East Valley Mounted Posse. They had requested the class. Tony Webb and Mike have it arranged for January.
2. The Red Cross will submit a proposal and request for us to support them in time of disaster along with our normal ICS activities. We will support them with HAM operators for communication. We do not plan on reducing our effectiveness, but will improve our efforts with their information and input.
3. Mike showed a Gall's orange Duck canvas jacket for about \$80.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Mounted Parade Detail:** was discussed by Mike Ward. Tom told the group about upcoming events. The next parade will be held in Fontana on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Contact Anona Gasca, head parade detail coordinator, at [steve.gasca@verizon.net](mailto:steve.gasca@verizon.net) for further information. It is open to all who ride and wish to be part of the detail.
- B. **Sheriff's Gift of Love Program** Gift of Love program was discussed by Mike Ward. It will be at the Redlands Elks Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 11am. All wishing to help, please come on down
- C. **Team Tracker Articles & Pictures**
  1. Jeff stated he needs articles for the publication. Jeff also asked us to comment on the rock oversight committee standards. They are listed at [www.rroc@sbsar.org](http://www.rroc@sbsar.org). The comments need to be in ASAP.
  2. Communication is great with the sites we have; however, he has also provided us with a site for county items only. See [sarinfo-subscribe@sbsar.org](mailto:sarinfo-subscribe@sbsar.org). If you wish, subscribe so you will know what is happening in the county.
- D. **MRA Honor Guard, Kirk Coy, Pres Elect.** was presented a plaque with the various team patches framed. This was for their participation for our fallen teammates.
- E. **Wilderness EMT Trial Study:** Shirley Keebaugh, team spokeswoman, stated the trials will probably not meet the desired volume of information required by early next year. Lt. Merrett put out his arm for an IV to help. That is what I call support for our teams. She also stated the EMT requirements may be changed to accommodate the WEMT needs. We will have to wait and see.
- F. **Wish List:** Was discussed with teams being requested to turn in their lists if they have not done so yet. The list will be limited to gear and safety items.
- G. **Budget update/Vehicle Replacement:** Victor Valley discussed their problems with vehicles. Wrightwood said they had a unit with over 261000 miles. There will be new replacement units available in the future.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Ham Radio Classes:** East Valley Mounted Posse will be next for no code ham class and test in January. This class will be made available to all the teams; cost \$35. Contact Mike Ward for more information.
- B. **Mountain Resort Guide:** Mike showed us the 2005 Mountain Resort Guide proofs. It has a four-page article about SAR and what we do. This would normally cost about \$6,000. The people up there, due to the David Gonzales search, learned of our activities and invited us to send in the data for free. Tony Webb was responsible for obtaining this service. Many provided pictures and text along with Vol. Forces and Mike.
- C. **Range Finder Locator for BSAR:** \$400 range finder for use during BSAR training to be funded from IESAR - need approval of IESARC, discuss w/ team. motion made for budget of \$500.
- D. **Red Cross Comm.:** assistance request for communications during disasters, w/b looking for joint operation w/ Red Cross and Sheriff; discussion of fires and coordination w/ field ICs, etc, they are one more leg to SBCO emergency ops, primarily to coordinate evacuations.
- E. **RROC:** J. Lehman, standards review, on web @ [rroc.sbsar.org](http://rroc.sbsar.org), request comments on standards by Friday; send email to [sarinfo-subscribe@sbsar.org](mailto:sarinfo-subscribe@sbsar.org) for SBCO SAR only
- F. **Election of a board.**
  1. Shirley Keebaugh was nominated and accepted the position for Asst. Director, along with Tom Schneider for Secretary and Dave Northrop for Treasurer. Don Widdows has been Treasurer for the past 12 years beginning with the inception of IESARC. He decided it was time to let someone else hold the purse strings for a while. He plans to travel.
  2. Lt. Merrett informed the group that the position of Director was an appointment by the Sheriff. Sheriff Penrod, DC. Nobels and Lt. Merritt have approved Mike Ward as Director for a second term.

**VIII. INDIVIDUAL TEAM OPERATIONS**

- A. Morongo team located a 72 year old from Carlsbad at Indian Cove. He was located at Rattlesnake. They were dispatched at 0100 and located him at 0600. Great Work!!

- B. West Valley was at the search for our missing hiker at Baldy and was going home when they were dispatched again and located a missing couple.
- C. Victor Valley helped recover a motorcyclist from a mineshaft where he had fallen over 700 feet. The Kern County Mine team, that happened to be in the area, gave them a helping hand. This was near Red Mountain. They also told of locating a 75-year-old male that was lost somewhere in the desert. Originally he was thought to be off the road near 138, but later was located near Kramer Junction. The phone company stated he was at 138 then on the next call he hit the tower near George AFB. We now know the signal will travel greater than the five miles they believed it would travel. They also located a male lost in the deep creek area. He was located when he drove out of the area and noticed several sheriff's cars around and asked if they were looking for him. However it works... thanks to all for helping people survive.

**NEXT MEETING – JANUARY 19, 2005**

**ADJOURNED AT 21:05 HOURS.**

**Respectively submitted:**

**Tom Schneider  
IESARC Secretary**