
Minutes

Meeting:	SAR Council Meeting	Place:	SBSD HQ
Date:	March 17, 2004	Time:	1905 hours

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 1905 hours by Director Mike Ward followed by the flag salute led by Doug Fish.
- II. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
- III. **MINUTES** – January minutes were distributed, read, and accepted.
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Total net worth \$12,996.72. The annual audit was performed by Dave Northrop. All was found acceptable.
- V. **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- A. Deputy Chief Cardwell**
1. Listed the changes to the Volunteer Forces group: Lt. Virgil Merrett will replace Mike Tuttle, Mike Schlax will replace Cpl Bill Fertig.
 2. Chief Cardwell discussed the budget. He said it is not great, but we will get through it. Propositions 57 and 58 did pass which were a big help in the budgeting the department. He stated that if one takes the governor's budget at face value, there could be a 140 head count reduction or 20% lay off. He also said that due to the nature of the business, that of public safety, he and the executive staff believes the number would be closer to 12 to 13%. With the leadership of Sheriff Penrod, a hiring and promotion freeze was put in place in February. As a result of this action, the department may not have to lose anyone and be able to continue to do the fantastic job that the deputies, staff, and all of the volunteers perform every day for the citizens of San Bernardino County.
 3. The wish list was discussed. The \$30,000 that we have seen in the past **had been reduced for FY 2003/2004** to \$17,000 or less. **The amount that will be spent is pending review now.**
 4. Chief Cardwell is planning on retirement this month after 32 years of fantastic service. He thanked the teams for all they do to make the department work. Deputy Chief Warren Nobles will replace him.
- B. Lieutenant Virgil Merrett**
1. Discussed the wish list and stated since it was being reduced, that only the safety and necessary items such as ropes, helmets, etc. would be considered this year.
 2. He gave us a general background for himself. He has been with the department for over 31 years and his last assignment was with Intelligence. He has ICS Ops training and should be a great asset for our teams.
 3. Lt. stated that Sergeant Weston was moved to Central for short term TDY assignment. Sergeant Todd Patterson will replace Cliff Weston during the interim.
- C. John Amrhein**
1. Thanked us for getting in blue cards and to remind us that they need to continue as assignments or trainings are accomplished.
 2. YES camp **has been cancelled** due to budget concerns. There is a \$10,000 cost for this event. There are possible alternatives for funding from United Way or fundraisers from the SAR council. We will have to wait to see what happens. Presently however, the YES Camp for this year is **cancelled**.
 3. John reminded us to start getting our teams thinking of and getting ready for the coming fire season. There will be a video discussing "trapped by fire" available within the next few months.
 4. The Volunteer staff will be on a 9-80 work week, which will mean the best time to get a hold of the people will be e-mail or call between Tuesday and Thursday.
 5. TRBC is being pushed back to June.
- D. Mike Ward**
1. Told the council that Red Jayne, father of David Jayne, a Fontana reserve, recently passed away. The funeral will be 3-20-04 at 11:00 in the Arlington Cemetery. Red was in the Navy and a retired **reserve** deputy.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS**
- A. Team Tracker Articles & Pictures**
1. Mike Ward thanked the council for their team's contributions – keep sending article and photos in! As a result of your help and Jeff Lehman's editorial magic the tracker is going well.
- B. Wilderness EMT Trial Study**
1. Cameron Heald of the WV SAR team, stated that there is still a need for patient contact. Lt. Merrett described to the council the method for that assistance. For each call out that may have a WEMT need, contact Volunteer Forces. They will call the WV SAR team and get them on standby. When it is apparent there will be a W-EMT contact, Volunteer Forces will activate the W-EMT group for the field. This will give the W-EMT teams improved training and improved stats. Cameron Heald told the group there have been several patient contacts over the past few months.

2. The council was informed there was still a need for an AED (de-fib unit) at about \$1,200 and a Pulse Ox machine at about \$600. Cameron Heald told the group that the med pack weighs about 60 pounds.

C. Election of a secretary.

1. Tom Schneider had been nominated at the last meeting. Mike Ward opened the nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations; therefore, Tom Schneider is the council secretary. He is with the Wrightwood Search and Rescue team and may be reached at tom_kasey@eee.org.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. All County Search March 27, 2004

1. Lt. Merrett told the council there would be an intensive search for Daniel Katz. This is the lost pilot that crashed in the Lytle Creek area two years ago. The area has been cleared significantly with the fire activity last year. We are going to look in a two mile square. It is hoped that the ground teams will be at or over 64 members. That will make 16 four-person teams for the higher elevations (up to 3500') and two to four ATV and mounted teams to handle the lower areas. Lt. stated that if there is rain within a 24-hour period prior to the event, it will be rescheduled. Our safety is the utmost important! We will be meeting just East of Sierra and the 15 freeway. Ground teams will meet at 0600 for food, briefing at 0700 and deployment at 0800. Mounted and ATV teams will start the process at 0800 with deployment at 1000. We are looking for at least a 95% POD.
2. Radio communication was discussed and those having their radios as requested were reprogrammed to the new channels. The old programs will still work. The new programming is to take advantage of the repeaters. Two portable repeaters will be placed for this search.

B. SAR Council Fundraising

1. Mike Ward discussed the corporate fundraising proposal. Ron Pesch told the group that a \$1,000 donation from corporate sponsors were not that out of reach. Mike and Ron have several potential sponsors already. Mike and Ron will put together a proposal for the Lt. to review and get approved from the department.

VIII. JOINT SAR OPERATIONS CRITIQUES

- A. The dog and mounted teams had training in the Waterman area for the juvenile still missing from the mud slides last December. Big Bear stated they and San G. were called for a snowboarder that they found walking trying to find his way out.

IX. INDIVIDUAL TEAM OPERATIONS

- A. NTR.

X. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Bill Maclay stated the communication team is waiting for County COM to install the repeaters. It was stated last meeting this may not occur until this summer. Bill is in the process of reprogramming the radios with that information. Please get radios to Bill for that programming if not already done.

XI. SAR Council Fundraising - Bionx

- A. Jim McDougald discussed the physiological aspects of the body of athletes, business professionals and search and rescue personnel. He stated there is a need for body repair after stress and strenuous activity. The Bionx product helps him to accomplish this. Jim talked about the benefits for him and introduced Jim Autio, President and Founder of Bionetworth, Inc. Jim Autio has written books on the nutritional aspects of health. He provides a product that designs the nutritional supplements that business professionals dealing with stress, athletes dealing with body injuries and damage. Search and Rescue personnel deal with both of these items and Jim has offered an idea that falls into the fundraising part of our team. Jim will donate a portion of his profits for our team's purchases and sales. We will not be endorsing the product, just making it available to our members and their friends and family. This will be the same as the pro-deals we now have with other suppliers. The only difference is we will be making a portion of the profits. It appears to be little effort on our part and a benefit for members and their families. Rick Johnson, a seven time motocross winner, talked about how the product had helped him recover from various injuries and bodily damage. This proposal will be developed and presented by Jim and Mike to the Lt. for consideration. There needs to be the department's approval. The web site is <http://www.bionetworth.com>.

NEXT MEETING – MAY 19, 2004

ADJOURNED AT 21:05 HOURS.

Respectively submitted:

Tom Schneider
IESARC Secretary