

# Minutes

Meeting: SAR Council Meeting Place: SBSB HQ  
 Date: January 18, 2006 Time: 1900 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Oak Glen SAR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Vol Forces	<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	Command Post	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Barstow SAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Communication Team	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	San Bernardino Mtd SAR	<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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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. Lucille Durfee, Central Mountain
2. Ty Luck, Central Mountain
3. Carl O'Day, Central Mountain
4. \_\_\_\_\_

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 1906 hours by Director Mike Ward followed by the flag salute led by Corporal Dave Martin, Coordinator of the Central Mountain Team.
- II. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** Numerous guests were introduced.
- III. **MINUTES** – November minutes were distributed, read, and accepted.
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Total net worth \$15,068.37.
- V. **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
  - A. **Deputy Chief Cates**
    1. Unable to attend.
  - B. **Capt. Toby Tyler**
    1. Unable to attend.
  - C. **Lt. Glenn Grabiec**
    1. Unable to attend. He and John Amrhein are at a meeting in Sacramento concerning SAR.
  - D. **Sgt. Patterson**
    1. Informed the group that the Commander's and Coordinator's meeting would be held March 11, 2006 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Directions and additional information will be forwarded to the stations for the volunteers.
  - E. **Dep. Dave Pichotta**
    1. Blue Cards need to be turned in by ALL the teams for training and searches.
    2. Dave requested a year-end report from all the teams, if possible. Several teams prepare a summary of events over the past year and he would like a copy. It will help him when he prepares the final report for the department regarding our efforts.
    3. Dave and others are working on the Volunteer Forces website. He needs pictures, history, etc. We also need to update our individual team web sites if appropriate. They will be linked from the Volunteer Forces web site.
    4. Did I mention, Dave said to get your Blue Cards in!
  - F. **John Amrhein**
    1. Unable to attend. (see above)
- VI. **Joint SAR Missions –Critique**
  - 1 Mt. Baldy search on January 10, 2006 for three hikers. We had about 18 people respond. The hikers were trying to do a day hike and ran out of time and weather. We found one that night and the other two were located the next morning and air lifted out.
  - 2 Highland Area search on January 16, 2006 for a critical missing 12-year-old male juvenile. He went to play failing to return. We launched a search with twelve people, that grew to eleven teams of three to five people. The child was ultimately a runaway and bolted for home when he realized we were searching for him. This search put unarmed personnel looking for a runaway in an area known for violence. Volunteer Forces will review our policy on

runaways for the future. Our safety is of utmost importance to the department and we need to remain as safe as possible.

**VII. INDIVIDUAL TEAM OPERATIONS**

- A. Nothing to report at this time.

**VIII. Communication Team report**

- A. The team is still pushing for repeaters to be installed.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Transfer of information.** Mike spoke about teams and their members asking him questions concerning topics that they should have known about. Topics that were covered during SAR Council meetings. Please be sure the information from the meetings gets to the teams.
- B. **ICS Overhead Team.** A class of twenty-four members went through ICS 300 class put on by County Fire. This will put us in a better situation when we have the need for overhead ICS personnel. Thanks to Shirley Keebaugh for making the class happen.
- C. **Water.** East Valley Water District donated large quantities of water to us for our teams. Each team will receive ten cases. Mike would like to have a picture taken in the February timeframe showing the various types of resources we have available, Mounted, ATV, Ground pounders, Search dogs etc., and present it to the Water company with our thanks for their sponsorship of SAR Council. This is a much-appreciated gift and will save the teams from spending their own funds to purchase water for missions and training.
- D. **Battered Women and Children's Christmas Program.** Mike talked about the Gift of Love Program held at the Moose Lodge in Mentone. Mothers and children had a wonderful day of Christmas fun and gifts topped off with a little love...courtesy of our people. For most of the mothers and their children, this WAS their Christmas. It was a great event and thanks to all who helped make it a special for those less fortunate.
- E. **Team Information** As a repeat, please be sure to get Dave Pichotta team information about pagers, cell phones, e-mails etc. If Dave doesn't have your information, you may not receive notices of events and other info when he sends it out.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **IESARC Board Vacancy.** We have a vacancy for Assistant Director. Please determine if you, or a teammate, have the time and interest in helping the council support all our SAR teams. We will vote and fill the slot at our next meeting in March.
- B. **Jeremy Thomas** is the present editor of **The Tracker** while Jeff Lehman is out of the country. The January issue will be forthcoming. [SARINFO@SBSAR.ORG](mailto:SARINFO@SBSAR.ORG) will be the site to get information. To subscribe to the information site, go to [SARINFO-SUBSCRIBE@SBSAR.ORG](mailto:SARINFO-SUBSCRIBE@SBSAR.ORG). Jeremy of the Wrightwood SAR team has requested that everyone send in articles and pictures. He has also requested a Calendar of events for the various teams so he can put that in The Tracker as well. Please support our Tracker with your articles. The publication and Jeremy's efforts are only as good as your support with articles and pictures.
- C. **Bishop Search** was discussed by Dave Pichotta. This was at the Sherwin grade where a mother and daughter became stuck in their car. It was cold and snowing. They left the car to look for a way out. Tuesday Mom was found in the car, not in good shape. The deceased daughter was located Friday. Corporals Brian Lane and Thad Riley, of our Volunteer Forces Unit, provided out teams with excellent support while we were in the field. It was learned that several snow and ice teams did not bring their avalanche beacons or probes. There was a discussion concerning the need to have a cache of those items available at Volunteer Forces for such call outs. Sonny Lawrence suggested we purchase ten beacons at \$80 each for the cache.
- D. **Volunteer Forces Volunteer of the Year award** was presented to Tom Schneider by Sgt. Patterson, Dave Pichotta and Mike Ward. (Directors note: Tom's accomplishments for 2005 are extensive and space prohibits us from listing them all here. Watch for a complete rundown in an upcoming Tracker. – Mike)

**NEXT MEETING – MARCH 15, 2006**

**ADJOURNED AT 20:45 HOURS.**

**Respectively submitted:**

**Tom Schneider**  
**IESARC Secretary**