

Minutes

Meeting: SAR Council Meeting Place: SBSB HQ
 Date: **March 15, 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 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 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		

Visitors:

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 1906 hours by Director Mike Ward followed by the flag salute led by Ron Pesch, Victor Valley SAR.
- II. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** No guests were present.
- III. **MINUTES** – January minutes were distributed, read, and accepted.
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Total net worth \$15,130.37.
- 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 Capt. Tyler were at a special Foot Printers dinner honoring Volunteers.
 - D. **Sgt. Todd Patterson**
 1. Informed the group that he will be moving up to Lieutenant at West Valley Court Services. The council stated we would miss him immensely.
 2. He stated he was recently in Sacramento and the SAR memorial was discussed. The land for the memorial has been given to us, sort of; he expects the memorial to be built in the next few years. Look for Assembly Bill 2525 for further information.
 - E. **Dep. Dave Pichotta**
 1. **Blue Cards** need to be turned in by ALL the teams for training and searches.
 2. Dave showed the team a form that will be used when signing up for classes i.e. BSAR, PVS, BMS, TRBC, etc. It will require a \$50 refundable deposit. This will assure attendance of those that sign up.
 3. Dave talked about the ongoing Katz search. There was a possible sighting, but determined the same GPS reading was looked at last time. The NTSB will update their records.
 4. Did I mention, to get your **Blue Cards** in!
 - F. **John Amrhein**
 1. Had several computers from tech services for the teams. He passed out nine of them. They can be used for mapping software as well as other team needs.
- VI. Joint SAR Missions –Critique
 Nothing to report at this time
- VII. **INDIVIDUAL TEAM OPERATIONS**
 - A. Nothing to report at this time.
- VIII. **Communication Team report**
 - A. Bill McClay talked about the Homeland Security Grant for a communication device that will be placed in our Comm. Unit making it possible to link the various radios together.

- B. He also talked about the county wide paging system that is being evaluated. Further information will be forthcoming.
- C. Bill talked about Standard Horizon's radio HX 370S. It is a 40 channel plus marine channels for \$160. If interested, contact Bill at Bill@tourdog.com. Bill has the software to program the radios. Again, if interested in this offer, please contact Bill.
- D. If a team has a repeater that they wish to put into service, please contact the Communication team through John or Dave at Volunteer Forces.

Nominations for Assistant Director of Council were held to fill Shirley Keebaugh vacancy. The nominees were **Donna Newlin** of Rim SAR, **Rich Dexter** of Morongo SAR (He opted out), and **Dave Nicolet** of Morongo Mounted SAR.

A secret vote was held and Donna Newlin was elected. She will serve the remainder of Shirley's term. (Donna, welcome to the dark side. You owe your team ice cream.)

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Blue Cards.** Mike reiterated Dave's comments about getting them in. Teams should complete them if they do [any kind of training or mission](#). Put the type of training under synopsis. **Blue Cards** are very important when it comes to funding SAR.
- B. **Water Sponsor Photo Op.** Mike asked the group when they would like to get together for a group photo that will be given to East Valley Water District for sponsoring all our teams. Tentatively it was agreed the picture would be taken at Aviation on April 23rd. Further information will be out later in a mass e-mail. If you do not have your address in to Dave Pichotta, get it in now.
- C. **Contact Information.** Text pagers, cell phone numbers, and other communication devices will be addressed and contact information sent in to Dave Pichotta. He will have, within the next few weeks, a mass e-mail with the information form.
- D. **Team Website information.** If you have pictures, history, links etc., of your team, get it to Dave so he can put it on the sheriff's website.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Highland Citrus Harvest Festival.** Mike talked about the event. He has enough participants; however, if you wish to attend please contact Mike.
- B. **Jeremy Thomas** is the present editor of **The Tracker** while Jeff Lehman is out of the country. The March issue will be forthcoming. SARINFO@SBSAR.ORG will be the site to get information. To subscribe to the information site, go to 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 add 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. **Volunteer Appreciation Picnic** will be held at Glen Helen Park on May 6th. Please refer to the flyer that is going around. If you do not have one, please contact Dave Pichotta.
- D. **West Valley's Run for Rescue** was discussed by Cam of the West Valley team. Contact him for further information. It should be a fun time and goes for a great cause. healdfam@aol.com
- E. **CERT Conference** will be held May 15-17th. Caution was given about joining CERT. In case of an emergency where a CERT team would be used, we will probably be activated as a SAR team causing conflict. The training, however, would be great for all including the family. (CERT = Community Emergency Response Teams)
- F. **Keller Peak Repeater 'Rescue Net'** is now being held Tuesdays at 2000 hours. Keller is at 146.985 with standard negative input down 600 with a PL tone of 146.2. The purpose is to get rescue and disaster personnel talking and developing relationships for the good of our communities. Discussions will be encouraged on the common problems we face during disasters.
- G. **SAR - X** was discussed by Ron Pesch of the Victor Valley team. His team is willing to consider putting one on if there is interest. Council response was positive, so Ron will get an outline ready for next meeting.
- H. **Requirements for going into the Field** were discussed. If a member does not have BSAR completed, passed and a current First Aid / CPR cert. Then they cannot go into the field. Until an applicant becomes a member, they cannot go into the field nor participate in training due to liability issues.
- I. **All County Mounted SAR Training** will be held in, and hosted by Morongo Mounted on April 30th. Contact Dave Nicolet at davenicolet@earthlink.net. This should be a fun and valuable training time for all mounted personnel.
- J. **Sheriff Penrod's award** was presented to him at the Commanders and Coordinators meeting held earlier this month. Tom Schneider, Volunteer of the Year for 2005, made the presentation on behalf of all the volunteers in our county. It represents our appreciation for the support and strength he gives to all the volunteers. He allows us to have a positive impact in our communities.

NEXT MEETING – MAY 17, 2006
ADJOURNED AT 20:40 HOURS.

Respectively submitted:

Tom Schneider
IESARC Secretary