

Minutes

Meeting: SAR Council Meeting Place: SBSB HQ
 Date: May 18, 2005 Time: 1900 hours

| <u>Unit Members</u> | <u>Attended</u> | <u>Unit Members</u> | <u>Attended</u> | <u>Unit Members</u> | <u>Attended</u> |
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| 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 | <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 | | | | |
| 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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:

1. Donny Atchison – Valley of Falls
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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 1907 hours by Director Mike Ward followed by the flag salute led by Mark Rowland, Bear Valley.
- II. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
- III. **MINUTES** – March minutes were distributed, read, and accepted.
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Total net worth \$15,156.98. . msa
- V. **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. **Assistant Sheriff Chief Warren Nobles**
 1. He is attending another function and unable to attend our meeting tonight. Lt. Grabiec will present his comments.
 - B. **Capt. Toby Tyler**
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 - C. **Lt. Glenn Grabiec**
 1. Lt. Grabiec told the group that our executives listed above were in a special meeting for the department and county.
 2. Discussed his staff has made the Tracker available on line at Starlink. This is the department's internal site. This will allow those in the department to see what we are doing as SAR groups.
 3. Lt. discussed his SAR coordinator's meeting that he attended on a state level. He discussed the State SAR memorial. It is in the works and is moving forward.
 4. Lt. also shared the fact that our Volunteer Memorial at the sheriff's headquarters is also in its initial stages of development.
 5. He told us that the reason he wrote for the Tracker on NIMS (National Incident Management System) was that NIMS deals with making mutual aid more effective on the state level.
 - D. **Sgt. Patterson** was unable to attend.
 - E. **Cpl. Mike Schlax**
 1. Mike will send out an e-mail reiterating his comments on a \$1000 tax credit for EMS and fire personnel. Apparently the OES is asking for an expansion of the tax credit to cover SAR personnel. He encouraged SAR volunteers to contact our political representatives to encourage this expansion.
 2. Volunteer badges are in the works and we were told it would be about six weeks before we can expect to receive the badges. That would be the end of June. Another order can be placed at that time.
 3. Mike talked about the Mariposa County search for an 86-year-old gentleman who is lost in a very "steep, rugged and cold" area. The day we were there, there were 94 searchers and we made up 27 of them. Cpl. Schlax thanked the teams for their support.
 4. Pro deals were discussed. If you need them immediately, then go elsewhere. The orders sometimes take longer than one would expect, but that is why we save the amount of money we save.

5. TRBC is set for about 24 students in July. We presently have 20 students, which leaves four slots available. If you are interested, please sign up soon.

F. Dep. Dave Pichotta

1. He said he would talk about the Ludlow search later in the meeting.
2. Other than that he had no additional comment.

G. John Amrhein

1. Fire Season is now here. Remember the handouts he gave out at last month's meeting. If you do not have a copy, notify John and he will send you a copy via e-mail. He did remind us to have our vehicles prepared with the two rolls of yellow tape, masks for smoke and goggles.
2. John told us that the Stater Brothers' owner was driving up the 15 Freeway and he had an idea to donate a recruitment billboard for our volunteers. John presented a model of the billboard to the group.

VI. Joint SAR Missions –Critique

- 1 Mike Ward told the group that we were moving this item to earlier in the meeting. It is important and he wanted all to be awake when it was presented.
- 2 Mariposa county search for older gentleman - see above comments
- 3 Riverside county searches were two in number. The first was a boy scout lost in Idyllwild. Riverside Air found the scout.
- 4 The second search in Riverside County was for a lady. She has still not been located.
- 5 Indio had a search at which the dog teams were present. Of the six teams present, four were our teams.
- 6 Mike reported that Riverside SO is considering developing a SAR council and SAR training similar to that received in the SBCSD. A Riverside SAR member is now practicing with the BSAR group to learn how to put that type of initial training on for their department.

VII. INDIVIDUAL TEAM OPERATIONS

- A. No teams had individual search reports at this time.

VIII. Communication Team

1. John Amrhein told the group that all of the equipment (Repeaters) was in and available to be installed. He expects these to be installed soon, but had no data.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Mounted Parade Detail:** Mike Ward asked Tom Schneider to comment. Tom told the council about upcoming events. The next parade detail training will be held the first Sunday of each month. Any mounted individual is invited to attend. It is great training and parades can be fun. The group won a first place award at the Norco Parade this past month. If you are interested, 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. **Mike** told the group that the latest version of The Tracker was out online. Jeff Lehman needs articles and pictures for the newsletter. Your team trainings and events are important and people in other groups are interested. Jeff's e-mail address is in The Tracker.
- C. **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. Cost \$35, which includes a book, that is returnable. Victor Valley told the council they have a member, Bob Hall, that will assist teams desiring to become HAMS. He is less expensive (free class plus the cost of a book). The next class will probably be in June.
- D. **Wilderness EMT (WMT) status** was discussed by Shirley Keebaugh. Wes Podboy and Dr. D. Bervel, MD, went to the State meeting to present the statistics for the past 18-month trial period. The state wished more data and gave the WMT group another 18-month period to gain additional data. Both Wes and Debbie were asked to join the state committee defining the criteria for EMTs.
- E. **Fire evacuation and Supplies** were again brought up by Mike. He told the group we were going to have within the next few months a special guest(s) to discuss how we should prepare and handle ourselves in a fire to be SAFE (Our number one rule.) Shirley mentioned that our clothing should be long-sleeve white cotton under shirt with no logos. Our pants and other items should be cotton. Poly pro and other man made items tend to melt and that is a bad thing. Our guest will discuss these and other items on Fire safety.
- F. **Dave Nicolet, Mounted Requirement Committee**, talked about the items the committee discussed. It included the types of training, the types of equipment, and the standardization needed for all mounted teams. He mentioned they will be preparing a PR item to tell those in the SAR and ICS community what horses can do and how to best use them as a resource. They will probably meet again in June.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Patrick "Packy" Wassell** retired from the San Gorgonio SAR team after 41 years! Please see the article in The Tracker.

- B. **Mike talked about a computerized callout system.** It is presently in evaluation and will be discussed further next meeting. It is designed to allow Volunteer Forces to notify all the necessary teams at one time with responses due back within minutes instead of hours, etc.
- C. **Dave Pichotta** talked about the Ludlow evidence search in Ludlow on May 21. It will be a search for evidence used in a homicide that occurred several years ago. New information has been made available to possibly tell where the items may be located. The search will start at 0600 with a briefing.
- D. **ICS Overhead Personnel** are needed to help man the IC. Shirley discussed the idea of having a group of trained SAR personnel capable to man the IC as time goes by. She offered the David Gonzalez search and fire missions where we had many days of operation and ran the IC personnel ragged. The qualified personnel would need the ICS 200 and 300 classes and Management of the Search Function class presented by OES. She explained that several Fire Departments have the ICS 200 and 300 classes available. Mike Schlax stated that the OES class may be available locally in early fall. If you are interested, contact Shirley at skeebaugh@aol.com.
- E. **NASAR Elections** will be held in the August-September timeframe. Each team has one vote and each individual member (many instructors and evaluators are individual members in NASAR) has a vote. **Wes Podboy**, a fantastic SBCSD SAR member, is running for one of the NASAR board positions. He would appreciate your vote! He will be at our next meeting to tell the group why he will represent our teams so well. For those that do not know Wes, he is a member of the West Valley SAR team, the lead BSAR instructor, and EMT.

NEXT MEETING – JULY 20, 2005

ADJOURNED AT 20:31 HOURS.

Respectively submitted:

Tom Schneider
IESARC Secretary