

Minutes

Meeting: SAR Council Meeting Place: SBSB HQ
 Date: July 20, 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>
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Rim of the World	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 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 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 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 1908 hours by Director Mike Ward followed by the flag salute led by Cameron Heald, West Valley.
- II. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** None present. Mike had everyone introduce themselves for the purposes of the new Volunteer Forces personnel present.
- III. **MINUTES** – May minutes were distributed, read, and accepted.
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Total net worth \$15,131.05. msa
- V. **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. **Deputy Chief Coronado????**
 1. Unable to attend.
 - B. **Capt. Toby Tyler**
 1. Unable to attend.
 - C. **Lt. Glenn Grabiec**
 1. Unable to attend.
 - D. **Sgt. Patterson**
 1. Unable to attend.
 - E. **Dep. Dave Pichotta**
 1. Dave advised us that Mike Schlaw was promoted to another position as Sgt.
 2. Volunteer badges are to be handed out at an upcoming meeting at HQ. One person from each team will pick up the badges for those that ordered.
 - F. **John Amrhein**
 1. John informed the teams that the replacement of stolen private SAR member property was taken care of through the generosity of the FOOTPRINTERS Association. Lieutenant Grabiec presented our case to the FOOTPRINTERS where they immediately voted to help. This may, however, be a one-time only fix. Mike Ward reassured the council that we, along with the department, would be pursuing long-term permanent ways of looking after all our SAR family. John also suggested we look at our SAR vehicles and be sure they are lockable. If we have to put on a hasp with a padlock then we should do so to mitigate our damages and losses.
 2. John provided each person present with a copy of Fire Safety Precautions; suggesting they be copied and freely distributed amongst the teams.
 3. John reminded us that our units must have yellow tape (we are to mark those homes where residence contact HAS been made during fire evacuations), goggles, masks, and flares. There is a memo from Under Sheriff Pepler to all station captains asking for their involvement. Steven Bates, from Central Mountain and Victor Valley teams, suggested two bandanas over your nose with the helmet strap over the bottom of the bandana. This is, with his experience, the best way to prevent particles from getting in to our lungs. N-95 masks are about fifty cents each if you prefer to have that type of mask.
- VI. **Joint SAR Missions –Critique**

- 1 Barton Flats Fire approximately 1700hrs on July 5th. Teams evacuated 16 campgrounds on the Jenks lake loop. This was about 1200 kids and adults.
- 2 Ice House Cyn for an overdue hiker was conducted on July 5th about 0500. A father and son were hiking, located and helped out of the area. They really were not lost, just way overdue.
- 3 In June, we had a request for Mutual Aid for a lost Yosemite hiker. We did not have enough people to field a team.
- 4 Dagget. We had a missing husband and wife team. The wife was located, however, the husband has yet to be found. Dave Pichotta told the group about the unusual circumstances on this case.
- 5 David Gonzales follow up search covered an area around the skull find. This was ¾ mile on each side of the find. No new leads were found.
- 6 Ludlow Evidence Search covered a ten-mile stretch of freeway. The evidence search was for an older homicide case.
- 7 On the way back from Ludlow, teams helped with the Oak Hills Fire near Cajon Pass. The fire guys knocked it down rapidly. This shows us that we need to be prepared for anything at anytime. This was fire support after a grueling 100+ degree evidence search.
- 8 Morongo Valley Fire evacuation. Teams relocated people and animals to safer grounds. David Nicolet, Commander of Morongo Mounted, had the fire come right through his ranch. He loaded up his family, animals, some belongings, barely getting out thinking his place was gone for sure. After seeing to the safety of his family, Dave went on to assist others in danger of the fire, all the time thinking he had just lost his home and all his belongings. It wasn't until three hour later he found out the firefighters were able to save his home and hay barn with a years worth of hay. Thanks to the teams that helped and a special thanks to Dave. (Council note: Like all of our SAR family Mr. Nicolet displayed exemplary behavior. While believing his own losses were great, he insisted on helping others. Dave lives by our motto...*"that others may live."*)
- 9 Pioneer Town Fire was supported by Barstow and a few other teams in the area. Basically they provided security for evacuated areas. This was about an 800-acre fire.
- 10 Waterman Canyon. Teams assisted San Bernardino PD in a homicide investigation looking for a 70 ish HMA. We had about fifteen members performing a line search. There was one possible dog hit, but nothing was located in the area. Cal Trans later located the body over a ledge on the side of the highway.

VII. INDIVIDUAL TEAM OPERATIONS

- A. No teams had individual search reports at this time.
- B. Many teams were involved with joint operations.

VIII.

- A. **Communication Team** Bill Maclay informed the group that the mobile communication center with repeaters was on display at the front of the station.
- B. Many members looked at the new unit, both before and after the meeting. It has already been successfully used on two searches.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Mounted Parade Detail:** Tom Schneider commented. He "bragged" to the group that the detail took a first place trophy in the Huntington Beach Fourth of July parade. This was observed by over 250,000 people and covered by television. If you are interested, contact Anona Gasca, head parade detail coordinator, at steve.gasca@verizon.net for further information. Or e-mail Tom at tom_kasey@eee.org. It is open to all who ride and wish to be part of the detail.
- B. **Mike** informed 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 returnable book. The next class will be at the Chino Hills Station for the West Valley group. It is open to others that are interested in making the trip to Chino.
- D. **Computerized Callout System** is in Beta testing for a few teams. When the bugs get worked out, we will all be given a chance to get the system. It must be found to work first with each of the teams.
- E. **Mounted Committee:** no report.
- F. **ICS Overhead Personnel** are being sought. There will be further information on this at a later date. If people are interested, they will need ICS courses. Several are offered on the WWW.FEMA.Gov site.
- G. **NASAR elections** are under way. If you or your team has membership, please take this opportunity to vote. One of our teammates is running for a board position. Wes Podboy is on our West Valley team and is a main instructor for BSAR. Members can go on the NASAR site and review the members running for the three positions.
- H. **The OES Disaster Forms** were again discussed. Apparently several teams have not completed them. If you are one of the teams, please get the forms in ASAP. The forms are to protect you!

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **EVOC 4X4 Class:** Sixty people went through the class. Teams wishing to get in on the next list were requested to get the names of those interested to Dave Pichotta.
- B. **Mike informed the group about the upcoming Sheriffs Rodeo** at the end of September. Contact Mike or Sgt. Bechtel if you wish to help. This is an event that we help with every year. It is a fun time and a great service to the community.
- C. **West Nile Virus** was discussed by Dr. Jim Evens. He handed out a flyer with the things we need to look for in case of human infection.
- D. **The lost Utah boy** that was eventually found was discussed by Mike Ward. He handed out a group of possible answers to his e-mail (What can we do?) about the situation where the boy was afraid of the mounted searchers.
- E. Our **San G. team** invited the members to participate in an October golf tournaments on the first Monday. This will be a memorial tournament for our fallen SAR team members. Those interested contact them at WWW.SGSAR.ORG. There are other teams having special events. Dave Pichotta told the group that if they sent him the information, he would forward it out to members via his mass e-mail list.
- F. **Mass E-Mail List** for SAR personnel is held by Dave Pichotta. He informed the group that if they are not getting information, to please send him members' e-mail addresses. He will add them as they come in. This needs to be updated on a routine basis.

NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

ADJOURNED AT 21:16 HOURS.

Respectively submitted:

Tom Schneider
IESARC Secretary