

Minutes

Meeting: SAR Council Meeting Place: SBSB HQ
 Date: September 21, 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 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:

1. Doug Waller
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3. _____
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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 1910 hours by Director Mike Ward followed by the flag salute led by Bruce Harter, Bear Valley SAR.
- II. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** Douglas Waller (Douglas Leather & Sporting Goods) was introduced by Mike. Doug was invited to speak to the group about supplies later in the evening.
- III. **MINUTES** – July minutes were distributed, read, and accepted.
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Total net worth \$15,000.58
- 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. Talked about the progress of the Volunteer Memorial at headquarters, with contributions from the Sheriff's Dept., commemorative coins, and possibly SEBA. We need approximately \$20,000 for the memorial. The contractor has submitted three conceptual models for us to consider.
 2. Informed the group of the new promotions in the department. Chief Kates will be our new DC over Volunteer Forces.
 - E. **Dep. Dave Pichotta**
 1. Requested that teams to get their wish list items ready with the higher priority items listed first. Helmets, personnel safety gear, and ropes, will be considered first. Please submit this info to Dave by November 1st. Dave is not sure what money will be available, however, he wants to be ready with the list if and when monies do become available.
 - F. **John Amrhein**
 1. Stater Bros. has printed posters advertising the various units. Copies of the posters were available for each team to pick up. They will be displayed in the local Stater Bros. stores. These are a recruitment tool to increase the membership and interest in the teams. They have placed ads in the various Penny Saver publications and have donated some of their space at the Route 66 event for us this year and for next year.
 2. John shared with the teams that he had four VCRs and one TV available for a team that does not have such an item. If you are interested, please see John.
- VI. **Joint SAR Missions –Critique**
 1. San Gorgonio area had a search for an out of county lost hiker, Ronald Warren, on August 16-18th. The search involved two helicopters, ground teams; horse, dog, ATV and Chaplin Corps. There were a total of eleven teams

helping with this successful search. It was pointed out that a mirror was used to signal for help and this aided in the location of the hiker. West Valley SAR was able to use their W-EMT skills; running multiple IVs on the dehydrated subject.

- 2 An open conversation about use of GPS was brought up. Renee Swingler, from East Valley Mounted Posse, asked if we really want GPS downloads from search operations. Her team had the e-trex GPS units on the search; but no one took their downloads. The result of the discussion was yes, we do need the downloads and the problem may have been the necessary cable was not available. A member stated that "Purple Open Project" had Garmin cables that might be purchased for such cases at a very reasonable price. It was suggested that each team be as self-sufficient as possible. (Note: This was a great discussion and exemplifies the importance of SAR Council. Thanks Renee!)
- 3 Danny Ritchea of Barstow thanked the teams for their efforts on the Donald Redwick search in the Dagget area. Redwick's remains were found one and one half mile west of his truck.

VII. INDIVIDUAL TEAM OPERATIONS

- A. Morongo Basin SAR talked about an 81 year-old female and her 43 year-old son that were lost. They were located in Dry Lake after tracking from the vehicle. This discussion showed the importance of tracking skills.

VIII. Communication Team report

- A. John Amrhein mentioned that the communication vehicle with two repeaters has now been used four times in the Baldy area. The vehicle is available for use by teams and it provides a great communication tool.
- B. Mike Ward spoke about the possible use of a repeater on Keller Peak. He and Tony Webb had talked to the owners of the site and they agreed to allow us to place a repeater there for emergency use, as well as offering the use of their 2-meter HAM repeater.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Mounted Parade Detail:** Tom Schneider commented if you are interested to contact Anona Gasca, head parade detail coordinator, at steve.gasca@verizon.net. For further information e-mail Tom at tom_kasey@eee.org. It is open to all who ride and wish to be part of the detail. We continue to support the department and the local communities for mounted events. We will be color guard for the Tustin parade October 1, and the Phelan Rodeo October 8/9th.
- B. **FIRE EVACUATION AND SUPPLIES:** Discussed by John Amrhein. Yellow tape, flares should be in each SAR vehicle.
- C. **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 on other team are interested. Jeff's e-mail address is in The Tracker.
- D. **HAM Courses:** Mike discussed HAM courses for the teams. For HAM classes, contact Mike Ward if interested. West Valley SAR has added nine new HAMS, Big Bear has seventeen waiting for the class.
- E. **Mounted Committee:** Dave Nicolet, Morongo Basin Mounted SAR and chairman of the committee, discussed the teams' efforts and goals. NASAR is looking at the MSAR requirements. Dave and his Morongo team hope to host a MSAR combined training in April 2006 for all mounted teams. He stated the team is working on a booklet describing what MSAR can do and how it can be used. It should be available by January 2006. Dave thanked SAR Council, the committee, the sheriff's office, and his team for supporting this worthwhile endeavor.
- 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. If you are interested or members of your team are interested, contact Dave Pichotta with the list of names. The department is hoping to be able to offer an ICS 300 course soon.
- G. **Mike discussed Water Suppliers.** Mike is attempting to establish an on-going water sponsor for search & rescue. He is looking at one or two suppliers to provide a stockpile of water at Vol. Forces. Then at SAR Council meetings, water would be passed out to build team supplies.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Rodeo event:** It will be held this weekend. Teams wishing to support should contact Sergeant Earl Bechtel, at Victor Valley Station. Last year over \$4000 was donated to Vol Forces for SAR teams, COPs, Explorers, etc. Monies were also donated to the Boy and Girl Scouts from the local area. .
- B. **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 since people change their e-mail and phone numbers often.
- C. **Team fundraisers** were listed and are available in The Tracker. A suggestion to be food handlers at the California

Speed Way was discussed. There are large amounts of money in the event, but it will require 42 volunteers at each of the three events.

- D. Ortovax Avalanche Transponder Recall** was discussed by Mike Ward. We received a notice from one of the manufacturers of the devices. Contact Dave Pichotta if you have questions.
- E. Immunizations** that we might need were discussed in the light of the New Orleans problems with infections. Dr. Sonny Lawrence will write an article for The Tracker giving suggestions of the ones that we may need most. He stated the Hepatitis A/B shots were over a three to six month period and in case of an emergency, that might be too long to wait.

DOUGLAS WALLER donated several items for a drawing. He also talked about supplies he carries including BDUs for \$20 a pair when ordered by the team in quantities. We had the drawing and eight members won prizes from knives, to flashlights, to other useful SAR items. (Note: Many thanks to Doug Waller for his generosity and friendship toward our SAR teams)

NEXT MEETING – NOVEMBER 16, 2005

ADJOURNED AT 21:00 HOURS.

Respectively submitted:

Tom Schneider
IESARC Secretary