

Minutes

Meeting: SAR Council Meeting Place: SBSB HQ
Date: July 21, 2004 Time: 1909 hours

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 19:08 hours by Director Mike Ward followed by the flag salute led by Julie Haggerty, Commander of the San Gorgonio team.
- II. **INVOCATION** by sheriff's Chaplain Andrew Lesko.
- III. **INTRODUCTION** of all Members present. Each gave their name and team. There were approximately fifty people present at this meeting.
- IV. **MINUTES** – May minutes were distributed, read, and accepted.
- V. **MOTION TO TABLE NORMAL BUSINESS.** - Moved, seconded, approved.
- VI. **DISCUSSION OF EVENTS FOR THE JUMBO ROCK SEARCH AND TRAGIDY:**

Corporal Darren Goodman:

1. Thursday July 15, 2004, the original call came in from Riverside Sheriff's for a lost hiker, Eric Sears, in the jumbo rock area of Twenty Nine Palms. They requested assistance from our department. An OES number was received and we began getting support from our teams. Goodman was notified of the accident in Morongo Valley involving one of our teams about 05:45, Saturday July 17. Goodman learned of the death of Scott Johnston shortly afterward and began getting the necessary support then letting the teams know what happened. The accident occurred about 0515.

Doctor Jim Evans

1. His team's unit was about 2 to 5 minutes behind the accident. Doc described the scene with the injured and his medical efforts taken at the scene. There were many emergency personnel arriving from various teams as the seconds went on.

Team members talked about the events and gave their inputs of the events.

Members of the department discussed additional information both medical and factual; however, these minutes were taken by each team and will not be recorded for our records due to the nature of the discussion.

Emergency notification forms need to be up to date. It was suggested that copies be in all unit vehicles! Disaster service workers forms need to be complete! These are normally completed during the initial application process.

Minutes were terminated during the discussion due to the ongoing investigation and out of respect for all those involved.

VII. **IESAR FUNDRAISING**

1. Mike Ward, ending on a happier note, discussed the corporate fundraising proposal. Tony Webb, of the Central Mountain Rescue team, along with his business partner became IESARC's first sponsor. Many tanks to Fife, Webb & Associates. More information will appear in the tracker as time goes by.

VII. Final prayer by Chaplain Andrew Lesko

VIII. John Hayes, the coordinator for Central Mountain SAR, played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes in honor of our lost teammates to end the meeting.

NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

ADJOURNED AT 20:45 HOURS.

Respectively submitted:

Tom Schneider
IESARC Secretary