

WSSARCA MEETING NOTES

Date: Feb 27, 2014
Location: Camp Murray

Meeting called to order at 1005 hours by President Darren Ullmann

Introductions done for persons present:

Darren Ullmann-President
Jordan Spencer-Secretary
John Sprague-Kitsap County
Ed Christian- King County
Chris Long- State DEM
Peter Linde-King County
Trent Stephens-Pierce County
Mike Dingle-Douglas County via phone

Approval of last meeting minutes:

Moved to accept by Chris Long, seconded by John Sprague

Treasurer Report:

Cyndi not present but said there is no change from last month. \$4844.12. With some service fees, that number is still the same.

REPORTS

Chris Long: EMD

- Last month, NASAR was here with both a land management class and lost person behavior class. Both were well attended. There will hopefully be some more similar classes later in the year.
- There are some good SAR conference classes being offered this year, i.e wide area search and an I-300 course presented by Tom Minor. Exercises will be SAR law enforcement related. Time frame will probably be around 6,7,8 of May. There may also be a post conference Urban Search course on Sunday or Monday after conference, followed by a Hugh Dugher SMS course around same time frame. There might be another management class in June if money is available. Chris is still working on planning and leadership courses for Conference as well.
- Mt. Rainier missions are relying on volunteers more and more due to decreased staff. Mt. Rainier is looking for Mt rescue teams. If you have a Mt. rescue unit in your county,



Rainier should have contacted you regarding helping and interoperability. Rainier will notify DEM and will also notify the mt. rescue units just as an FYI until they get an actual mission number before they move on the mission. Pierce county has an agreement with Rainier to help with the ICS portion if any incident occurs.

-FEMA has a new Resource Typing Library Tool which is a new filing system for NIMS typing system. There should be some SAR definitions published very soon from FEMA regarding this.

-Still getting claims in from people who haven't registered as a payee for the State. So this slows down the process of getting paid. Detailed instructions are on the DEM website on how to fill out the paperwork properly. 1 year for medical claims and 3 years for property claims. Must be filed within that time window. It's a PDF form that you can fill out. You must fill out the form if you want reimbursed. Chris is pretty much caught up on the claims for this year.

TOM Peterson: WSDOT

Not present-nothing to report

Bill Gillespie: SARVAC and CORE COMP

Bill still re-cooperating. Not present

OLD BUSINESS

Hagen Award.

Still looking for nominations for this. It would be nice to be able to hand this award out at the Conference, so if you have nominations get them to the board.

November meeting/Training- LAPD is now on the speaking circuit regarding the Dorner search. Spencer will be looking into them attending our November meeting for us. If this doesn't work out, we will look into Justin Ogden coming in from the AFRCC and talk about the work he does will cell phone triangulation and how it can benefit SAR.

NEW BUSINESS

Trent Stephenson- SAR conference, things are going pretty smooth. The challenge has been with SARVAC who made some promises that aren't coming to light. No seed money has been given to Pierce County yet. SARVAC has about \$5,400 in the bank which includes the 5k seed money for conference. SARVAC is working on 501c3 filing, and it is costing some money so they don't know how much extra money they have to hand out. Chris said he can take care of the guest speaker at the conference to



alleviate some of the financial strain on SARVAC. SARVAC is also worried about there not being anything in writing saying the \$5,000 will be given back to SARVAC after the conference especially with 501c3 filing. It has always just been a gentlemen's agreement that it would be paid back. SARVAC is voting this Saturday on giving \$3500 to Pierce County. With or

without the money, SAR Conference is still going to happen though.

Website design for the conference was a little delayed. There have been issues with the website and hopefully they will get worked out. Progress is being made on that. Registrations are up and running on the website. There is also a mail in form going out soon as well. Get registrations in soon. Tracks are getting daily updated. The fairgrounds are up and running. Pierce said the initial price to use the venue was \$15,000 and have already paid \$10,000. There is talk that Pierce may get a refund though through a PSE grant which allows up to a \$15,000 grant if you host an event on one of their areas of service, which is why they are using the Puyallup fairgrounds for the SAR conference. 30 people have registered already for this years conference. There should be more classes coming out on the website soon. Registrations are expected to go up in the next few weeks with the website coming together. There may be lots of walk ups for the conference as well. The Fairgrounds is providing the catering for the banquet dinner which will be held on Saturday night. Conference instructors are lined up per SARVAC which is part of SARVAC's agreement with the help of the conference. If anybody knows of any tech savvy personnel, get a hold of Trent to get in contact with the current webmaster to help with the website.

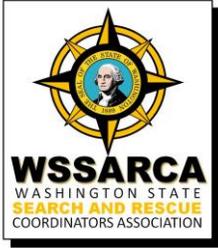
-There will be a strong management track of classes at conference, including a GPS beacon tracking program. Tom Minor will come in a talk about the Colorado floods. Hugh Dougher will come talk about the downed aircraft search in Idaho regarding family led searches. If there are any other classes you want to see, let Chris know because he still has some money to spend on instructors. There will not be any outdoor horse training, the fairgrounds will not allow use of the arena. No choppers either, fairgrounds won't allow helicopter landing in the area.

-There was also the idea of adding some of the core competency classes to the SAR Conference to allow SAR personnel the opportunity to take some of the required classes while at the conference.

Agency Updates____

Cowlitz- We are starting our second stint at our SAR Academy using the Core Comp training as a guideline. King Co. is also starting an Academy

Kitsap- Has a SAR Deputy that is retiring so they are trying to fill that spot soon so they can get into upcoming training. Kitsap is keeping busy helping with Rainier searches.

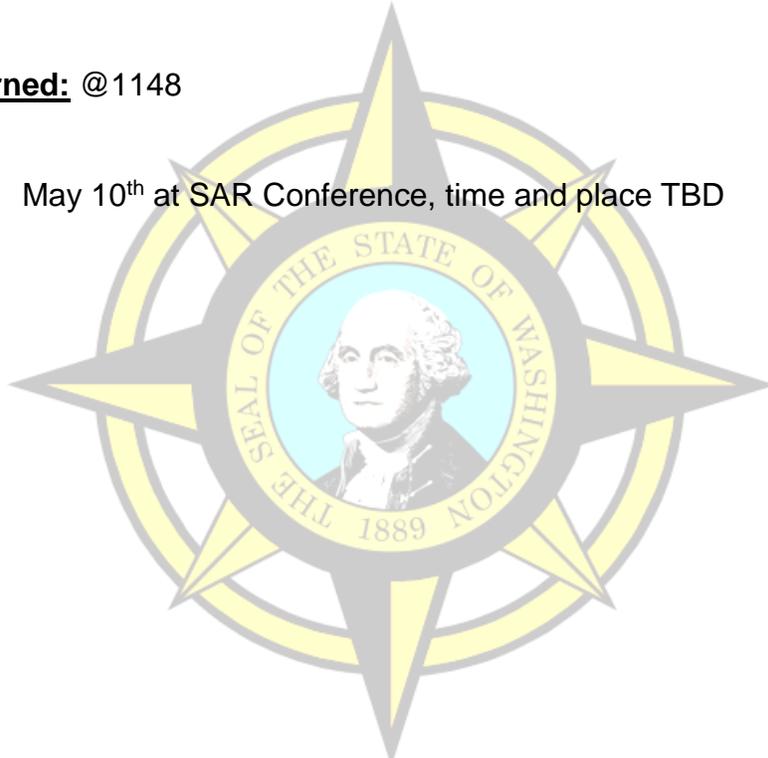


King Co- moving along with core comp. and doing an academy in April and May. Busy with searches but short on SAR deputies. AFRCC has saved King county lots of hours in OT and they are using them frequently.

Pierce Co- Had a recent search issue where the family of a despondent individual was pressuring a SAR response, however, through investigation, Pierce realized it was a suicidal/police issue but couldn't share most of that information with the family so the family felt Pierce wasn't doing their job by sending SAR out to look for this individual. Just something to be aware of.

Meeting adjourned: @1148

Next meeting- May 10th at SAR Conference, time and place TBD



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