



WSSARCA MEETING NOTES

Date: Sept 24, 2014

Location: Camp Murray

Meeting called to order at 1008 hours: by Secretary Jordan Spencer (Pres. Ullmann was unable to attend the meeting)

Introductions done for persons present:

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| Jordan Spencer | Ed Christian |
| Perry Fladager | Scott Gilberti |
| Chris Long | John Sprague |
| Fred Neiman | |

Conference Line: Bill Gillespie

Approval of last meeting minutes: from May 2014
Moved to accept by Chris Long, seconded by John Sprague

Treasurer Report: Chris has some checks for dues. Talking with Cyndi about getting the PO box. Cyndi not present so no new numbers to report.

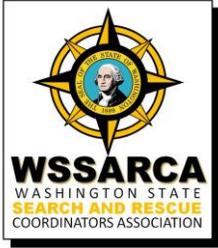
REPORTS

Chris Long: EMD-

- There will be a FREE SMS course on Oct 21-24 at Camp Murray. Hugh Dougher will be instructing and it will include a 1 day practicum as well. This may be a good review for those who have already had SMS.
- New Claim forms and training mission request forms are on state website. They are in PDF format, but not fillable yet but soon will be. Forms have been changed so make sure SAR groups use the new ones.
- Chris he will be beta testing a new smart phone app presented to him by Robert Koester based on Koester's research. It's designed to do the same thing as his book just via a smart phone app.
- Chris bought 60 copies of the field guide (Incident Command System Field Operations Guide for SAR.. Chris plans to send at least one to every county and then send some extras to the larger counties. Hopes to send them out next month.
- Chris thinks there should be enough money to do another SMS course in late winter

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TOM Peterson: WSDOT

Not present-nothing to report

Bill Gillespie: SARVAC and CORE COMP

- SARVAC has finally achieved their 501c3 status.
- They are moving on 2015 conference with King County. Still don't have anybody for 2016 Conference.
- Next SARVAC meeting is Nov 1st in either Ellensburg or Camp Murray. Trying to move locations in a central area for travel purposes. May be weather dependent.
- SARVAC had a good talk with Skagit county regarding the death that occurred and are looking at their structure and looking at how they operate. They have been very open regarding the incident. An after action should be put out on it soon.
- Per Chris--The claim for the Skagit SAR death is running smoothly, however, it is a process when this happens. State covered funeral expenses and one time death benefit payment of an average yearly salary. Skagit wants to join both WSSARCA and SARAVAC.

OLD BUSINESS

- Nov 20th meeting will be in the Flood room for now. Currently not in the EOC.
- Right now, the plan is to have Justin Ogden of the AFRCC come to the meeting and give a lecture regarding the cell phone forensics as it pertains to a SAR mission. He said his presentation last about an hour. I will try to contact him regarding making this a longer presentation. So far contact with Justin has been difficult and I have not been able to confirm his attendance. I opened it up to the group to see if anybody else had any possible training ideas if the AFRCC doesn't pan out.
- Another option for the Nov 20th meeting/training is an OSO debrief. OSO after action review is currently being worked on. Unknown when a debrief will actually be made available. Tom Minor may have some OSO information and Chris will contact Tom regarding the possibility of Tom coming to speak to us on Nov 20th or in the near future.

John Sprague- Thought that he may be able to discuss aspects of the Jenise Wright search from Aug, I.E., lessons learned and resources. He will check with his prosecutor about what if anything he can talk about.

NEW BUSINESS

Training----Its okay for SAR units to work at a routine community activity but there has to be a training objective for it. There needs to be a training benefit. This is on the new training mission request. I.E. working a fair booth would be an example of preventative SAR.

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County Reports

Kitsap- Thanks for the help with the Jenise Wright search. All volunteers were very impressive according to the detectives that worked the case.

Searchers were professional and helped out quite a bit. About 250 volunteers helped out, half from Kitsap half from other areas.

King- Going to get busier this part of year. Federal DOT is redoing the middle fork off I-90 at MP 34 near the Taylor River. This area used to be difficult to get to but since it is being redone, King will most likely get more SAR missions in the area which has no cell service and no radio service.

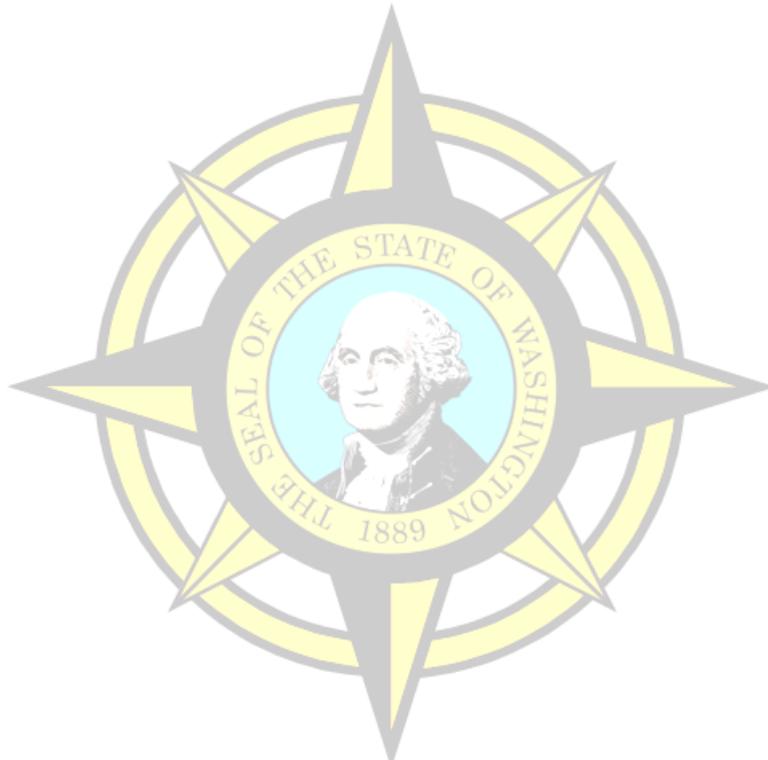
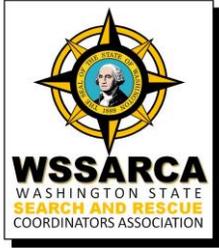
Clark- Background check issues. Fred sent out an email about background checks. Based on the responses from the SAR community, everybody does a triple I for all their volunteers. Clark was told that for agencies that aren't with the sheriff's office, they would have to use Watch program which just checks Washington state, not out of state. Clark worked it out to where if an LE agency manages volunteers, they can run a triple I on the volunteer. FBI says that if you allow civilians access to restricted areas of your agency, then you are allowed to do a triple I.

John talked about what other agencies are using as far as mapping. Most seemed to be using terrain navigator pro, but John thought there was a new mapping software that may be free. John was aware of a free program call sarsoft.org. He hasn't used it but wanted people to be aware of it in case they wanted to research it themselves. Mission manager was in use but now they are charging for it. Chris talked about Incident Commander Pro, which is a paid mapping program. King County is using MotionX/gps program.

Cowlitz- Spoke about project lifesaver and if anybody is still using it. Clark stated they are using Safety Net and it has worked out well for them.

Meeting adjourned: @1156

Next meeting- Nov 20th, 2014 @1000 hours at Camp Murray.



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