

WSSARCA MEETING NOTES

Date: July 25, 2013

Location: Camp Murray

Meeting called to order at 0900 hours

Introductions done for persons present:

Darren Ullmann- Cowlitz County S.O

Jordan Spencer- Cowlitz County S.O

Chris Long- State SAR Coordinator

Dave Bennie- SARVAC/Silverstar

Robert Carder- Clark County S.O

Cyndie Fajardo- Pierce County S.O

Thomas Peterson- WSDOT Aviation

Mark Rufener- Kitsap County S.O

Bill Gillespie- SARVAC

Dave Houseberg- Kittitas County S.O

Approval of last meetings minutes, Moved to accept by Chris Long and seconded by Cyndie Fajardo.

Treasurer Report presented by Cyndie Fajardo. We have a total of \$4859.12 in funding Chris Long moved to accept the treasurer's report. Bill Gillespie seconded.

Chris Long- EMD

An issue arose regarding mission numbers in Oregon. Washington state does not issue mission numbers for Oregon missions. No mutual aid agreement with Oregon. Washington can however get a resource request from Oregon and send that information out. Washington searchers wanting to go to Oregon to help on a SAR mission can go they just need to know there may or may not be any coverage. It is best to contact the county in Oregon in which you intend to go and see what exactly their coverage entails. Our volunteers are not covered by WA unless they are in Wa with a mission number. Ask about coverage if requested to go out of state. Wa EMD will issue mission numbers for training events in Oregon, just not searches. In Oregon its county to county coverage, not the state of Oregon. PNEMA- which is a state govt. request is the only exception which gives the ability to send someone to Oregon under Wa. State Emergency Worker Laws, but this takes 1-2 days to happen.

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Cyndie brought up another reminder regarding SAR vehicles that owned by the County. If out of state resources are requested we need to make sure the requesting County has exhausted all its resources because Pierce volunteer vehicles are only covered with a WA state mission number and training or a search. If they are taken out of state since no mission number is given, the vehicles wouldn't be covered.

Chris Long- system of training missions has been evolving. They must be documented. The best way to do that which provides the right info is doing an ICS 201. That gives you all the information you need. Use ICS 201 form for training missions or day to day trainings. The purpose is to document legitimacy of the training and makes the units plan for the training as well.

There will be a SAR resource database resource update this summer. Still waiting on some info. Don't know how long the update will take. Lots of different categories so it could take a while. The state is only look for whether or not a specific group has a certain capability or not. Hopefully the update will be out next month or early Sept.

The Canadian SAR Conference: SARSCENE- will be held Oct 19-21 in Chilliwack at the RCMP training center.

Do to some changes within FEMA there may or may not be Search Management Training this fall. Still awaiting final word from FEMA. There have been several requests are Keosters train the trainer class on Lost person Behavior which is a Reflex tasking course. Chris will find out with FEMA is there is money for it. Should be late fall training.

WSSARCA dues mailings are coming up. Some of the checks were filled out incorrectly. Chris asked about a WSSARCA PO box to make sure dues payments are received correctly to WSSARCA instead of causing confusion because of who the check is made out to or for what purpose.

SAR missions as of JULY

413 state missions from Jan 1 to July 25, 2013

366 general SAR
4 Aviation SAR
35 ELT
8 PLB

Chris Long attended the NASAR conference. The conference was good. Good ideas for some classes at our conference. Contacts were maintained through meetings and conference. Next years NASAR conference will be in New Jersey.

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TOM Peterson WSDOT- It's been a year since last airplane call, its still missing. Significant amount of money left over from this year so all the electronics in the trailer are being upgraded. King County has some private groups that want to fly for search missions and Tom is working with them. They approached King County EMD and talked with Tom and Chris. Both are very experienced groups of pilots. They want to work with more jurisdictions than just King County. Tom has given his okay. King County is using AFRCC cell phone ping a lot and is working with great success.

Bill Gillespie SARVAC and CORE COMP- At the January meeting there was a request to have a list of all the radio frequencies of all the SAR groups in the state. Bill handed out a list of those frequencies. Copies will be available at the next meeting. Some volunteer organizations are not on the list because they haven't been keeping up with the narrow banding. SARVAC will continue to work with State DEM to put the list in a numerical order and cadence, i.e. State SAR 1, State SAR 2,,etc. This will be tracked quarterly to keep it updated. SARVAC has filed for 501c3. Hopefully they will have it by October. They are also looking at offering additional training for keeping 501c3 filing. Training for treasurers of groups and how to do it. Also talking about training for the officers and leaders of groups and what the laws and requirements are. This would be outside of the conference trainings.

Core competency: Still need to do some fine tuning. They are trying to decide on if they want to have a Certification or accreditation for County's participating. They will be working on train the trainer and instructor development courses, as well as field training trainers for SAR volunteers. Several groups have had great advice on how to make the Core Competency better.

The 2013 Sar Conference in Kittitas was spectacular. Good job Dave Houseberg and Kittitas County for the conference. Peirce is making strides for the 2014 conference. It will again be held over Mothers Day weekend. King is now looking for alternate location for 2015 Conference since the Enumclaw Event Center doesn't have classrooms. Everything is on track as of right now. Puyallup fair grounds would be in the \$100k range to use all week so other locations are being looked at. The state sponsored management courses will probably be held at Camp Murray because it's FREE. SARVAC now has 10 projectors and 10 screens that are available for use across the state for training or different needs.

Dave Houseberg-SAR conference- It went well. Lots of internal issues but nothing major. A few complaints but the majority was positive. We would change a few things if we do it again but the trainers and instructors were good.



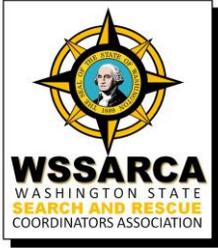
NEW BUSINESS-----

Darren Ullmann- Pres. In looking at the SAR Conference and the WSSARCA by-laws and the trends in SAR, it brought up the question of what is the goal of WSSARCA. Why are counties paying dues, what do they get from paying dues. There are about 18-24 counties that pay \$45.00 per year to have their county be a "member" of WSSARCA...but what do they get out of it. What are we spending out money on. Darren noticed that the state conference is geared more towards the volunteers so he thought the purpose of WSSARCA should be geared more toward LE and the paid coordinators. Originally the dues were collected for lunches at WSSARCA meetings and facility rentals or to bring in trainers at the meetings. We aren't using the money for any of that now. We need to either have a purpose for the dues that counties are paying to be members, or we need to stop paying dues for the sake of just paying dues. Darren presented a copy of the WSSARCA by-laws with proposed changes in red. He briefly discussed his ideas in the proposed changes and everybody present was presented with a copy. Darren wants everybody to look them over over the next month and see what you think. Questions, Comments and Concerns are appreciated. If we are going to make WSSARCA a self sustaining group than we need to do something with ourselves, we need to have goals and a vision. Agencies budgets are getting tighter and tighter and if they are going to pay into WSSARCA they need to have a reason. Darren stated he is willing to do what it takes to make this organization thrive but we all need to step up. WSSARCA could reach out to each police agency since the cities are facing more and more urban search issues such as dementia walk-aways and autism issues. We could we work with BLEA and have a short block of instruction set aside to tell new recruits about SAR and WSSARCA. Darren also talked about having individual membership instead of 1 county pays and anybody from that agency can become a member.

Comments-

Cyndie Fajardo - we do need to have a vision of where we are going. We have made attempts in the past and the departments need to be a part of it as well. We have had plans in the past but we need to get back on track. We need to come up with a business plan for what is WSSARCA and an annual budget plan. We should send our President to WASPC conferences and use those dues for that. We need to get closer to our Sheriffs. We should set Jan 1, 2014 as our goal date to have this in place and it has to be a collective effort. Look at doing more meetings via technology instead of in person since it is so difficult for people to drive to the meetings.

Chris Long- WSSARCA was formed under the WASPC but we don't have much contact with them. We should ask the sheriffs to see what they want out of WSSARCA. WASPC would love it if we go and give a presentation. It was our fault that we didn't keep that affiliation going in the past.



Mark Rufener- once the organization has determined our direction, we should put ourselves out there to have some sort of recruitment system. We need to get our name out. We need to get the name out and the education out.

Robert Carder- WSSARCA has always been a rag tag outfit. We all have too much going on. Getting a more professional model, getting the backing of WASPC, and making our group a professional organization is the route we need to go.

Bill Gillespie- Legislature is pushing back saying they don't understand the state emergency management because there isn't a coordinated approach to anything.

Chris Long- We need an active tie with WASPC and the Sheriffs Association. By law the police chiefs are just as responsible in the RCW as the Sheriffs. The missions are still there but the dynamic is changing, urban vs. rural. We need to present to the associations to get them to commit to a training standard.

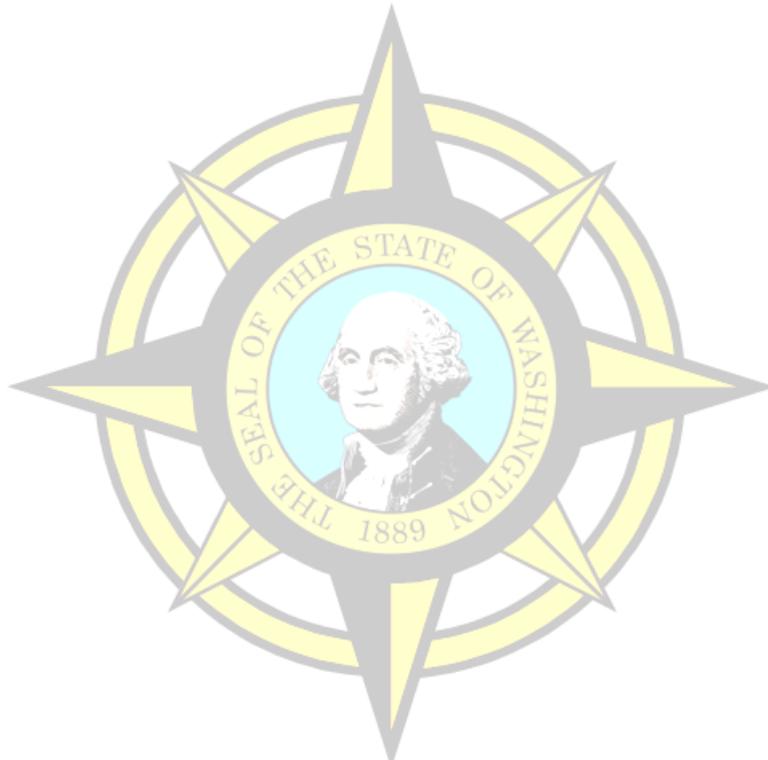
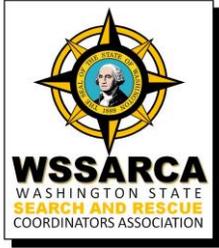
Tom Peterson- We've been milling around too long. Having a presence with the legislature is key. We have to put ourselves out there. Get people more familiar with the process. We need to advise people of the process and how it happens. How does SAR happen.

Darren Ullmann- I'm looking at a commitment from people so we need to get people on board if we want to keep WSSARCA going.

Next meeting- DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED. It will most likely be in Sept or October. We will follow up at that meeting regarding the above information.

WSSARCA- we support the volunteers but we are a separate organization and should have a training geared towards us and not geared towards the volunteers.

Meeting adjourned @ 1118



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