

WSSARCA MEETING NOTES

Date: Feb 26th, 2015
Location: Camp Murray

Meeting called to order at 1005

Meeting began with a presentation by Carri Gordon of the WSP Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit. She spoke on the AMBER alert system and the EMPA criteria, call out process and notification system. A powerpoint print out is available.

Introductions done for persons present:

Rob Lewis	Brad Johansson
Lyman Morres	Matt Murphy
Chris Long	Fred Neiman
Perry Fladager	John Sprague
Mike Merrill	Darren Ullmann
Jordan Spencer	Ed Christian (phone)
Bill Gillespie (phone)	

Approval of last meeting minutes:

Moved to accept by Chris Long and second by John Sprague

Treasurer Report:

Chris Long approved second by Craig Marler

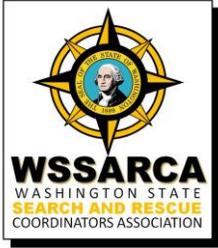
REPORTS

Chris Long: EMD

-On March 16, military dept. will be going to 10 hour 4 day work week, Tue thru Friday. Chris won't be in office on Mondays. Doing this is a money saving cost, by shutting down the buildings for that day.

- 2015 conference is in May. Pre conference courses will be Bob Koester's Lost Person Behavior course. There will be a management course and there will be an I300 course with SAR background taught by Tom Minor. Everything in Tom's course is SAR related. Conference classes will focus on search theory, planning, preventative SAR, Justin Ogden (AFRCC) will be at conference. Give Chris any more suggestions if there is something you would like to see.

-Make sure if you are making a request for out of county resources that the request comes from the State duty officer. If the requests don't come through the state then



sometimes information gets lost or we may not be able to get resources where they need to be. AFRCC procedures are working very well. Make sure you go through state to get air resources. If we have a state resource that can fly a mission, we have to use them first before we use a federal air resource. Ask for state resources first.

-Yakima is getting some air resources. They are getting new Blackhawks with hoist. Coming this summer. JBLM is interested in participating in SAR. We would love to use them.

-Just had SAR management course in Wenatchee. It was very well attended. Chris is seeing an issue of trying to get full time deputies/officers to get released for a 3-4 day search management course. EMD recognizes this as an issue and Chris will work on some self management studies.

-EMD is still getting mission training requests on the old forms. Make sure we use the new forms on the website. Mission numbers are given as long as the event has some training value.

-EMD has purchases a lot of Bob Koester's field operation guides. It has all ICS position descriptions, tasking, etc. Chris has some to give to every county. If you want one get with Chris or WSSARC

-Core Comp- there is still currently nothing stating that you must adopt core comp. They were adopted unanimously by the president of sheriffs association and WASPC, they were also accepted by emergency management council and EMD. They are a measurable standard. Also adopted by WSSARCA. It is not mandated but it is important. It is continually being updated by SARVAC. There is no deadline to adopt the Core Comp and there is no mandate to adopt. It is up to the individual agency to decide whether or not to adopt the Core Comp.

TOM Peterson: WSDOT

Not present-nothing to report

Bill Gillespie: SARVAC and CORE COMP

SARVAC got 501c3. Moving forward on some grants to fund activities. 2016 Conference will be in Cowlitz County. 2017 will be in Ferry County. Have already begun preliminary planning for 2016 conference.

2015 conference is moving along very well, putting classes together. Trying to keep conference 2-3 years ahead so we can make it more turn-key than it has been in the past.

OLD BUSINESS

None

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-Several SAR apps are appearing. Bob Koester has an app out now. WSSARCA should start looking at some and give our feedback. Lots are GPS maps some are free some are paid. Send us a review if you try one out.

-WSSARCA has launched a new website. It's active and working. Give us any info you want to add something to the website.

- There is also a new Newsletter being put out quarterly called the "Outrider." It is a way to get information out. If anybody has any content, 250-500 word articles for the newsletter, send to Darren or Jordan.

Agency Report-

King County- Ed asked about whether or not the WAC and RCW are being rewritten by legislature. Chris Long responded by saying "the short answer is that RCW 38.52 isn't being rewritten yet" They are just talking about whether or not they need to update the language. No point in updated the WAC until the RCW is rewritten. Some of the language in 38.52 is confusing and hard to follow. Once the decision is made to change RCW Chris will let us know. Probably something that may happen at next session in Jan if it is decided.

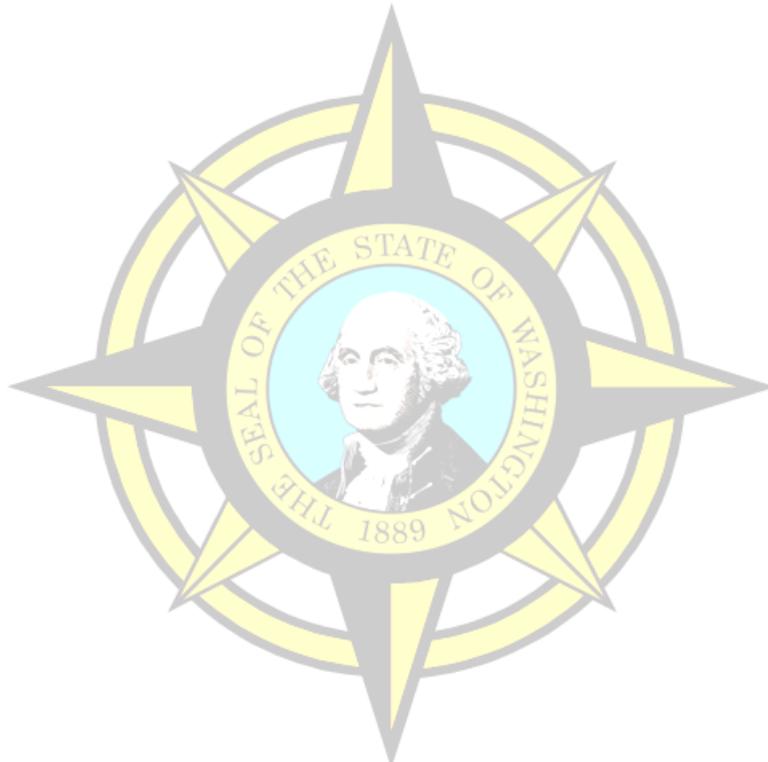
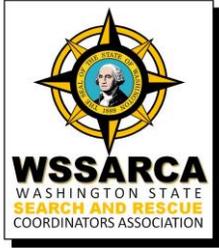
Clark County- Just published core comp docs to a website. They will give it to WSSARCA to add to website. www.sarclarkcounty.com

Clallum County- talking about putting on a Basic SAR course and offering it to any new members in the state. Just curious if anybody would be interested. Would cover some basic navigation, searching classes, etc.

Darren wants to try to bring somebody in at Sept. meeting who is an Alzheimer expert to discuss statistics is it relates to SAR and Alzheimer walkaways.

Meeting adjourned: @1140

Next meeting- May 16th. , 2015 @ unknown hours at State SAR Conference



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