

WSSARCA MEETING NOTES

Date: Nov 20, 2014

Location: Camp Murray

Meeting called to order at 1015 hours by President Darren Ullmann

Introductions done for the Board members: Did not introduce all members present due to the amount of people. President Ullmann spoke about wanting WSSARCA to host an annual training event for the paid coordinators.

Approval of last meeting minutes: from Sep 24, 2014
Moved to accept by Chris Long, seconded by Ed Christian

Treasurer Report- Ending balance \$5,282.09 as of Oct 24, 2014. John Sprague accepted. Chris Long seconded

REPORTS

Chris Long: EMD- There was a SMS course at Camp Murray in October, it was well attended. There may be another course at the first of the year if there is a demand for it...let Chris know about scheduling one if you are interested. Otherwise the next one will be at SARCON in May.

-2015 SARCON is in May in Carnation, Wa. Planning as scheduled. Waiting for recommendations for classes that are management based as well as recommendations for preconference courses.

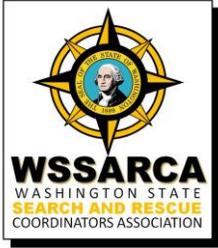
- Getting into the season where volunteer units are turning in their training requests. Make sure they are filled out correctly and a schedule of what they want. The training has to have some planning and be specific and make sure it meets a training objective. There are new claim forms on state EOC website, make sure they are filled out correctly.

TOM Peterson: WSDOT

Tom talked about the SPOT beacon and discussed GEOS SAR and how this company was providing a SAR insurance for less than \$18.00 per month. Tom gave a presentation and provided a handout. (see attached). The way it works is, once the SPOT beacon is activated, it will contact state EOC and then EOC will call the agency in jurisdiction. So the company is making the money and utilizing county SAR resources

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(volunteer) to perform the rescue mission. This may begin to come up on a search so just be aware of it.

Tom also spoke about AFRCC resources- how to request air resources:

1. Call state EOC as soon as you suspect you need air resources and the EOC will attempt to make the proper contacts for the resource.

- pre coordination with a particular unit is okay
- It takes time to get a launch, so ask for the resource soon
- It's easy to turn it off if you end up not needing the air resource
- There are some very specific questions that need answers prior to getting an air resource so be ready. (see attached handout)

There are also some Federal air resources. They will typically fly for life, limb or eyesight. However, if there is anything criminal they won't fly. The most important thing to take away is that there are roughly 90 air resources in the state and the best way to go about requesting one is contacting the EOC and let them do the work.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing

NEW BUSINESS

Arnie Gonser from Skamania County forwarded some information regarding Dive Team training standards. This information was put out in the PSDiver Monthly, Issue 110 ([www. http://psdiver.com/images/PSDiverMonthlyIssue110-secure.pdf](http://psdiver.com/images/PSDiverMonthlyIssue110-secure.pdf))

This proposal was sent out prior to this meeting for people to read. Darren spoke about the issues. There is some concern that some of the standards that are proposed would make it nearly impossible for some dive team to function. Chris Long spoke briefly on this saying that he wasn't sure under who authority the proposed guidelines came from but they are nothing accept proposals at this point. The proposed standards would not necessarily apply to volunteers because the standards are written for paid dive teams. Again, this is just a proposal.

County Reports

King County- Seeing and increase in multi-day searches. One thing in common is finding the victims lost and "high" on marijuana.

Kitsap- couple of missions with fire where they had to talk about better coordination between Police and Fire Chiefs.

Olympic Mtn. Rescue- Been working with Mt. Rainer Nat'l Park on missions. Several missions have been multi-day.

WSDOT- Tom talked about the use of drones. Right now they are not permitted to be used. The FAA is supposed to come out with some standards but it is proving to be very

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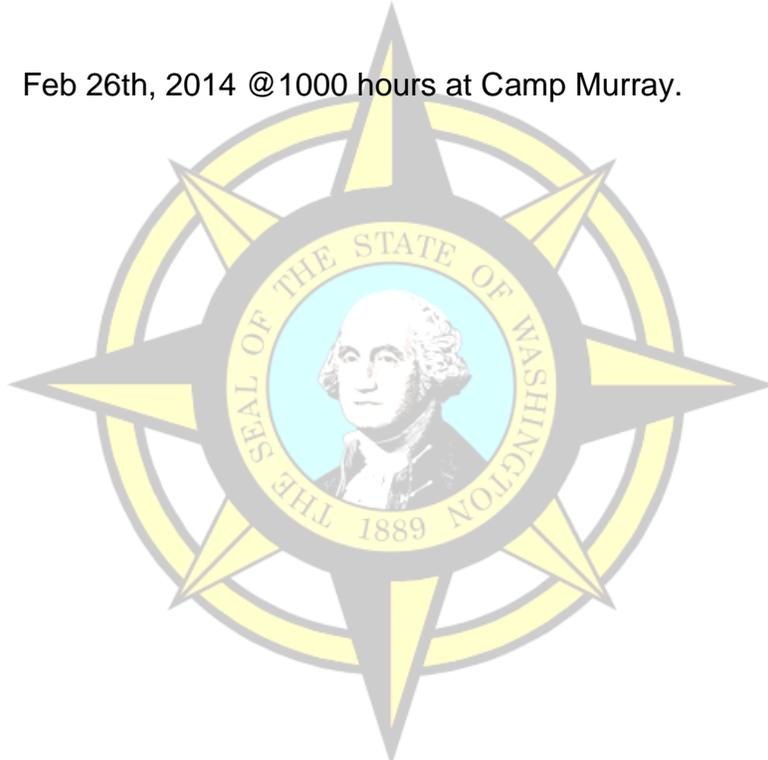


hard to regulate. Big concern is operating them safely and sharing airspace. There are test sites set up to look at safely integrating drones but nothing set in stone yet.

Introduction of Justin Odgen and cell phone forensics training.

Meeting adjourned: @1118 hours. Training began at 1200 hours and ended at 1500 hours.

Next meeting- Feb 26th, 2014 @1000 hours at Camp Murray.



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