

Board Meeting Minutes 8/6/2015

Tents--we should get some team tents. If we don't already have one. Elsbeth will look into whether we have tents and getting new ones.

GPS units--Julie feels like GPS units are not useful. Most tracks taken aren't useful. Suggesting buying mapping app for people with smart phones and battery packs for recharge. Then we could keep GPSs for big searches or long searches.

Julie suggested laminated cards with call signs or other 10 codes and radio frequencies.

Brian Hohenstein is moving to Bishop PD so Nick Vaughn will be taking his role as other SAR coordinator (760-937-1908). We are getting new vehicle radios, we will hopefully have a new vehicle from the county by the end of the week.

We should designate a spot on each vehicle to place keys.

We need new rechargable batteries.

Satellite phone--we should make sure that ours works. Laura will talk to Paul R about it and make sure we have a plan and people know how to use it.

Training: Julie proposes no trainings this month. Mike is still interested in doing another technical training so he might take over training that month.

Group technical trainings: Mike is looking into it and how much it would cost and how many people we would need to make it worth it financially.

Winter recert--Bob and Max have been exchanging emails and getting things ready for the winter recert. We'll have to check in with them later.

Maps--new maps have arrived and old maps are up for grabs.

Joint training in Oct. with San Bernardino on our usual weekend to do a mine rescue training at the Darwin Mine. Julie has looked over their mine rescue protocols and they look good so it should be a good training.

Response times: how can we make them faster? effective vs. efficient? What about a checklist before we head out since we don't get enough missions right now to remember everything all the time? Do we need to bring back very specific mission leaders to have a person who is in charge? Along with checklists?

Perhaps time isn't really the issue, perhaps we just need better pre-mission preparations so we don't forget the stupid things. Laura can work on a list because checklists save lives!

