

General Meeting Minutes 12/3/2015

Trainings/Events:

Time to get ready for the recert!

Dec. 10: Thursday training--avi beacon search and winter travel theory

Dec. 17: Holiday party potluck to meet the new coordinators. More details to follow.

Dec. 19: 8 am raise/lower on snow up at the recert site.

Jan. 16: New member training--old members allowed as well.

Jan. 21: training TBA

Jan. 23: another training

Avi training: end of Jan or beginning of Feb for private avi course, depending with the availability of the instructor. Standard Avi 1 but tailored more toward our use for SAR. 3 day commitment likely

Winter Race Series: at Mill Pond. Volunteer! Run!

Jan. 9

Feb. 13

Mar. 26

Nate would like us to come together and come up with ideas for what we want from the deputies in both the short and long term.

Missions: Meyson Lakes, Mike Myers search: 11/18: Team was contacted that he'd been missing since the 4th they had only been looking for him and his vehicle for 3 days. Vehicle finally found on a service road in a gray car off the S curve--not easily located. Luckily he left a note said he was going to do Irvine, Mallory, LeConte

Day 1: 11/19: Matt and Mike made it up to Meyson Lk and were able to glass but it was really windy and weren't able to get a lot of ground covered

Day 2: Chinook (helicopter--not salmon) and 4 teams were called in and divided up into search areas. Julie and crew in Chinook were able to see stocking cap and helmet near avi debris.

Day 3: Search dogs and teams and Mammoth brought in their rico device 50 people put in the field that day and were able to locate him quickly and recover the body. It was very wind scoured up there and was difficult to see any tracks. He was carried by the debris and was right at the toe of the debris. No other avalanche activity noted during flyovers. Serious trauma on the subject.

Lessons: First avi death in the US this season. Interesting that the slide occurred in such a low amount of snow.

Funeral Mtn. Mission: Geologist was scrambling around and found human remains at the base of the Furnace Crk range, almost on the Nevada border.

Deputy determined it would take technical equip to recover the remains which were partly in a cave near some cliffs. There was 18-20' of exposure off the ledge, but the deputy had gone out and gotten some of the remains, but didn't get all of them. Person had been missing since 1996. Found with a bullet through the skull and an old fashioned pirate pistol with a single discharge. Technical equipment wasn't needed.

Social Media and missions:

1. Carma Roper has her rules and she's in charge of enforcing them and is the funnel for our information. There are rules through the SO--everything goes through Nate and/or Carma. No blood, gore, or
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Rule of thumb--no information about the victim, but info about conditions is fine to be shared.

Other information:

Preventative SAR: There is a good lesson to get out to people that there is avalanche danger and we should all be aware. Members put it up on the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center website. Carma would be a good ally in getting out these positive messages to people.

Informational brochure--another option since the sign at is permanently in limbo--perhaps some sort of fund-raising with it.

Email Julia any SAR photos you might have for a presentation she is giving on SAR.

Found the scarabs--put gear back in the right place. If you're not sure where it goes, leave it out and someone will put it back in the right place.

SAR counseling: There are lots of resources available if you're feeling the after effects of mental trauma from a mission--talk to Nate or Julie. We do tough work and it's bound to affect us all.

If you're interested in amateur radio--take a card and talk to Ed.

New people:

Michael Real: climber, hiker, WFR, some familiarity from IC--from San Jose, an industrial rigger for towers--is planning on being here for the next 2 years.

Carrie: EMT with Symons who just moved to Bishop, WEMT, WFR, likes the outdoors

Todd Vogel: Guide and educator and owner of Eastside Sports and he's finally got a bit of time and is excited to join SAR

Leah: getting her EMT and working on her nursing prereqs, climber, knows the Lone Pine crew.

Elections:

New executive board is:

Pres: Julie Vargo

VP:

Secretary: Elsbeth Otto

Treasurer: Ed Carlson

Board:

Bob Harrington

Laura Lingeman

Stephen Pfeiler

Matt Larsen

Max Gallegos