

General Meeting Minutes 4/7/16

Tecopa search for 82yo male who had been missing for a week. His camper was parked by what was known as "hepatitis springs". We knew he liked to hike around a bit with a walking stick, which was not in his camper. His cell phone was found off a dirt road by a deputy before the search commenced. Several ground teams searched the area, we also had H-40 and some driving and ATV team from BLM. His body was eventually found near a house on private property. We did not search the area because it was private property. It was the only area within the search area we didn't search, along with one other area of private property.

Whitney lower leg injury at Boy Scout Lake--team prepared for technical lower down ledges. She ran into SMI group who helped her down--her group and the paying clients took off (the clients helped with the lower as a little learning moment), then the guides called in, and by the time we got the gate key and everything, she was a quarter mile up the trail and they gave her some crutches and did a quick medical assessment.

Important!: If you're going up the road, you can pass the lower areas of construction by driving up Hogsback Rd. at this point. Get in touch with your coordinator to get a key for the gate at the jail.

Last winter race series event! Thanks to Laura and Ed and Karen for all their help. We need to get out a thank you letters for everyone for all their donations! We brought in a fair bit of money.

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the Banff tabling.

Upcoming trainings:

Thurs, 4/14: 7pm medical training at the hut

Sat, 4/16: H-40 helicopter training at hut, time TBD!

Thurs, 4/28: 7pm Technical Rescue at Hut

Sun, 5/1: technical rescue 8am practice a pickoff at the ledges on the whitney trail (the team voted to move it to Sunday to accommodate for the various events on saturday preventing some teams from being available)

5/5: General Meeting

5/12: 5pm and May 13 all day, H-80 helicopter training.

June 7-12 MRA training in June in Port Angeles--Julie, Ariana, and Ed are going

Nov. 3-6 International Technical Rescue symposium for those who are interested. There will be a lot of presenting of papers, but there will be some trainings.

New people: Geneva--travel nurse who is here until June with her wilderness ACLS and would love to help out where she can while she's here

ALS protocol for SAR: Karen did a lot of research and she found that essentially no states have ALS protocols for SAR. Glucometer, IV catheter, saline, king airway, and a few other items would be necessary. Monitor and defibrillator (phillips is the backcountry model and runs \$25000 for a used one) plus the monitor, batteries, and pads all would have to be purchased. There are also a series of drugs that are required to be carried to be an ALS provider--which include serious narcotics which requires a lot of protocols for monitoring possession of the drugs. There are many things we would want to get exemptions for because we wouldn't need them. Medics would need to result a patient care report, ongoing accreditation, someone would need to review all PCR's, there would have to be a quality control coordinator.

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Study out of San Bernardino County found that Advanced EMTs could be another option that could be far more useful that wouldn't require ALS protocol. Can give some drugs. Would cost about \$7000 to start.

The question is do we bring the hospital to the person or the person to the hospital?

Nate is working to try and bring AEMT classes to the county. When it does come together, the SAR team would be in consideration for that.

Adding onto BLS protocols instead of trying to go to ALS protocols seems like a better option.

Frank has officially gotten the SAR coordinator permanent ranger position at Tuolumne!!!!
Hopefully eventually we can do some joint trainings at some point.