

General Meeting Minutes 7/3/14

- Missions:
 - **AMS on Whitney:** Hiked up the Whitney trail for about 15 min and ran into patient and friend hiking down.
 - **Sick guy on Kearsarge:** he got out before we left the hut.
 - **Seizure at Trail Camp:** Julia, Matt Nelson, and Ariana responded to an 18-year-old male who was suffering from seizures. His friend waited with him and the rescue team stayed with him all night until a CHP helicopter was able to get him out in the morning. The team worked on securing his airway all night while he continued to seize throughout the night. He remained disoriented and not mentally with it all evening
 - **AMS on Whitney:** While hiking up to assist the seizure patient, the team ran into an AMS patient. Ed helped them hike out.
 - **Overdue hiker on Williamson:** Slightly daunting because no one really knew the area except for Dean. Hiking buddy hit his head and hiked out two miles in, and the subject was late showing up. The team started looking for footprints when they spotted him hiking in the distance. He was fine. But was upset at miscommunication with his hiking partner. There was some tension about there being active marijuana groves
 - **Palisade Glacier mission:** While attempting to climb the U-Notch, rock slide smashed the subject's leg and he was unable to hike out. A team of 9 met the next morning and began carrying the litter and the wheel up the trail and about 6 miles in they saw a helicopter coming in and pick him up. So the team went swimming.
 - **Mt. Whitney search and recovery:** 5 day effort in which much of the team helped out with along with 14 different SAR teams, SEKI, the Navy, and CHP. A truly awesome effort in which Inyo County SAR managed the entire search and is a good reinforcement of all the work we've put into beefing up our search and IC skills. We had as many as 60 people searching on a on the ground, in addition to helicopters searching from the air. The body was eventually found by a helicopter in a steep, dark chute above Mirror Lake. It is assumed that Mr. Likely perished from a fall. Everyone was impressed with how smoothly the mission was run and Nate personally thinks it was run better than if we had outside people running the search.
 - **Mutual-aid for missing 13-year-old near Paiute Pass:** Called off before team was sent out. The kid went on ahead and got separated from the family. He was found fine and was reunited with his family.
- July Trainings:
 - Thursday, 7/17: Medical refresher in the hut
 - Saturday, 7/19: Medical scenario in the mountains
- Vehicles:
 - AC is fixed in First Out, thanks Mike!
 - Jeeps: one has an oil leak, one the power steering is not working. Writing it on the board is great, you can also take the vehicle to Warren's if you make an appointment and talk to Nate or Brian so the sheriffs know that they are going to have a bill
- South County Hut:

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- South County Hut:
 - Nate had some crews in fixing up the entire building--got rid of the old mold, and carpet and siding and fixed everything else up. All that's left is to be painted on the outside!
- Posse hut:
 - The lock on the front door is broken so don't lock the MIDDLE DOOR between the indoor area and the garage, otherwise we'll be locked out!
- 4th of July BBQ:
 - Tomorrow at Julie's house at 556 N 2nd. 7 pm
- Media relations:
 - Any public relations related to a mission has to go through the sheriff's office so make sure to contact Nate or Karma (the sheriff's PIO) to deal with the media.
 - Public relations related to trainings or meetings don't need to go through the sheriff's office.
- Miscellaneous:
 - If you are going on a mission to an area you and your team members are all unfamiliar with, take some time to look it up online and call other people, read up on the area in books.
 - From the Whitney search we found a really good radio relay position: turn onto Lone Pine Narrow Gauge Rd. Head N on O Inyo Rd until you find a turn where you have a view of the whole Whitney area!
 - The sign: does anyone know how to carve out the letters and want to deal with the sign? Please?

New member: Ryan, moved to Bishop this last winter and got into SAR through Paul and the Zoo crew.