

Inyo County Search and Rescue

October 2017 General Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2017

Call to Order The Inyo SAR general meeting was held at the Posse Hut and was called to order at 7:06 pm by Elsbeth Otto.

Mission and Training Reports

- **Missing Person White Mountains** Woman went missing while picking Pine Nuts up in the White Mountains. One team of four went up to try and find her that night, and did not find anything. The next morning, team members went out and searched along with a helicopter. The woman was found about half a mile from the point last seen. Subject was evacuated via wheeled litter.
- **Cal MRA Meeting** CA Region had a monthly meeting at the Posse Hut. A few members attended. Noteworthy items—notification system that will alert teams within the region of an upcoming mutual aid request. Ventura SAR is planning for the Rock Certification in March in the Alabama Hills near Lone Pine.
- **Thursday Training** Darla brought veggies to share. Went over vacuum split, packaging for high angle rescue.
- **Tech Training** Buttermilks. Set anchors, lowered, raised to practice high angle rescue.
- **Golden Lake/Pine Creek** Local 75 YO woman got snowed in up on Pine Creek. Husband hired a packer, got himself inserted. Initial callout said that there was a 80 YO man with a heart attack. A team of Inyo SAR members went up with warm gear, oxygen, and an AED. Turned out they were weak from the cold, no immediate heart attack like reported. CHP H82 helicopter landed in the morning and evacuated the pair.

Team Business

- **Upcoming Trainings** Todd V. will lead a classroom session about knots and anchors on Thursday, October 19th at 7PM at the Posse Hut. On Saturday the 21st of October, Inyo SAR will host John Dill from YOSAR, one of the nation's leading SAR experts, who will give a lecture about his past SAR experiences. Read more about John Dill here: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/U-S-honors-Yosemite-search-and-rescue-ranger-3187998.php>. The Saline Valley Training will occur on November 17 to 19th in Saline Valley, and tech rescues scenarios will occur in some of the canyons on the East side of the Inyo Mountains.
- **Wilderness First Responder Courses and Recertifications Upcoming** [Sierra Mountain Center](#) is offering a full WFR course November 7 - 16, WFR re certifications

on November 3-5 and November 18-20, and a five-day format in 2018. Register now—they are filling up. Voted-in members are eligible for course fee reimbursement.

Upcoming Dates (Click [here](#) to view the Inyo SAR Google Calendar)

- **October 19** Thursday Rock Anchor Rodeo at the Posse Hut 7pm
- **October 21** John Dill Lecture
- **November 2** November General Meeting 7pm
- **November 17-19** Saline Valley Campout and Canyoneering Technical Rescue Training
- **December 7** December General Meeting 7pm
- **December 14** Incident Command System
- **December 16** Winter Safety / Avalanche Training

Adjournment Bob Harrington moves to adjourn at 7:51 pm, seconded by Todd Vogel.