

Inyo County Search and Rescue

September 2017 General Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2017

Call to Order The Inyo SAR general meeting was held at the Posse Hut and was called to order at 7:10 pm by Elsbeth Otto.

Mission Reports

- **Starlight X Route Rescue and Recovery** Callout for rescue and recovery on Starlight Peak in the Palisades after a rappel anchor failure. YOSAR long-line crew flew in and rescued the woman and then recovery the deceased the next day. Very challenging to put together and plan for.
- **Four Gables Hurt Woman** Woman participating in the Sierra Peaks Challenge, didn't want to hike out/injured. Helicopter from China Lake assisted with the rescue.
- **AMS on Whitney** Unknown victim on the night of August 9th. Reported AMS on Whitney.
- **Palisade Traverse Recovery** Missing climber attempting to solo the Palisades Traverse. Ground team located him deceased on day two of the search on the snowfield near the start of the climb. (Write up on [Inyo SAR website](#))
- **WFR/Medical Training** Team members practiced our patient assessments with WFR scenarios (fall victims w/broken pelvis and a hiker with hyponatremia).
- **South Lake Technical Training** The team practiced a technical rescue scenario, rigged up a 600-ft guideline to lower the patient from a cliff position.
- **Wheeler Ridge Hangglider** Overdue hang glider, assumed a crash. He landed and walked out, not alerting his friends.
- **Lost Owens River Floaters** Inner tubers got out of the Owens too soon, got stuck and called in a rescue.

Team Business

- **Medical Policy Committee Meeting** This month a meeting occurred to try and move forward with the team medical protocol policy. The committee will try and source some information from National Park Service Wilderness medical protocols and other sources. Also talked during the meeting about establishing how these protocols fit in with Inyo County's administration. The team is in the processing of on-boarding a team Medical Director to aid in the development of medical protocols.
- **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.

- **Cave Rescue Training Opportunity** Cave rescue training in Darwin September 16 and 17 with San Bernardino Cave Rescue Team. If interested, contact [Julie Vargo](#) or [Elsbeth Otto](#).
- **SAR Book signing event** Seattle Mountain Rescue member [Bree Loewen](#) has a new book “Found: A Life in Mountain Rescue” and is doing a book signing and 45-min talk. The non-profit ESIA doing an Mammoth Lake event on Saturday September 23rd, and Inyo SAR is partnering in hosting the event. Time and Location details will be sent out in an email.
- **Death Valley Medical Trainings** DEVA is hosting medical trainings almost every week, if team members are in need of Continuing Education credits, talk to [Max Gallegos](#), the National Park will certify CEs.
- **Gear Updates** New rigging guides, general cleaning supplies, extra drill battery.

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

- **September 21** Thursday Night Tech Training 7pm
- **September 23** Saturday Technical Rescue Practice (details TBD and emailed) 8am
- **October 5** October General Meeting 7pm
- **October 19** Thursday Rock Anchor Training at the Posse Hut 7pm
- **October 21** Technical Rescue/Anchor Practice in the field 8am
- **November 2** November General Meeting 7pm
- **November 17-19** Saline Valley Campout and Canyoneering Technical Rescue Training
- **December 7** December General Meeting 7pm

Adjournment Bob Harrington moves to adjourn at 8:07 pm, seconded by Elsbeth Otto.