

Inyo County Search and Rescue

August 2018 General Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2018

Call to Order

The Inyo SAR board meeting was held at the Posse Hut and was called to order at 6:07 PM by President Elsbeth Otto.

July Trainings and Missions

- **Big Pine Slasher** Inyo SAR responded to an incident at the Big Pine Saddle Club, individual had set a truck on fire and knifed a number of horses. Tracked the individual across town, but did not have luck finding the subject.
- **Horton Creek Recovery** Hikers found a dead man on the trail up Horton Creek trail. Did a call out, drove up the road. Arrived at dark, hiked the last two miles to the subject. Autopsy showed it was a heart attack.
- **AMS Shepards Pass** CHP helicopter was able to land at Anvil Camp near Shepard's Pass for an AMS victim. Inyo SAR responded, and waited at the airport to support.
- **Knee Injury** 65 YO woman had a torn ACL, had been limping along for three days. Could not proceed with self-evac due to rock slide. H82 was able to perform a hoist operation and successfully evacuate the patient. Need to get better communications with Inyo National Forest staff on the ground.
- **Rigging Training** Hut rigging training that went over subject matter from the small teams Rigging for Rescue trainings, great info about pick-offs, mechanical advantage systems.
- **South Lake Small-Teams Tech Training** Teams went over a variety of pick-off scenarios with small teams. Great practice for tech rigging and communications.
- **Lake Sabrina Creek Flood** Stranded subjects at George Creek above Lake Sabrina, sent an emergency text saying they were stranded. SAR members got a ride across the lake and bush-wacked up to the trail. Found the subjects at Blue Lake, assisted with getting them down.
- **Sibrina Evacuation** Large landslide above Aspendell which isolated Lake Sabrina and North Lake trailheads. Insulin for a diabetic was delivered via helicopter by two team members.

- **Owens River Lost Woman** 26 YO woman missing after jumping into the Owens River. Subject was found before SAR could fully respond.
- **3 Whitney SARs** Concurrent separated party and sprained ankle hypothermic party. H80 responded, landed for the sprained ankle injury but the subject declined transport.

Team Business

- **SAR EX** CalOES sponsors a conference on SAR-related trainings and meetings. This year it is in South Lake Tahoe Sept 7-9.
- **Sheriff Lutz Retirement** The team is gifting Sheriff Lutz a gift for his retirement.

Upcoming Dates

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

- **August 16** Medical Refresher Training
- **August 18** South Lake Zodiac motor boat training
- **September 6** September General Meeting
- **September 7-9** SAREX conference, South Lake Tahoe
- **October 4** October General Meeting
- **October 13** Team Communication Training (RSVP required)

Adjournment Elsbeth Otto adjourns the meeting at 8:21 PM