

Inyo County Search and Rescue

September 2018 General Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2018

Call to Order

The September Inyo SAR general meeting was held at the Posse Hut and was called to order at 7:07 PM by President Elsbeth Otto.

August Trainings and Missions

- **Outpost Camp Hypothermia** CHP H80 assisted an Inyo SAR member to get to Outpost Camp for a cold and hypothermia patient. Landed in the meadow, patient was hoisted from his position.
- **Bear Creek Spire Pelvis Injury** on the decent from Bear Creek Spire out of Rock Creek. Two Inyo SAR members were inserted at dusk by CHP H40, tended for the patient overnight. Stable patient with back pain. Patient was hoisted out in the morning, then the helicopter returned to pick up the SAR members. End result was a broken pelvis.
- **Medical Refresher Training** Team members divided into groups to go through medical or injury scenarios and come up with treatment plans.
- **Zodiac Training South Lake** Team members trained on boat and trailer operation as well as some simple water rescues. A beautiful day out on South Lake!
- **Middle Palisade Recovery** Report that there was a deceased person on the 3rd class route up Middle Palisade. CHP H80 was delayed, so two Inyo SAR members starting hiking to the location. Located in the main chute, very loose and steep. Hoisted the victim with H80 after some troubleshooting.
- **Horton Lake Walkout** Two SAR members responded, got cancelled because Symons Ambulance and CalFire had all the resources they needed.
- **Thunderbolt Rescue** North Couloir of Thunderbolt Peak PLB activation. Helicopter recon confirmed that help was needed, but no knowledge of extent of injuries or number of patients. Inserted 5 SAR members on the ridge of the peak at 13,800, descended to the patient and initiated care. Lowered patient 250' onto the snow, at which point the patient was hoisted into a Chinook. Patient and SAR team ended up spending the night and getting extracted the next morning. End result was a brain injury, broken spine, many broken bones.

- **North Lake Heart Trouble** Inyo SAR assisted Symons Ambulance and CalFire on a carryout for heart trouble patient at North Lake.
- **NF Big Pine Broken Leg** Seven team members responded to hiker with a broken leg not far from the pack station. Team splinted the leg and helped carry the patient out.

Team Business

- **Team Facebook Mission Summaries** Team has been doing a good job with writing up mission summaries for the Inyo Sheriff Facebook and website. Keep up the good work!
- **InReach** You can email an InReach without the InReach contacting you, you cannot text it directly. See the west wall of the hut for the device's email address.
- **New Meal Ticket Form** Has to have new Sheriff's name on the top of the meal ticket form. Old ones will not work.

Upcoming Dates

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

- **September 7-9** SAREX Conference, South Lake Tahoe
- **September 20** Hut night, cleaning and organizing 6 PM. Pizza provided!
- **September 22** Patient Packaging Training (technical rock), details TBD
- **October 4** October General Meeting
- **October 13** Team Communication Training (RSVP required)
- **November 1** November General Meeting

Adjournment Elsbeth Otto adjourns the meeting at 8:25 PM