



Meeting Minutes Board of Search and Rescue (SAR)

Attendance	DATE	Tuesday, August 29, 2017	
	TIME	9:00 A.M.	
	LOCATION	Nevada Division of Emergency Management Executive Conference Room 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, Nevada 89701	
		Clark County Fire Station #18 575 E Flamingo Las Vegas, NV 89119	
	METHOD	Teleconference - Videoconference	
	RECORDER	Paul Burke	
Committee Members	Present	Staff and Others	Present
Richard Fenlason	X	Caleb Cage (DEM)	
Josh Ketcham	X	Paul Burke (DEM)	X
Tom Knight	X	Shealyne Schultz (DEM)	
Col. Carol Lynn	X	Jim Walker (DEM)	X
Russ Pedersen	X	George Taylor (DAG)	
Lt. Col. Cory Schulz		Ben Miller	
John Steinbeck			
Ron Unger	X		
Sharon Wehrly			
Burdel Welsh			

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Carol Lynn called the meeting to order at 0904. Paul Burke called roll and a quorum was established.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum was present

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Lynn opened discussion for public commentary for this meeting. There were no comments from either location.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES From December 2016 Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes. Petersen made the motion to approve and Unger second. Motion to approve minutes was passed.

5. Sheriff SAR Operations and SAR Group 501c(3) status.

Chair Lynn stated that Sheriff Wehrly requested that this discussion be tabled until the next meeting of the State SAR Board, or that there be a work session established to discuss the relationships associated with non-profits and Sheriff SAR Programs. Russ Petersen stated that he was somewhat familiar with the issue and understood the topic. He had a similar issue and suggested he could reach out to her regarding the issue. He suggested it may be better outside of a public forum. Lynn stated that she also wanted to look at this more broadly to see if it was a statewide issue. Unger also had some commentary regarding this from his own experience and had persons in the southern part of his county moving in the same direction. Lynn stated we should wait to see what Sheriff Wehrly does regarding this topic and proposes a work session using "Go to Meeting" or a similar system in a working group to discuss the issue. This may also have a forum with the Sheriff's and Chief's Association due to their requirements for SAR.

6. Meeting of the Committee on Training in Search and Rescue

A Handout was provided to members present, from Burke, of a proposed training schedule leading into the Spring of 2018. It included classes that have either been requested or ones that are part of DEM standard offerings at the time. They included NLSM, VSP Planning, and the Initial Wilderness Operations course provided to Henderson FD. The Nevada Wilderness Technician course was pulled to be updated. It is believed there will be an updated course for the Spring of 2018 and we will hold a Train-the-Trainer course so all jurisdictions can teach it.

Burke stated that he would commit to a Training Committee Meeting in September to answer several issues and to review current curriculums. Burke indicated the Committee needs to have the meeting agenda'd as it is part of the open meeting requirements for Nevada. Additionally, Burke indicated there has not been a meeting of the Training Committee due to scheduling and workload at NDEM. Further, two of the members resigned due to their work commitments.

Lynn stated there only needs to be a core group of people to focus the work and there could be others to review the materials and courses. Burke stated this was a labor-intensive job and the members should be well trained and well versed in SAR "best practices". Pedersen stated that he was on POST BoD and would contact Mike Sherlock from post regarding all of the current SAR related courses. He added that they have the list of SAR instructors and their course offerings and we should be able to share that with all jurisdictions in the event they require certain courses.

7. Inventory and Coordination of Search and Rescue Resources

Burke stated as to the inventory sheets sent to LVMPD and to Douglas County, there are no inventories returned to the state. The struggle with gaining any ground on this program, which is required to be established under the NRS, is that there isn't a requirement on the Agencies to provide the data. Pedersen suggested there be a presentation with the Sheriffs and Chiefs Association to help them understand the value of the inventory process and perhaps to explain the SAR Program in general terms and what it provides. Burke indicated he would attempt to get on the next meeting or if there isn't enough time within the interim, to get on the first meeting after January 1st.

8. Quarterly Meetings of County Search and Rescue Coordinators

The Board would like to see the formation of quarterly meetings between the SAR Coordinators, and this was discussed. Burke added that there were no funds available for travel for this schedule of meetings, but there could be a way to Video Teleconference (VTC) a meeting such as this given the distances. A schedule would be made with Burke to be distributed between all agencies and shared with the Board.

9. Future Agenda Items.

Pedersen stated there should also be a regular agenda item on Lessons Learned during the regular meeting and this should be discussed in the event there are things that should be shared with the Board. Burke indicated this would be added to the next agenda.

10. Col. Carol Lynn agreed with the suggested agenda items.

Col. Carol Lynn asked Paul Burke if he would be able to discuss with any other municipalities regarding the inventory of resources by the next meeting. Paul advised he should have more completed, but not all. Col. Carol Lynn requested an agenda item to update inventory and coordination of SAR resources within the state be added.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment at either location.

12. ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn- Pedersen, Second- Unger, Motion Passed.