

SAR Meeting Minutes
Sunday, June 1, 2014

Attendance: Jeff Bathke, Nathan Wegner, Noah Hughes, Andy Mentele, Mike Baker, Joy Schley, and James Dietz.

Members Absent: Bill Sebert, Nathan Sparks, Jason Nedved, Josh Peterson, Harvey Doerr, Doug Schley, Tanna Clark, Bob Sebert, Scott Houwman, Blake Waddell, Justin Ebert, and Travis Hohn.

Members Excused Absent: Bob Sebert, and Doug Schley.

CPT. Noah Hughes called the June S.A.R. meeting to order at 6:47pm.

New Business:

- **Bullet Proof Vests:** After the May 21st S.A.R. response call there have been questions as to whether or not members that respond to such a call should be provided a bullet proof vest for added safety. Currently, there are several bullet proof vests on hand at the S.A.R. building, though they are 17+ years old. The Mitchell PD is looking to surplus their current vests and it is an option for S.A.R. to acquire them.
- **I.D. Cards:** I.D. cards are in! However, hard plastic holders have been ordered and are still waiting to come in. Once here, further information will follow.
- **POD for flu shots:** The point of distribution for flu shots is scheduled for October 14, 2014 at the Corn Palace. S.A.R. members will be asked to work the door for security and traffic control. Also discussed, is the idea of using the MEOC for staging and some PR but to be aware of the construction that is scheduled for the area. The MEOC as a staging point and PR service will be decided on at a later date dependent on road/building construction.
- **Carry & Conceal:** Post May 21st response call it was also discussed whether or not to let S.A.R. members carry weapons on them if they had a permit to do so. Mike Baker brought up the idea of possibly doing a pistol training with the PD. At this time, it is highly discouraged to carry a weapon when performing Search and Rescue operations.
- **Incident Report:** Jeff Bathke read aloud the summary from the May 21st S.A.R. response call. Brief discussion followed.
- **Surplus:** In the near future we will be going through the S.A.R. building to decide which items stay and which items are thrown or sent to surplus.
- **Plates:** Discussion to look at purchasing association plates for all S.A.R. vehicles.

Old Business:

- **Boat:** The City of Ethan has said they do not wish to take the current S.A.R. boat; Dennis Walz with Mt. Vernon has been contacted to see if they would want the boat. No response has come in. Ideas for any other organization/foundation that would want the boat should be brought to the next meeting.
- **New Boat:** Andy Mentele provided an update on price. Transportation of the new boat was also discussed for discussion purposes only.
- **Water Heater:** Northwestern does not sell hot water heaters; Central Electric does: 50 gal - \$855, 85 gal - \$1,060. It is thought that a 50 gallon water heater will serve the S.A.R. building just fine and the price is going to be further discussed by Doug Schley.

CPT. Noah Hughes moved to adjourn meeting at 7:51pm.

Other Business:

- Alexandria Fire Department will be hosting an open house on *Saturday, June 7 from Noon – 4pm*. All members are welcome to attend.
- The Lion's Club presentation by S.A.R. will be taking place at Overtime on *Thursday, June 5th at 6:30pm*. All members are welcome and highly encouraged to attend.
- **REMINDER:** Search and Rescue Meetings are now being held on the *first* Sunday of every month at 6:30pm. Please do your best to attend.
- **REMINDER:** When dispatch sends out a page for a Severe Thunderstorm/Tornado Warning, S.A.R. members *should* deploy to their spotter locations, even if it isn't specifically stated in the message.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, July 6, 2014**



Nathan Wegner
6/2/2014