

- Discussion of member going to Reserve Status – Noah to discuss with Andy Rickett, Bill S. to talk to Andrew Ring and Jerry Norton.
- Discussion was made to try to get Drug Dog Training rescheduled with Officer Lord.
- Jeff Bathke had discussion with Unit regarding Inventory of Search & Rescue (All equipment)

Closing

- Motion to adjourn
- Several members stuck around and checked vehicles and filled vehicles with fuel.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2014

Davison County Search & Rescue
February 3rd Minutes

Members Present: Scott Houwan, Noah Hughes, Blake Waddell, Jerry Norton, Nate Sparks, Jeff Bathke, Nate Wegner, Andy Mentel, Jason Nedved, Bob Sebert, Bill Sebert, Dough Schley, Bill Schieffen

Members Absent: Travis Hohn, Josh Peterson, Joy Schley, Justin Ebert, Mike Baker, Keith Luke, Harvey Doerr, James Dietz, Andrew Pricket

Meeting Called to order @ 6:30 (Bill / Andy) All approved

Three minutes of good news:

Treasures Report: \$7,381.06 (Including 500 Donation mentioned below)

- We have removed Andy Mentel, Jim Montgomery and Alan Miller from check signature card and the ability to sign S&R checks
- We have added Nathan Sparks, Nate Wegner, and Jeff Bathke to the signature card and the ability to sign list.
- A motion was made by Blake Waddell, Second by Scott Houwman, All approved

Lt Reports – Lt. Baker is looking for three members to work security for a March 9th concert.

Old Business:

- Inflatable Boat: Andy has located a 14' boat that will accommodate up to a 40 hp motor. Price is approx. \$3200. Jeff is going to contact Cabelas about what they have for boats and motors.
- We are still looking into a 50 to 80 gallon hot water heater for the shed. Jeff is going to contact NW Energy
- Member of the year – Tabled until Josh is available for a meeting

New Business

- Inventory of issued items. Please forward your inventory sheet to Joy Schley
- Diesel Generator – Jeff will work with the County guys to get the generator in operation.
- Thermal Imager – Andy is looking into a updated thermal imager.
- Ice Rescue – A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Jerry Norton to purchase: two ice carabineers, one rescue sling, one rescue cover board, ankle weights, and six sets of clamp on's for the boots. Estimated cost is \$650
- We received a \$500 donation from the Parkston fire department.
- Polar plunge is this Saturday near Blarneys. There is a list of people signed up to help
- Jeff Bathke will look into pick-up topper prices.
- Printer Drives for the MEOC. Are they installed?
- If anyone has training requests, please email them to Jeff Bathke.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:20 PM

Next meeting is March 3rd @ 6:30

Davison County Search & Rescue
March 3, 2014 Minutes (as taken by Nathan Sparks)

Members Present: Nathan Wegner, Noah Hughes, Andy Mentele, Mike Baker, Bill Sebert, Nathan Sparks, Jason Nedved, Keith Luke, Josh Peterson, Harvey Doerr, Tanna Clark, Bob Sebert, Joy Schley, Scott Houwman, Blake Waddell, Justin Ebert, James Deitz, Bill Schiefen

Members Excused: Jeff Bathke, Doug Schley

Members Absent: Andy Prickett, Travis Hohn

Meeting called to order at 6:35 (Bill Sebert / Scott Houwman) All approved

Three minutes of good news:

Treasurers Report: Lt. Sebert reported balance after bills are paid is \$4,810.08.

- Lt. Sebert reported financials of SAR are available for members to review
- Copy of financials have been delivered to Nathan Wegner and City of Mitchell

LT Reports: Lt. Baker reported Parmelee Concert (3-9-14) detail is covered.
Need to hear back from 3 members about Hairball Concert on 4-12-14. 3-4 members have confirmed they are available to work.

OLD BUSINESS

- Need Travis Hohn's inventory. Lt. Baker reported Travis not available at this time.
- Cpt. Hughes thanked those members who reported for 3-2-14 call to search for individual.
- Cpt. Hughes thanked those members who assisted with the Polar Plunge events
- SGT. Sparks reported the ice equipment is in. Cost was \$727.16 which included shipping compared to \$650 estimate which did not include shipping charges. Invoice is paid and represented in balance above.

NEW BUSINESS

- SAR roster was passed around for updates by all members.
- United Way (UW) – Need to fill our application to receive funds for 2014 by the end of April. Nathan Sparks and Bill Sebert to complete. This year UW looking for SAR members to conduct presentation during May. Presentation includes what SAR does. Bill reported UW likes to see checking spent down to less than 20% of budget, year end we were at \$6800 balance, however funds were earmarked for boat and motor. Lt. Baker mentioned he may need to contact UW regarding this situation.
- Lt. Sebert questioned if SAR needs to request annual funds from City of Mitchell. Josh Peterson reported we need to maintain the \$2,000 request so this does not compete with other agencies in the future. Scott Houwman motioned to request funds from the City of Mitchell, Blake Waddell 2nd, motion passed.
- Discussion took place about requesting funds from Rodeo Committee, Lions Club, Exchange Club ect. These funds could assist in purchasing the boat and motor. SGT Waddell is member of Rodeo Committee and request Cpt. Hughes to draft letter to formally request from Rodeo Committee.

- Members need to complete their ICS Training and turn in their certificates to Nathan Wegner. The Courses are required by each member to take and need to be completed by the April 2014 meeting. Website address and course names as follows:
 - <https://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.aspx>
 - IS 100.b
 - IS 200.b
 - IS 700.a
- Nathan Wegner reported the Sky Warn course will take place on April 15th at Mitchell Technical Institute. This should be taken by all new members for weather spotting training and as a refresher for existing members.
- Cpt. Hughes presented Lt. Baker with the 2013 SAR Member of the Year Award. Hughes thanked Baker for his involvement and dedication to SAR unit.
- Josh Peterson made announcement he's accepted a position with the Davison County Sheriff's office. Josh reported he will maintain his position with SAR unit, however will not be able to keep his reserve position with the City of Mitchell Police Division.
- Harvey Doerr mentioned if any SAR members are interested in the Reserve Program with the City of Mitchell, SGT Erickson to put on a course later this year.
- Nathan Wegner presented each SAR member with an Organizational Chart.
- Jason Nedved reported Steve Nedved with the Mitchell Fire Department is now Master Dive Certified. If any SAR member is interested, Steve is planning courses to get scuba certified. Contact Jason or Steve for more information.
- 90 Day Inventories need to be distributed to following members: Jason Nedved, James Deitz
- Cpt. Hughes requested ID card information be turned into Nathan Wegner immediately. Members present all had their information turned in.
- Andy Mentele will conduct Live Saver Training to SAR members as we currently have several citizens using this program. Those enrolled wear a transmitter which conducts a frequency tracked by the equipment SAR and City of Mitchell have. It was discovered after the training, more training is needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 (Motion by Bill Sebert, 2nd Josh Peterson, motion carried)

Next meeting is April 7th at 6:30.

Davison County Search and Rescue met April 7th,2014. Meeting was called to order by Capt Noah Hughes at 60pm

Treasurer's report read by Noah was \$6078.74.

SkyWarn classes were moved to April 29th at 7pm at MTI.

Discussed CPR training. Currently we are paying \$35/person for training. Jason Nedved may be getting certified to teach and will take over training at that point.

Randy Bartlett, Hanson Co Sheriff, came to ask for help for the Greg Wagner Memorial Walk on May 10th(Saturday). In the Alexandria auditorium will be "Fallen Hero Banners" that need to be monitored at all times. They will be hanging from 10am-4pm. Anyone who helps will be allowed into the baseball game that night. Randy suggested that we take the MEOC and trailer for visibility to the community. Doug and Joy can help. Anyone else please contact Mike Baker.

NathanWegner needs FEMA/ICS certificates from the majority of members. Please complete ICS training 100/200/700. If you have done them, copy your certificate and get them to Nathan. If you need to reprint them, go to FEMA.gov. Nathan also needs some pictures for name tags. Please check your emails.

Jeff Bathke reported he is looking into CERT classes as the state doesn't have funds for the training this year.

Lion's club has given us \$4000 towards the boat and motor. Jeff will contact other Emergency Managers in the 10 county area to see if they want the current boat, without trainer or motor. Jeff will also discuss with the county that the boat was a gift to Search and Rescue to make sure everyone knows. We are still also looking into a topper for the pickup.

Bill Sebert and Nathan Sparks will be giving the United Way presentation in May. Anyone who would like to help, contact them.

Jeff is looking into a hot water heater from Northwestern Public Service.

Jason Nedved reported that Open Water dive training is this Saturday. Anyone interested contact him or go to DakotaScuba.com.

Jeff is working on a training schedule. He will be talking to the Highway Patrol about the drug dog. Discussion was also held that the Project Lifesaver transmitters are bad. The City has bought a new one and will try to budget for a second next year.

Noah asked about changing the meetings to Sunday nights. Motion by Doug S, seconded by Keith L to change the meetings back to the first Sunday night at 6:30pm. Motion passed.

Jeff and Nathan are making new laminated storm spotting maps to put into vehicles and to hand out to members. They will also try to email them out to members.

Submitted,

Joy Schley

SAR Meeting Minutes
Sunday, May 4, 2014

Attendance: Nathan Wegner, Andy Mentele, Keith Luke, Harvey Doerr, Doug Schley, Joy Schley, and Bill Schiefen.

Members Absent: Mike Baker, Nathan Sparks, Jason Nedved, Josh Peterson, Tanna Clark, Bob Sebert, Scott Houwman, Blake Waddell, Justin Ebert, Travis Hohn, and James Dietz.

Members Excused Absent: Jeff Bathke, Noah Hughes, and Bill Sebert.

Guests: Steve Nordwall (State Radio)

Motion by Andy Mentele to call the May S.A.R. meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Review of April 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Finding no corrections or additions, Motion by Keith Luke, second by Doug Schley to approve the April Minutes.

New Business:

- Radios: Steve Nordwall gave a detailed explanation of the digital radios and the different frequencies. Currently, the radio frequencies are confusing, out of sync with the Fire and Police Department, and need to be reprogrammed. Andy Mentele mentioned that some radios are distributed out and would need to be collected before sending radios with Steve. Nathan Wegner informed the group that the reprogramming would be free of charge and Steve will provide a spreadsheet of the new frequencies that will be placed in all S.A.R. vehicles. Andy Mentele raised concern of being without radios for an extended period of time and the possibility of severe storms. Steve said that the reprogramming only takes a few days to complete. Motion by Doug Schley, second by Andy Mentele to approve the digital radio frequency reprogramming by Steve Nordwall. All present members voted Aye.
- Andy Mentele and Mike Baker taught a Boy Scout class on April 26, 2014 at MTI.
- Andy Mentele presented a new Project LifeSaver device that is an update to the old machine. It was mentioned that the City is hoping to get another for the PD. S.A.R. will be holding another live search, using Project LifeSaver, within the next few months.
- Nathan Wegner informed the group of a new smoke detector project that aims at educating people about fire safety with an overall goal of decreasing house fires in the Mitchell area. The project is a partnership between the City of Mitchell, the County, and Red Cross. The County is looking for nine S.A.R. members who would be available to go door to door for one Saturday, September 27, to educate and install smoke detectors. The issue will be brought up again at both the June and July meetings with a goal of collecting names at the July meeting.

Old Business:

- Boat: There is still a need for S.A.R. members to present/discuss with the Lyons Club in regards to receiving funds for a new boat. The Club would like a date set within the next couple weeks. Bill Schiefen said he would be willing to go and it was mentioned that Mike Baker might be interested.
- Boat Trailer: Discussion covered whether or not to keep the existing trailer for the new boat or leave it with the old boat. It was also mentioned for hauling the new boat that

using the back of the pick-up truck is an option, as well as using the top of the S.A.R. equipment trailer. Nathan Wegner informed the group about the possibility of Ethan or Mt. Vernon receiving the old boat and they would most likely want the trailer to pull the boat. The group decided they would favor sending the trailer with the old boat because of the price it would take to modify it to work with the new boat. Motion by Keith Luke, second by Joy Schley to keep both boat and trailer together. All present members voted Aye.

- Miscellaneous boat talk about size of new boat, type of motor, response and set-up time...etc.
- Andy Mentele mentioned that Mike Baker is still seeking help from available S.A.R. members for the May 10th Poker Run.

Motion by Joy Schley, second by Keith Luke to adjourn meeting at 8:24pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2014

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Nathan Wegner
5/5/2014

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**

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Nathan Wegner
6/2/2014



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SAR Meeting Minutes
Sunday, July 13, 2014

Attendance: Jeff Bathke, Nathan Wegner, Noah Hughes, Bill Sebert, Andy Mentele, Mike Baker, Joy Schley, Doug Schley, Bob Sebert, Josh Peterson, Harvey Doerr, Keith Luke, Tanna Clark, Bill Schiefen, Jason Nedved and James Dietz.

Members Absent: Blake Waddell, Justin Ebert, and Travis Hohn.

Members Excused Absent: Scott Houwman and Nathan Sparks.

CPT. Noah Hughes called the June S.A.R. meeting to order at 6:36 P.M.

Treasurer's Report: As of July 13, 2014 the account sits at \$19,328.

Old Business:

- There was no comment for 'old business'.

New Business:

- James Dietz announced his leave from SAR- he is moving to Rapid City.
- Discussion- Boat: Type of motor, prop or jet. Boat with prop motor: \$7,131.95. Motion by Sebert, Second by Luke to approve purchasing boat with prop motor for the price of \$7,131.95.
- Mike Baker- Upcoming events: Event list was sent out for the parade and rodeo. ***Corn Palace concert- let Baker know ASAP if you can work.***
- Jeff Bathke: Discussion about Rodeo assignments. Update: we currently have 18 spots filled on SAR leaving 2 vacancies- get the word out. Emergency Management is currently working to apply for grant money through Homeland Security to purchase an enclosed trailer for the new boat. Old boat will be offered to all counties in the region (Region 6). The broken portable light set bars will be replaced by the State; the bars were damaged while responding to the 2011 flooding. The purchase of scuba gear for \$2,500 - \$2,800 was tabled for discussion until Sparks is in attendance. Smoke detector program is still seeking volunteers for September 27th; need a total of 9 people.

Search and Rescue members proceeded to inventory the conex, equipment trailer, and MEOC while others sprayed down the garage floor. (7:20-8:45)

CPT. Noah Hughes moved to adjourn meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Other Business:

- I.D. cards were handed out at July 13th's meeting, if you were not there your I.D. is on the table.
- **REMINDER:** Search and Rescue Meetings continue to be 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, August 3, 2014**

Nathan Wegner
7/14/2014



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S.A.R. Meeting Minutes
Sunday, August 3, 2014

Captain: Noah Hughes Treasurer: Bill Sebert

1. Call to order by Captain Noah Hughes @ 6:30 P.M.
2. Incident Report
 - a. Weather Spotting 7/26/14
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Treasurer was absent; no report available.
4. Noah Hughes
 - a. Attendance
 - i. Letters will be sent out to anyone with three meetings missed in a row asking that their equipment be turned in to the EM office.
 - b. Justin Ebert has asked that he be moved to the reserve team. The request was granted and reflected on the roster.
5. Andy Mentele
 - a. Boat Update
 - i. New Boat and motor were ordered as of August 1. The old boat will be going to Hanson County EM.
6. Mike Baker
 - a. Upcoming Events (update)
 - i. Mike discussed with the group how the Corn Palace festival will operate and what is expected of members while on duty.
7. Bill Sebert (Excused Absent)
8. Jeff Bathke
 - a. ICS Course Discussion; Dates for Classes
 - i. ICS courses 300 & 400 are going to be held in Deadwood September 22-25; Jeff is going to check with Allan Miller to see if reimbursement for travel is offered for S.A.R. members.
 - ii. Jeff's availability for the next two months will be limited.
 - iii. Ordering new shirts is an interest and the layout for the shirt and new logo will be discussed at September's meeting.

9. Nathan Wegner
 - a. Roster Update
 - i. The roster was passed around to all present members to make any corrections or changes.
10. Nathan Sparks
 - a. Dive Equipment
 - i. Proper dive equipment is seen as needed and necessary for S.A.R. to provide full support when an incident occurs. A full set of dive equipment with adequate PSI is estimated to cost \$3,000 - \$4,000. Homeland Security grant money will be considered as a way to purchase the equipment in 2015 or if the budget at the end of the year provides enough funding.
11. Jason Nedved (7:30)
 - a. Discussion input on dive equipment
 - i. Jason is now dive rescue certified and hopes to get a few more members certified in the future.
12. Josh Peterson (Absent)
13. Keith Luke
 - a. No comments.
14. Harvey Doerr (Excused Absent)
15. Doug Schley
 - a. No comments.
16. Tanna Clark (Absent)
17. Bob Sebert (Excused Absent)
18. Joy Schley
 - a. No comments.
19. Scott Houwman (Absent)
20. Blake Waddell (Excused Absent)
21. Bill Schiefen (Absent)
22. Comments from the Team
 - a. There were no other comments from the Team.
23. Next meeting is scheduled for **September 7, 2014 @ 6:30 P.M.**



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S.A.R. MINUTES
October 5, 2014

Captain: Noah Hughes Treasurer: Bill Sebert

1. Call to order by Treasurer/Lieutenant Bill Sebert @ 6:35 P.M.
2. Incident Report
 - a. Weather Spotting 8/23/14
 - b. Missing Person 9/17/14
 - c. House Fire 9/25/14
 - d. Garage/House Fire 9/28/14Overall: S.A.R. members would like to be more involved & called out during incidences.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Balance of \$12,092
 - b. Around \$2,000 from S.A.R. items sold on the auction will be deposited into the account.
 - c. Nathan Sparks will take over as Treasurer.
4. Noah Hughes (E)
5. Andy Mentele
 - a. Two possible purchases for the Team: Project Lifesaver receiver and a Drone. There was also discussion about trading in (if possible) the current side-by-side and purchasing a Polaris 900; pricing of a Polaris will be researched by Jeff. *The purchase of a Project Lifesaver receiver was determined necessary with a motion by SR Waddell, second by SR Bill Sebert. All present members voted 9 aye, 1 nay.*

Andy presented several videos of possible drones available for purchase. The base charge for a drone is \$1,200; Andy is going to do more research and present a few options at November's meeting and look for a possible vote.

6. Mike Baker
 - a. Upcoming Events
 - i. 10/4/14: The Bull Riding event went well, quiet.
 - ii. No big upcoming events are scheduled.
7. Bill Sebert
 - a. Possible Investment Projects/Opportunities
 - i. Discussion of possible purchases with the final consensus that ***all members are encouraged to compose a list of items they would like to see S.A.R. purchase; please include pricing! Bring the list to the November meeting.***

8. Jeff Bathke

- a. Home Fire Preparedness Project 9-27-14
 - i. Project went well; 2 S.A.R. members volunteered along with EM Bathke and DEM Wegner.
- b. Generator Refueling After Incident
 - i. Generators should not be left empty after events or call outs- it makes it extremely time consuming when responding to the next incident. ***PLEASE either fill them after the use or let Jeff or Nathan know they need to be filled.**
- c. Light Set Repair Parts on Order
- d. Boat Trailer Update
 - i. The Office of Emergency Management will know whether we received the Homeland Security money for an enclosed trailer by Thursday, October 9. An update will be provided at the November meeting.
- e. Surplus Auction Outcome
 - i. \$2,000 will come back to S.A.R. from the items that were sold at the September 20 auction.
- f. Radio Frequency Reprogramming
 - i. Jeff will get Steve from state radio to reprogram the frequencies.
- g. S.A.R. Meeting Date – First Sunday vs. First Monday of the Month
 - i. After discussion, it was decided that meetings will stay on *Sunday* nights.
- h. Light Set Transfers From Sheriff's Office (3)
 - i. The Davison County Sheriff's Office is going to transfer three light sets that they have no use for and that S.A.R. could make use of.
- i. Missing Person Training
 - i. DCI would like to be involved in a missing person training when one is held. Project Lifesaver training is more of a priority and training will be held first for that and will not include DCI.
- j. POD Discussion
 - i. Held Tuesday, October 14 from 3:00-7:00 P.M. and is in need of several volunteers- Jeff will contact Joseph Thury and find out how many volunteers they are looking for and let members know.

9. Nathan Wegner

- a. Copy of All Newly Administered CPR Cards for Files
- b. Blue Team vacancies (3-4)
 - i. There are three vacancies on the Blue Team and one other vacancy on the team overall. ***S.A.R. members are welcome to bring a list of possible people to the November meeting they feel would contribute as a good team member.***

10. Nathan Sparks

- a. No further discussion items

11. Jason Nedved (A)

12. Josh Peterson (A)

13. Keith Luke
 - a. No further discussion items
14. Harvey Doerr
 - a. No further discussion items
15. Doug Schley
 - a. No further discussion items
16. Tanna Clark (A)
17. Bob Sebert
 - a. No further discussion items
18. Joy Schley
 - a. No further discussion items
19. Scott Houwman (A)
20. Blake Waddell
 - a. No further discussion items
21. Bill Schiefen
 - a. No further discussion items
22. Additional comments from the Team
23. Adjournment @ 7:45 P.M.
24. Next meeting is scheduled for ***November 2, 2014 @ 6:30 P.M.***



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S.A.R. Minutes
November 2, 2014

Captain: Noah Hughes Treasurer: Nathan Sparks

1. Call to order by Captain Noah Hughes @ 6:30 P.M.
2. Incident Reporting – None.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. As of 11/2/2014 the account held \$15,451.76; an additional \$1,200 will be deposited in December from United Way.
4. Noah Hughes
5. Andy Mentele
 - a. Drone Purchase/"Quadcopter" with thermal imager, replacement blades, and 6-7 batteries. Total purchase price of approximately \$9,000. *Motion by Baker, Seconded by Clark, to approve the purchase of the 'Quadcopter'.*
6. Mike Baker
 - a. Upcoming Events: No upcoming events to report.
7. Bill Sebert (E)
8. Jeff Bathke (E)
9. Nathan Wegner
 - a. Cold Weather Gear- Make sure your cold weather gear is in your vehicle to insure timely response during a call out.
 - b. HLSG Money – Boat Trailer
 - i. The boat trailer (enclosed) was approved for Homeland Security Funds and will be purchased after the 1st of the New Year.
 - c. Water Heater Purchase
 - i. Mike Baker stated that his company has a marathon water heater that could possibly be sold to SAR. More information will be available at the next meeting for a possible vote.
 - d. Generator Update- The command generator is up and running and will move to the County North Offices building to make room in the SAR shed for the new boat trailer. Monthly starts of the generator will be conducted.
10. Nathan Sparks
11. Jason Nedved

12. Josh Peterson

- a. Will be sending out 'officer of the year' information; check your emails.

13. Keith Luke

- a. New LED flashlights to replace out-of-date or broken flashlights. Total purchase price of approximately \$600. *Motion by Luke, Seconded by Houwman, to approve four (4) new LED flashlights.*
- b. New BDU pants to replace or provide insulated pants for all current members. Total purchase price of approximately \$1,000. *Motion by Peterson, Seconded by Houwman, to approve 16 BDU pants.*

14. Harvey Doerr (E)

15. Doug Schley (E)

16. Tanna Clark

17. Bob Sebert (E)

18. Joy Schley (E)

19. Scott Houwman

20. Blake Waddell (E)

21. Bill Schiefen

22. Additional comments from/for the Team

- a. The pager system currently located at the Courthouse will move to the MPD.

23. Adjournment @ 7:35 P.M.

24. Next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2014 @ 6:30 P.M.

Other Items mentioned for possible purchase include:

- Topper for white truck
- Dive equipment
- Water heater
- Updated/new clothing items for SAR members
- Extra/new radios
- Upgrade thermal imager
- Confined space camera
- New backpacks for gear



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S.A.R. MINUTES
December 7, 2014

Captain: Noah Hughes Treasurer: Nathan Sparks

1. Call to order by Captain Noah Hughes @ 6:30 P.M.
2. Incident Reporting
 - a. Police Support 11/8/14 – Copies of the report were provided.
 - b. CHS Fire 11/19/14 – Copies of the report were provided.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Balance of \$14,819.01 as of 12/7/14 and does include the flashlight purchases, does not include the drone or (BDU) pant purchases. Jeff has contacted Dave with United Way to find out if carry a large balance over to 2015 will hurt United Way funding; Dave has not called back, but it is not expected to hinder funding.
4. Noah Hughes
 - a. Purchase recommendation of new bumpers with 12,000 lb. winch for the white pickup and suburban; topper for white pickup is not necessary, if anything we should be looking at purchasing a headache bar. *Motion by Mentele, seconded by J. Schley to approve a purchase of one (1) bumper, winch set for the white pickup at the cost of \$3,290.12. All present members voted aye, motion carried.*
5. Andy Mentele
 - a. Drone Purchase update: FAA permission is forthcoming, then can purchase.
 - b. Ice Rescue Training Opportunity: **December 20, 2014 from 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.** at Lake Mitchell. Andy is main contact for further information.
6. Mike Baker
 - a. Upcoming Events: Oak Ridge boys concert **December 18, 2014** (for additional information check Mike's email from a couple weeks ago). So far, four (4) S.A.R. members have volunteered.
 - b. Water heater: Baker Electric has an electric water heater that has been used minimally. Since the group has been discussing a water heater purchase for over a year now, *motion by J. Schley, seconded by Waddell to make purchase of the water heater from Baker Electric. All present members voted aye, motion carried.*
7. Bill Sebert (E)
8. Jeff Bathke
 - a. CERT program coordinator: In the past Allan Miller oversaw CERT information; Jeff wanted to make sure no one else was handling CERT activities before proceeding.
 - b. Palace Builders will be coming to look at the roof of the S.A.R. building.

9. Nathan Wegner
10. Nathan Sparks
11. Jason Nedved (E)
12. Josh Peterson (E)
13. Keith Luke
14. Harvey Doerr
15. Doug Schley
16. Tanna Clark (A)
17. Bob Sebert (E)
18. Joy Schley
19. Scott Houwman (A)
20. Blake Waddell
 - a. Possible purchase ideas: Pull over jackets (windbreaker) with S.A.R. emblem. New polo shirts, green and black security. New backpacks/bag that can hold all S.A.R. gear. Jeff will provide samples of the jackets and polo shirts at the next meeting.
21. Bill Schiefen (E)
22. Additional comments from/for the Team
 - a. Replacement light kits will be installed as we can; no need to schedule time to do it.
 - b. The large generator has been moved to the North Offices' building; lights/wires need to be fixed- EM will look into it.
 - c. The re-design of the S.A.R. logo will be provided at the next meeting.
23. Meeting adjourned @ 7:15 P.M.
24. Next meeting is scheduled for **January 4, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M.**

MAJOR INCIDENT

REPORTING INFORMATION FORM

DATE: 11-19-14

TIME: 0335

AGENCY: Davison EM

NAME: Nathan Wegner

PHONE: 605-201-4405

TYPE OF INCIDENT: ☒ FIRE ☐ FLOOD ☐ TORNADO ☐ OTHER

DETAILS: At approximately 0300 on 19 NOV 2014 the Mitchell Fire Division was notified of smoke coming from a building on the Farmer Alliance LLC site on the west side of town, shortly thereafter the MFD arrived on scene. At 0335 Dispatch (995-8403) notified Emergency Deputy Manager Wegner of a structure fire at 1800 Elevator Road, 1/4 mile to the west of Mitchell, SD. Upon arrival the MFD, MPD, Sheriff's Office, Ethan FD, and Mt. Vernon FD were on the scene. MPD had secured the perimeter of the area and check the site near the burning structure for other chemicals.

A grain elevator chemical storage building had white smoke rolling out of the roof with firefighters spraying water on the building. Other firefighters walked the perimeter. At approximately 0355 the structure collapsed on itself; at this point flames became visible and the smoke turned black as the chemical and fire reacted and gained oxygen. The fire's plume carried over the W, SW side of Mitchell; at 0456 it was reported that the plume was not affecting the City and there was no immediate danger to the public. At approximately 0415 both Ethan and Mt. Vernon FD 10-19. The owners of the building identified three chemicals that were in the building at the time of the fire; 0455 Assistant Fire Marshall, Paul Morris (770-4890), contacted Emergency Deputy Manager Wegner to relay the chemical information, to include: Tundra (insecticide), Nutrisphere (crop protectant), and Round Up. From the beginning, the fire was controlled and contained. 0535 Emergency Deputy Manager 10-42 as the fire was reported to be diminishing and could be monitored from a distance and let it burn off. 0730 Emergency Deputy Manager returned to scene to finish report and gather more information. Geotech was reported to already be on scene testing the air quality and a nixel notification was sent out to the public advising them not to conduct outdoor activities in the affected area. Mitchell Fire continued to monitor the situation and Mitchell PD provided road closures and continued to secure the site from public traffic. The building is assumed a total loss.

S.A.R. was not needed, nor activated. An investigation will be conducted but at this point foul play does not seem likely.

The property is owned by Farmers Alliance LLC and the fire was reported by a worker who was showing up for a shift. The owners and a few workers were on the scene throughout the incident.

0420 Duty Officer Laurie Morrison (773-3536) was notified and briefed on the incident; 0815 Laurie Morrison was contacted again for an update on the situation and provided answers to questions asked in the prior conversation. The full written report was sent to the Duty Officer later that day.

LOCATION: 1800 Elevator RD., Mitchell, SD

INJURIES: None.

SIZE: Chemical storage building. Fire was contained to the building.

MOVEMENT: Plume from fire carried into the atmosphere in a SE direction over the W, SW side of Mitchell.

ENDANGERED AREA: Fire was contained to the building. However, the plume would be toxic to breathe.

POPULATION AREA: Property is outside the city limits in an industrial area with residential areas near.

IMMEDIATE THREAT: ☒ HUMAN ☒ WILDLIFE ☐ WATER ☐ FISH ☐ OTHER

CURRENT OR POTENTIAL HEALTH PROBLEMS: Smoke inhalation.

CURRENT OR POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS: Toxic plume/fumes in the air.

WATER BODIES/STREAMS INVOLVED: None.

WHAT MEDIA WAS AFFECTED BY THE RELEASE: ☒ AIR ☐ SOIL ☐ WATER

CURRENT WEATHER CONDITIONS AT SCENE: Cold, strong NW wind sustained at 26-30mph, light snow showers.

WIND SPEED: 26 MPH

DIRECTION: NW

TEMPERATURE: 20°

CLIMATE:

Cloudy with light snow showers

INSURANCE COMPANY/POLICY/ADDRESS/PHONE: Unknown

HOME OWNER: Farmers Alliance LLC

AGENCIES ON SCENE: Mitchell Fire Department, Mitchell Police Department, the Davison County Sheriff's Office, Ethan Fire Department, Mt. Vernon Fire Department, Geotech, and Davison County Emergency Management were on the scene.

DUTY OFFICER CALLED (605-773-3231): 0420 Duty Officer Laurie Morrison (773-3536) was notified and briefed on the incident; 0815 Laurie Morrison was contacted again for an update on the situation and provided answers to questions asked in the prior conversation. The full written report was sent to the Duty Officer later that day.

PHOTO: #1-Structure fire shortly after the initial collapse.



PHOTO: #2-Fire with plume shortly after the initial collapse.



PHOTO: #3-Daylight view of burned and collapsed chemical storage building.



INCIDENT REPORT

DATE: 11-8-14 - 11-9-14

REPORT TIME: 1745

AGENCY: S.A.R.

NAME: Nathan Wegner

PHONE: 605-201-4405

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Police Support

LOCATION: Quality Inn, Mitchell

INJURIES: (1) Female suspect was shot after pointing gun at officers.

CURRENT WEATHER CONDITIONS AT SCENE: Seasonable. Clear Skies.

WIND SPEED: 7MPH

DIRECTION: South

TEMPERATURE: 38°

AGENCIES ON SCENE: (4) Mitchell Police (SWAT), Mitchell Fire & Rescue, Davison County Sheriff's Office, Davison County Search and Rescue.

S.A.R. MEMBERS DEPLOYED: (3) Noah Hughes, Nathan Sparks, and Keith Luke.

S.A.R. MEMBERS CALLED IN BUT NOT DEPLOYED: (7) EM Jeff Bathke, DEM Nathan Wegner, Bill Sebert, Bob Sebert, Bill Schiefen, Blake Waddell, and Andy Mentele.

S.A.R. EQUIPMENT DEPLOYED: (1) MEOC

EXPLANATION OF INCIDENT: 1700 Mitchell Police respond to call of an intoxicated woman threatening suicide with a firearm at a local hotel (Quality Inn). When officers arrived, they found the woman barricaded in a motel room, threatening to shoot herself and others. 1745 dispatch call and text requesting SAR members and the MEOC as a command post. 1808 SAR MEOC depoloyed to Quality Inn parking lot (lobby). Suspect was 55 year old female, Joy Sherman, a former resident of Stepping Stones. Once officers secured the perimeter around the suspect's room, the situation escalated and resulted in an officer shooting the suspect. The suspect was airlifted to a hospital in Sioux Falls and is listed in critical condition. 0126 MEOC cleared the scene and returned to the SAR shed. 0239 Motel was released back to the staff. No one other than the suspect was injured. The Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) will investigate the incident. No further information has been released.

DUTY OFFICER CALLED: Duty officer was contacted by State Radio after request from Kyleena Dumas.