



Davison County Search and Rescue
1224 W. 5th Ave.
Mitchell, SD 57301
Phone (605) 995-8025



S.A.R. MINUTES
July 12, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

Captain: Mike Baker

Treasurer: Jeff Bathke

Secretary: Jeff Bathke

1. Call to order by Captain Baker @ 1:00 PM.
2. Attendance:
 - a. Present: EM Bathke, DEM Wegleitner, Captain Baker, Lt. Eric Grajkowske, SR Schiefen, Lt. Rader, SR Mentele, & SR Steve Nedved
 - b. Excused: SR Kane Grajkowske, SR Joy Schley, Doug Schley, SR Bill Sebert, & SR Bob Sebert
 - c. Absent: SR Jason Nedved and SR Waddell
3. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Lt. Rader, seconded by SR Mentele. Motion carried.
4. Approval of previous minutes. Motion by Lt. Eric Grajkowske, seconded by Lt. Rader. Motion carried.
5. Public Input: None
6. Treasurer's Report.
 1. Deposits – \$1,250 from the United Way (6/30/2026) – Installment #2
 2. Checks – None
 3. Balance = \$44,794.94Motion by Lt. Rader, seconded by SR Steve Nedved, to accept Treasurer's Report.
Motion carried.
7. Old Business for discussion only:
 - a. Pickup toppers & bed roll out drawers: DEM Wegleitner explained gave details of the toppers and roll out drawers. The total cost of around \$9,000 per vehicle includes labor. EM Bathke advised holding off on purchasing anything, as he is close to getting the Commissioners to approve the building expansion.
8. New Business for discussion only:
 - a. Police Department support:
 - i. EM Bathke explained the City of Mitchell has continuously reduced the yearly allocation. In the 2019 Budget process, the City of Mitchell moved our allocation from the normal subsidy request to the PD, which was meant to protect our funding. This has not been the case, as we have been reduced twice since then. We provide support to numerous concerts, parades, pre-Sturgis party, etc. We need to determine if providing these services outside normal Search and Rescue activities is worth the \$1,000.
 - ii. In 2026 it was reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,000.
 - iii. In 2021 it was reduced from \$1,750 to \$1,500.
 - iv. In 2017 it was reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,750.The group discussed wanting to continue supporting the police department.
9. New Business requires a vote:
 - a. Police Department support: The vote was done via email. The consensus was to continue supporting.



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10. Upcoming Events/Security Detail:
 - b. 2026 Stampede Rodeo – Traffic control on July 16th-19th
 - c. National Night Out at Hitchcock Park: August 4th from 1800-2000.
 - d. Pre-Sturgis Party on August 6th
 - i. Requesting light towers & generator(s).
11. Incident reporting for 2026 (18, with 7 SAR required).
 - i. Fire-3
 - ii. HAZMAT-8
 - iii. Non-Hazardous Spill-0
 - iv. Missing Persons-2
 - v. Mutual Aid-0
 - vi. Police Support-6
 - vii. Public Works-0
 - viii. Severe Weather-6
 - ix. Vehicle Related Deaths-0
 - x. Flood-0
 - xi. Total = 25
12. Good of the Order: None.
13. Training:
 - a. Boat training: The new boat was taken out to begin the break in process and provide hands-on training for personnel on the operation of the boat and its equipment.
14. Next meeting: August 2, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
15. Adjournment
16. Adjourn meeting at 1:30 PM. Motion by Lt. Eric Grajowske, seconded by Lt. Rader. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Headed out to the boat docks to break in the new boat.