ASRC BOD MEETING 02JUN90

Meeting called to order: 10:27

Koester outlined meeting time schedule. Stopping time set for 1600, lunch 1230. Koester mentioned he had approved two VA Rescue Squad license plate forms. Further discussion if any wanted to contest this should be later. Koester reviewed current officers appointed by BOD.

COMMO
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October BOD meeting is Commo Committee meeting. Groups should send personnel specifically for this part of the meeting.
ASRC Commo resource list presented. (see attached)

MEDICAL
ASRC needs to become a MD BLS agency. ASRC is BLS agency in VA and PA.
Conover’s Wilderness EMT lesson plan is being sent to an editorial board.

OPERATIONS
No report.

PLANS
No report.

TRAINING
Peter McCabe
Goals established, and presented. (see attached)
List of Training Officers presented:
  Conference: Peter McCabe
  AMRG: Mike Kuga
  BRMRG: Ed Sihler
  ESAR 616: Meg Gralia
  RSAR: Mark Pennington
  SMRG: William Dixon
  SWVMRG: Sheila Armstrong
  TSARG: Dianne Burroughs

PIO
Pam Platt
New position will collect all articles on searches. Probably will be the follow up person with local agencies. Probably will make sure that an ASRC brochure is available. Probably will develop a PIO packet for the OPS kits. Probably will develop an new member info packet.

FINANCE
Gary Mechtel
No Report.
ASTM
No report.

NASAR
Recommendation to pay conference.
By 30JUN, members need to submit checks, payable to NASAR for $8.00

PASARC
John Golding, report by Peter McCabe
Doing first aid stations.
Conducting state-wide simulation in November.
ASRC still needs to pay dues, already approved by ASRC BOD.

MD SAR
Peter McCabe
Baltimore County has acquired two dogs they are training to be air-scenting. They will be available for intra and interstate activities. They said that they have acquired the dogs because of a lack of full-time dog teams available in MD. (see attached)

VASARC
Large part of meeting went to Richmond search critique.
Worked on developing a list of corporate donors to help provide a 3rd GSAR in fiscal 1990-91.
Council now has enforceable standards for operational groups.
VASARC simulation was cancelled due to proximity to Manassas (N8164N) search.
DES has asked ASRC for operational statement of capability. They intend to distribute this to all counties.

BRMRG
4 in EMT class (3 new and 1 recert)
3 in ST class
9 took Anakit certification
Purchase: 2 new Motorola MT-1000 with 2 backup batteries and chargers.

ESAR 616
Peter McCabe
5 new ESARs
Developing computer capabilities for vehicle.

RSAR
David Kildoo
Announced new officers (see attached)
Have finalized a deal with Metrocall to purchase 40 pagers.
The 17APR90 Richmond search was RSAR's best turnout so far this year with 20 members responding.
5 members responded to the 03MAY90 Hanover search.
19 members responded to the Manassas (N8164N) search 10-18MAY90 logging over 700 manhours.
SMRG
BB Oros
Terry Griffin has resigned from the Chairmanship. SMRG will be voting in a new Chair at the next business meeting.
The weekend of 09-10JUN will find SMRG providing security and medical coverage to Springstone, the annual REI climbing competition. Over the night of 09-10JUN, SMRG will be conducting night vertical training.
SMRG now has 30 members.
SMRG provided training to the Baltimore Council of BSA at the Straus Wilderness area in MD as a fund-raiser.

SWVMRG
C.D. Reavis
2 members attending Triangle Rescue Group level 1-3
1 member attending level 1
Due to VA Tech summer break, meetings and trainings have been light.

OLD BUSINESS
Operational requirements. Koester reminds everyone that this type of document has been requested by VA DES and is intended to be distributed to all of the counties in VA. This discussion lasted until 1600. A revised copy was made by David Stocksbury. (see attached)

Motion made by McCabe to thank BRMRG for work on OPS regulations and directs Stocksbury to get revisions in italics and distributed to ASRC OPS officer and Groups.

CISD report by Carolyn Szostak.
• brochures with regional VA contact numbers handed out. (see attached)
• In processes of gathering information and references on CISD and stress management.
• MD teams will be informed of CISD availability.
• CISD conference 07-09SEP90 in Roanoke.
• CISD training workshops available for interested persons. Two day workshops offered by VA EMS. The next workshop has not been scheduled yet.
NEW BUSINESS

Training officers for all Groups approved in block.
Elron presented Commo agreement that is to be sent to outside organizations. Motion made to accept letter format of draft to be used to make a Commo agreement with ASRC and three organizations mentioned in letter. (see attached)
William Dixon will get with Lorick Fox about Rescue Squad plate requirements for vehicles.
Brother of family member of N8164N has been given one year by his company to develop software for SAR use.
SNP debrief ? (Koester) Subject had an outstanding warrant for arrest in another state which was discovered during a routine background investigation. Subject was going to be arrested when found, but then that put into question the ASRC's role in looking for a criminal suspect. Koester discussed with Greg Stiles and decided to keep teams in the field because there was no reason to believe that the subject would be dangerous. Still an urgency factor to find subject with weather and the subject's condition.

Richmond Search
- Better briefing to ASRC dispatch to explain what situation really is.
- Use urban maps (not topos) and still use ASRC grid overlay.
- Better briefing to field teams about how to search and the situation.

Hanover Search
- Suicidal subject believed to have a firearm. ASRC located the subject and called in police. Subject shot himself in the head immediately upon contact with police.
- Question: Does the ASRC sent personnel when firearms are believed to be involved?
- Discussion: Generally, VA DES only calls the ASRC in when they feel that the situation is safe. VA DES suggested that the ASRC may want to go one step further and ensure that members responding are aware of the situation.

Manassas Search
- Some discussion about ASRC IC staff assignments.
- A problem was seen that unqualified people are being assigned to staff positions that they are not qualified for, especially when qualified people are available. (FTM was in charge of Operations when several IC trained members were on site.) Should the person be informed, there are no rules in place and disciplinary action can not be taken. However, we should be informed that the BOD feels that poor judgement was exercised.
- To avoid a repeat, should ASRC formalize regulations?
• Discussion ensued:
  Who has the authority - on the spot - to say if the IC is wrong - the
  ASRC OPS Officer? There is a mechanism in place - contact
  ASRC Chair + OPS Officer if staff feels that the IC needs to be
  removed.
• Action:
• Pam Platt suggested a proactive rather than a reactive response.
• Koester suggested written letter requiring written response
  regarding future intentions. Mechtel will initiate a letter outlining
  concerns that arose from the incident. Letter will be reviewed by
  Koester and William Dixon.
• Koester: ICS 202, 203 at least have to be done by 1800.
• Comments by Jeff Mitchell:
  Keep 18 year olds out of scene.
  Keep family separated from staff.
  Don't have family L.O. go into field and come back to family.
  Don't involve family in field tasks.
• Plan for division better.
• Establish and use equipment sign in/out.
• Unified command was a good idea but it did not work at all below
  the level of IC.
• Elron: training for interview tasks.
• Koester will discuss with Ralph Wilfong additional training for
  aircraft searches.
• Need more real IS training.
• Comment was made that training material should be developed
  with ASRC review of content and free use and access to materials
  after development.
• Koester: awareness - press is always around. There is only
  supposed to be one spokesman for the ASRC. The clue director
  position was used very well. The were over 750 clues.
• Mechtel: position should not just be used to record but also to
  follow up clues. It was pointed out that this did occur.
• Koester: There is a need for better planning regarding available
  personnel and logistical support especially for the satellite
  division. Problems arose especially as the search duration
  increased.
• Elron: There were problems regarding the returning of equipment.
  Not all equipment has been located as of yet. There needs to be a
  person in charge of dispersment of equipment, to keep track of
  group and shared equipment. Mechanism needs to be put in
  place.
• Koester: DES has said that they will help pay for some of the
  missing equipment.
• Stooksbury: There was an incident where base was requesting
  personnel. Requests must be made clear - what is needed for
  what for where.
• Stooksbury: Needs new, updated group rosters. Also, in what order should people be contacted. GDO must keep ASRC dispatch informed of who's to be contacted and when a change in the GDO occurs.
• A discussion ensued as to how groups will redistribute equipment.
• Mechtel will write letter to VA DES when a list of missing equipment can be determined.
• New rosters are needed from all groups. The should be sent to ASRC dispatch at Charlottesville. Please prioritize call down list of members on roster in the event that the normal AO can not be reached. Any time GDO changes, the ASRC dispatch needs to be informed.

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Other Frequencies:
- 123.000 - 123.000

155.9, 155.895 (DES)
166.9, 166.3 T/R (SNP)
Review of License Agreements:
Standard written agreement draft is attached for review.

Triangle Rescue - Still needed (Verbal Elron - McGee)
Letter sent
Eastern Region NCRC - Still needed
(Verbal Soukup; Elron - Harrison)
Letter has been sent
Robertson Assoc. - Still needed (Verbal Elron - Eiberson)
Letter sent
S.N.P. - License to use their frequency being renewed.
Agreement for them to use our's is being checked.
VA EMS - Written - For ASRC to use Med Channels (10).

Renewal of KB 6 1630 (use SNP frequencies): Is still awaiting
action by the government.

Business License proposal; forms have not been sent in.
Form for 151.625 will be sent to the FCC in June;
the other two frequencies need a little more research,
and if no problems arise they will be sent in.

Resource list: Draft of Summary list being passed out at this
meeting. Corrections requested. Input is requested on whether
this is sufficient, and what should be changed or added.

Schedule of requested Tasks:
(Any one interested in working on any these, please contact )
(Elron (H) 703 -207-0406, (W) 301 - 572-3560 )

Resource List - ETC Aug 90
Training Materials - Est. start Jul 90
Written License Agreements - ETC Aug 90
Conference Wide Pager Net - Est. start Aug 90
Sir:

This is authorization for the (-group name-), hereafter called the User, to use FCC license KA-8-1942 (copy enclosed) as held by the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference, hereafter called the ASRC. This authorization is only for frequencies 155.16, 155.205, and 155.280, for Search and Rescue missions and training purposes. In using this license the User and those using the license under the User's control agree to the following conditions:

1. Insure that all persons using the License obey all FCC Rules and Regulations.

2. For training purposes, the User shall not exceed 50 Watts.

3. Immediately report any official contact concerning this license to the ASRC Communications Secretary.

4. The User shall at no time contact the FCC or FCC Coordinators regarding this license, but shall forward all such communication through the ASRC Communications Secretary.

5. Advise the ASRC Communications Secretary of current, and any changes in the name, address, and phone of the User's:
Business,
Chief Administrator,
Second Chief and/or Communications Administrator

This agreement is effective upon receipt by the ASRC of a copy of this letter, signed by both parties, until the expiration date of this license (--date__). A request for renewal of this agreement is to be sent to the ASRC Communications Secretary six months prior to the license expiration date. The ASRC reserves the right to immediately suspend, in part or whole, this authorization for User willful or negligent noncompliance with these conditions by verbal notification, to be confirmed in writing, from the (ASRC) Chairman, Vice Chairman, or Communications Secretary. Any suspension will be formally reviewed by the ASRC Board of Directors, at the next scheduled meeting, whose decision shall be binding upon all parties to the agreement.

Acknowledged and Agreed to:

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ASRC TRAINING REPORT

June 2, 1990

GOALS

   Accomplished

2. Develop schedules for 2 or 3 ASRC training and simulation weekends for the period September 1990 thru August 1991.

   Group Training Officers have been asked to react to proposal of one "northern sector" weekend, "one southern" sector weekend, and one ASRC-wide weekend for this period. ASRC training should consider the terrain and the geography of the 4-state region we serve. (Earlier planning with the Pennsylvania SAR Council has November 9-11 penciled in for a northern sector training and simulation exercise in mid-southern Pennsylvania.)

   2.1 Ask for suggestions
   Met

   2.2 Develop Training Plan
   by 07-31-90

   2.3 Distribute Plan
   by 08-04-90

3. Continue work done during last year with regard to ASRC training and accreditation standards.

   3.1 Receive materials
   by 06-02-90

   3.2 Complete initial review and hold ASRC Training Standards meeting
   by 07-15-90

   3.3 Conduct quarterly training standards meetings
   next meeting in October 1990

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SPECIAL REPORTS:

A. We have finalized a deal with Metrocall to purchase 40 pagers.

B. The Southside search in Richmond, Virginia was RSAR'S best turnout so far this year with 20 members responding. (April 17, 1990)

C. The Hanover, Virginia Search on May 3, 1990 RSAR had 5 members respond.

D. The Manassas, Virginia Search May 10-18, 1990 19 members responded with 700 plus logged hours.

David L. Kildoo
ASRC BOD
Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference (ASRC)

Operational Requirements

Emergency Alerting Number: VaDES (804) 674-2400

The ASRC has undertaken a significant role in providing Search and Rescue (SAR) capabilities to the Mid-Atlantic region. The ASRC will conduct all operations for the sole benefit of the patient(s) with due consideration for searcher safety. Here we define operations as the efforts that occur to aide any identifiable subject(s). This document, the ASRC Operational Requirements, states the capabilities of the ASRC. This document applies under normal operational conditions.

Where: The ASRC will respond to:
1) Maryland
2) North Carolina
3) Pennsylvania
4) Virginia
5) West Virginia

The ASRC may respond to other areas based on urgency, availability, transportation, and distance.

What: The ASRC responds to the following types of incidents:
1) Ground Search and Rescue
2) All Land Terrain Rescue
3) Disaster and Mass Casualty Incidents (MCIs)
4) Above ground support to Cave Search and Rescue

General Comments: Safety of searchers is first priority.

Regional Concerns:
1) The ASRC will report all incident participation to the Virginia Department of Emergency Services (VaDES).
2) The ASRC prefers to work through a state Department of Emergency Services.

1JUN90JCM Types of Response — The Responsible Agent can request any of the following:

- OHT
- Quick
- Full Callout
- ASRC can supply the OHT with a structural response as follows or tailor a response as necessary.
Alerting:
1) VaDES or any other agency directly contacting the ASRC requesting operational support will receive a return contact within 15 minutes of the initial request.
2) The ASRC will maintain a 24 hour alert number, through the VaDES.

Dispatching:
1) The ASRC will maintain 24 hour dispatching during all incidents.
2) The ASRC will maintain appropriate dispatch documentation.
   a) Availability and location of all ASRC resources accurate to within 6 hours.
   b) Name, contact number and contact time for all outside agencies.

EMS Capabilities:
1) The ASRC will not abandon any subject(s).
2) The ASRC will report suspected abuse to the appropriate medical authorities (e.g. the attending emergency room physician at the receiving hospital).
3) In general, the ASRC considers its task complete once the subject(s) is turned over to the local EMS agency.
4) The ASRC will not relinquish patient care to lesser trained medical responders if a higher state of medical care has been initiated.
5) The ASRC will provide personnel qualified to the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) level or higher before initiating a carryout.
6) The ASRC will not transport a patient via either a vehicle or an ambulance unless some major medical emergency exists and the local EMS agency requests and authorizes such transportation.
7) The ASRC is capable of performing intermediate Basic Life Support (BLS) skills (IV therapy and the administration of some drugs) in the Commonwealth of Virginia, provided qualified members are present.
8) The University of Virginia Medical Center's Shock-Trauma drug box will only be used in accordance with Thomas Jefferson Emergency Medical Council (TJEMS) Protocol by personnel approved by the TJEMS Operational Medical Director (OMD) or under special arrangements with the TJEMS OMD.

Don't move patient if there is any doubt - training issue
DRAFT

Transportation:

1) If ASRC personnel are transported to an incident via air transportation, the ASRC will be completely self-sufficient (except for water) and capable of remaining on-scene for at least 48 hours.

2) Personal vehicles will normally be used to transport ASRC members to and from the scene. **Incident**.

3) All ASRC members will obey all traffic laws when involved with any incident(s) and will obey all highway regulations.

4) The ASRC does not operate any emergency medical vehicles.

5) No privately owned vehicles used by ASRC personnel will use emergency lights while responding to an incident.

Logistics: Support for food, shelter and unusual operational equipment may be

1) ASRC personnel can be completely self-sufficient (except for water) for 48 hours. However

2) The ASRC has all of the essential equipment to conduct a search and rescue operation.

We will coordinate additional resource requests through the Agency

Costs:

1) The ASRC does not charge for any of its services.

2) The ASRC does accept donations.

Standard Procedures:

1) The ASRC will respond and send resources into the field only under proper legal authority.

2) ASRC resources can remain on-scene for a minimum of 48 hours.

3) No ASRC personnel will be released from the scene until checked by the Incident Commander or the Safety Officer for general well being, health, and safety.

4) No ASRC member will bring firearms and/or explosives to a search.

5) No ASRC member will be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs when involved in an incident.

6) The ASRC reserves the right to decline any requests which compromise the safety of any of its members.

Can we withdraw?

SEPA members required by law or local jurisdiction to carry firearms must notify & seek the approval of the Agency Administrator.

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Intergroup Interactions:

1) The ASRC will utilize and cooperate with other agencies involved in the search effort and recognized by the responsible agent, such as dog teams and CAP.

Communications:

1) The ASRC can provide its own communications network on VHF FM emergency band (155 MHz) and is licensed to operate in its five state area.
2) The ASRC will comply with all FCC regulations.
3) All ASRC communications will be conducted in clear text with the exception of status codes.

Management:

1) The ASRC utilizes the Incident Command System (ICS) which may be modified as needed.
2) The ASRC will maintain appropriate on-scene documentation.
3) The ASRC requests an on-scene representative of the responsible agent.
4) The ASRC will follow ASRC protocols.
5) The ASRC can provide additional support.

Personnel:

1) ASRC membership will not contain any felons.
2) ASRC membership will not contain anyone convicted of sexual offenses.

Equipment:

1) The ASRC will be properly equipped to carry out its functions.
Field Operations: (Air Transport?)

1) ASRC members will operate year round in any weather conditions including: snow, rain, extreme cold, extreme heat, etc. unless personal safety is compromised.

2) The ASRC operates 24 hours a day.

3) ASRC members can only represent the ASRC if the ASRC is committed to an incident.

4) A professional attitude will be maintained by ASRC members at all times.

Liabilities:

1) Any ASRC member under the age of 18 will have the consent of a guardian, the Incident Commander, and the Responsible Agent participating in the incident.

2) The ASRC assumes responsibility for its members.

Multiple Incidents:

1) The ASRC has the resources to support a minimum of two simultaneous incidents.

2) In the case of multiple incidents, resource allocation will be based upon the judgement of the ASRC Agency Representatives (AR) involved in the incidents.

Ground Search for Missing Person(s):

1) The ASRC will support dog teams.

2) The ASRC will support trackers.

3) The ASRC can provide dog teams and trackers with communication, orienteering, and medical personnel.
Ground Search for Missing Aircraft:

1) The ASRC is capable of providing the lead role in the ground operation elements of a missing aircraft search.

2) The ASRC is capable of providing field operational ground units to a missing aircraft search including: medical, direction finding, search, and rescue capabilities.

3) The ASRC can conduct interviewing for missing aircraft.

4) The ASRC can provide observers in aircraft.

Rescue:

1) The ASRC is capable of safely organizing and executing single pitch vertical rescue.

2) The ASRC is capable of performing solo rescue.

3) The ASRC is capable of multiple pitch semi-technical rescue through all terrains.

Flooding, Disaster and Mass Casualty Incidents (MCIs):

1) The ASRC is willing to aid disaster response services provided that ASRC personnel are not subjected to unusual safety hazards. It is important to note that the ASRC can provide personnel that can function in a scarce resource environment.

2) The ASRC is capable of providing general aid to any disaster incident(s). This includes appropriate operational, logistical, planning and management support.

3) The ASRC is capable of providing hands-on operational support (medical, search and rescue, etc.) provided that the participating ASRC members are adequately trained.

4) All ASRC personnel will be capable of remaining self-sufficient (except for water) for 48 hours of field operations.

5) ASRC members may respond as a part of national and/or interantional search and rescue teams.

Cave Search and Rescue:

1) The ASRC can provide above ground support to any cave incident(s). This includes appropriate operational, logistical, planning and management support.

2) The ASRC can provide the above ground evacuation of a cave incident.

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Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Teams in Virginia

CISD: HELPING THE HELPERS

Division of Emergency Medical Services

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
Department of Health
Lt. Daniel E. Kluge helps Barney, a golden retriever, get used to water at Loch Raven Reservoir as Specialist Bruce Snyder rows the boat.

Dogs to be key part of search and rescue team

By Sandra Crockett
Baltimore County Bureau of The Sun

Their names are Barney Fife and Matilda, and they are a one-of-a-kind team.

The two 10-month-old dogs — he's a golden retriever, she's a black Labrador — are being trained by the Baltimore County Fire Department to track the scent of humans through air, water or the rubble of a collapsed building.

Together, they will form what is believed to be the first full-time canine fire department search and rescue team in the nation, said Chuck Mills, a spokesman for the National Association of Search and Rescue in Fairfax, Va. "They are very unique," he said.

By the time they finish training, Barney and Matilda will be able to sniff out children lost in the woods, elderly nursing home patients who have wandered off, or victims in the water or collapsed buildings.

And the people these dogs discover being too aggressive, said Lt. Daniel E. Kluge, who will head the search and rescue unit for the county Fire Department.

"The most they would do to people were no non-aggressive rescue animal.

The only animals available, he said, were those used by the police department, which are trained to be attack dogs.

Outside the county, the closest dog search operation is Dogs-East, Inc., which is run by volunteers based in Northern Virginia. Since that operation is run by volunteers, the response time is usually four hours or more.

The county decided to establish its own search-and-rescue unit so its dogs would be immediately available in an emergency, said Lieutenant Kluge and the three other handlers assigned to the team.

"We did not want to have to wait 24 hours, or two or three days, especially with local victims," said Firefighter David A. Stuart Sr., one of the dogs' handlers.

The dogs will not just be used in Baltimore County but wherever they are needed throughout the state, and the department will continue to work with Dogs-East, Lt. Kluge
Meeting called to order: 1735

Bob Koester read two letters.

Vote was taken to accept Explorer Post 616 as a Certified ASRC Group.

Votes in favor:
- 21 ESAR 616 proxies
- 4 SMRG proxies
- 18 RSAR proxies
- 5 SWVMRG proxies
- 6 AMRG proxies

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54 total proxies
13 members present