

APPALACHIAN SEARCH & RESCUE CONFERENCE
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
AGENDA – January 10, 2004

Time	Agenda Item
0830 - 0845	Effect of ASRC Board hold on FTM/FTL recertification requirements and its effect on Group certification processes. [Stated reason for Board action is due to a desire to specify and update training standards. Currently it requires 6 trainings (of what, not specified) and 2 missions (of which we had few last year). And, the process for recert and documentation varies widely from group to group]
0845 - 0900	Process for conducting 2004 ASRC Group reviews and related issues. Proposed schedule
0900 - 0930 FEMA Presentation	FEMA's National Mutual Aid Initiative includes “typing” different types of emergency services as a national mutual aid system is developed. Six states (Alabama, Colorado, Iowa, Massachusetts, Montana, New Hampshire) and the District of Columbia recently completed a pilot test of a new resource inventory system. The new system of cataloging resources into a single repository will make it easier for states to review and order the resources they need when responding to a disaster since everyone will be using standard terminology. The resources inventory will be automated, making it easy for emergency managers to determine the location of resources they may need. SAR teams will be included and have been divided up based upon criteria which may be reviewed with us. The following resources, at a minimum, have been typed: Urban SAR (Focusing on collapse and trench.); Water SAR (Swift and Deep Water); Ice Rescue; Avalanche Rescue; Wilderness SAR (Everything below 45 deg.); Mountain SAR (Everything above 45 deg.); Desert SAR; and Cave Rescue. Note: This initiative is probably related to the national Red Card identification system. Ops Chair will report on discussions with NASAR.
0930 - 0940	BREAK
0940 - 1000	Update on Revisions to Operations Manual and proposed released schedule.
Board Directors Mtng	1000 - 1300 hrs
15 min after BOD	Proposal of opening a dialogue with our state and county partners to see how we can better meet their needs, including the potential for acquiring SAR related equipment through private resources that can be used by the ASRC to support SAR and related state emergency services. (assign to subcommittee)
15 min after BOD	Concept of developing mobile modular communications and command posts, perhaps with cached components in each Group which, depending on the size of the incident, can be operated as standalone units and, as required, capable of being brought together and expanding into a larger wireless incident command post with the addition of mobile Group modules. (assign to subcommittee)
15 min after BOD	Use of Group PINs + individual PIN numbers to track personnel responding to search incidents, onscene arrival (sign-in), departing and enroute home (signout) and arrival back home. Coordinated with use of computerized Group rosters. (assign to subcommittee)
30 min after BOD	<u>Proposed:</u> Request for demonstration of computer assisted incident command management system by BRMRG developers Jason Dalton and Brian Ulmer.
20 min after BOD	Update on ASRC Web page revisions and development of eMASS system. (May be within BOD)
10 min after BOD	Development of instant messaging (IM) capability for Group Operations Officer to conduct Committee between ASRC meetings. (Assign to subcommittee)
10 min after BOD	Use of UTM coordinates or ASRC coordinates in ASRC operations. (assign to subcommittee)
10 min after BOD	Use of waterproof paper with color laser printer in ASRC operations. (assign to subcommittee)

10 min after BOD

Acquisition and/or source of TAF supplies for ASRC units. (assign to subcommittee)