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SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
DIVISION 10 COMMANDER'S REPORT

TO: DCO Mary Kirkwood, D11NR
Cc: District Board and Staff
DATE: APRIL-MAY 2020 REPORT ON ACTIVITIES
DIVISION: 10---San Joaquin Valley
DCDR : Donald Pierce

Highlights:

- OPTREX/OPEX
- WEBINARS
- FLOTILLAS
- PROJECTS

DETAILS:

- **OPEX:** Hosted by 10-06 at Lake Kaweah is scheduled for 1-3 May. Plans cancelled.
- **OPTREX** dates: 21-22 AUG 2020, Millerton Lake, all are welcome, you will enjoy the warmth of the San Joaquin Valley in Mid August: **STILL SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME.**
- **WEBINARS:** The change in Webinar availability is appreciated and being used by all the Flotillas. The training schedules have been distributed and are being taken advantage of for personal members growth.
- **MODESTO FLOTILLA 10-02**
 1. **Periodic well checks are being conducted for each member of the Flotilla.**
 2. Uniform Training continues to be discussed.
 3. Webinars are being used for meetings and training.
 4. Facilities are being serviced and readied for Patrols.
 5. PA events on hold. VSC appointments are being discussed for the future.
 6. RM 2.0 Refresher conducted by Mike Rafatti 9 May.
 7. **No major illnesses and no Virus detected.**
 8. **Becky Obrien-Witt is working on and coordinating the Flotilla making Face Masks for First Responders, Station Rio Vista has been added to the list.**
- **STOCKTON FLOTILLA 10-03:**
 1. PEs suddenly stopped and all has been slow since.
 2. Acceptance of electronic meetings has been slow.
 3. **Members are still well and waiting at the gate to start Missions.**
 4. Stockton Flotilla has been very helpful with promoting training in the Division for Dockwalkers, Oil Spill Response and Marine Safety awareness.

- **FRESNO FLOTILLA 10-05:**
 1. Major planning for the Fresno Veteran's Parade
 2. Physical contact has been stopped, but the plans continue,
 3. ABS classes, Program Visits and VSCs are waiting to be done.
 4. **Well check, all is good and accounted for.**
- **KAWEAH FLOTILLA 10-06:**
 1. Training new Crew, Instructors and TCOs is continuing,
 2. Joint ABS Classes mentioned with Fresno Flotilla development is in full progress. The ABS Class 28 March was cancelled.
 3. Starting NSBW, Visalia Flotilla will be working with Visalia Sportsman's Warehouse 16 April with a major PA Event. There will be many other Agencies including Coast Guard Recruiting Office from Fresno, hands on activities for the adults and youth. Facilities are being readied for Exhibit. CANCELLED. This PA event was to be a Joint Presentation with all Division 10 Flotillas.
 4. The annual Kaweah OPEX scheduled for 1-3 May 2020, Lake Kaweah, CANCELLED.
 5. Meetings and Trainings where possible are being planned as WEBINARS at this time.
 6. **Well Check, All is Good**

PROJECTS:

1. FACILITY REPAIRS and UPGRADE
2. OPEX AND OPTREX: encouraging each Flotilla to have both available, in addition to regular Patrols enabling quality training with others.
3. D-TRAIN 2020,
Being cancelled has brought out the best in people: To overcome, creating ways to communicate and train. The change of pace is enabling time to review and improve quality.
4. SEA SCOUTS, establish relation with Ships in the Division working with the new DSO-AS
5. Training activities with GOLD SIDE, USACE, PARKS AND REC AND COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT are being setup and planned.
6. SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ALL THE FLOTILLAS WITH BOATING SAFETY CLASSES.
7. All events are being planned to be conducted with ICS as a guide. The classes from D-Train being scheduled to WEBINARS will help for future planning.
8. Improving Recreational Boating Safety
9. When Members abilities change, have places of importance for them to be. This is becoming more important.

CHALLENGES/OBSTICLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

Attrition/Attrition/ Recruitment and Education

AGENCY INTERACTION:

Each Flotilla AOR has different environments which teams them up with: GOLD SIDE, many COUNTY SHERIFF DEPTs, Bureau of Land Management, USACE, CA PARKS AND RECREATION, FISH AND WILDLIFE

GOALS OF DIVISION 10:

- **FLOTILLAS TO WORK AS A TEAM**
- RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION
- MORE INSTRUCTORS AND PUBLIC EDUCATION
- MORE FACILITIES, COX'N AND CREW
- STRONGER EFFORT FOR VSCs and PROGRAM VISITS
- REPORTS ARE TOOLS NOT BURDEN.

END OF REPORT