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SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
DIVISION 10 COMMANDER'S REPORT

TO: DCO Mary Kirkwood, D11NR
Cc: District Board and Staff
DATE: AUG ACTIVITIES, SEPTEMBER 2020 REPORT
DIVISION: 10—San Joaquin Valley
DCDR: Donald Pierce

Highlights:

- OPTREX
- WEBINARS
- ELECTIONS
- FLOTILLAS
- PROJECTS

DETAILS:

- **OPTREX** dates: 21-22 AUG 2020, Millerton Lake, **CANCELLED, RESCHEDULED 7-8 NOV, MILLERTON LAKE.** Weather 21-22 Aug 106 F, no wind, heavy smoke, a blessing it was cancelled.
- **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.
- **ELECTIONS:** Dates for Letters of Intent for Division and Flotillas were posted
DIVISION 10 ELECTRONIC ELECTION 7 OCTOBER 20, 1930 hrs
- **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. **No major illnesses and no Virus detected.**
 6. **Becky Obrien-Witt is working on and coordinating the Flotilla making Face Masks for First Responders.**
 7. **Processing a New Member from Letter of interest**
 8. **Discussing Election Procedures.**
- **STOCKTON FLOTILLA 10-03:**
 1. Electronic meetings are being conducted.
 2. **Members are still well and waiting at the gate to start Missions.**
 3. Stockton Flotilla has been very helpful with promoting training in the Division for Dockwalkers, Oil Spill Response and Marine Safety awareness.
 4. **Having major effort on collecting and understanding dues.**
 5. **Organizing for Elections**

- **FRESNO FLOTILLA 10-05:**
 1. Major planning for the Fresno Veteran's Parade continue as a Virtual Parade
 2. Well check, ONE MEMBER CONTRACTED COVID 19 VIRUS, HAS RECOVERED AND TESTED NEGATIVE. NO CONTACT WITH OTHER MEMBERS. THE INFECTION ORIGINATED FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
 3. Concentrating on reorganizing and increasing membership
 4. 2 New Members being processed from Letters of Interest
- **KAWEAH FLOTILLA 10-06:**
 1. Meetings and Trainings where possible are being planned as WEBINARS at this time.
 2. Major effort to implement AUXDATA 2.0. MEMBERS ATTENDING TRAINING CLASSES THAT ARE BEING OFFERED.
 3. Well Check, All is Good.

PROJECTS:

1. FACILITY REPAIRS and UPGRADE
2. SEA SCOUTS, discussing future activities with Sea Scout Ships. Making Plans to participate in Civilian Shoreline Clean-up as described by Will Sumner for Marine Safety.
3. Training activities with GOLD SIDE, USACE, PARKS AND REC AND COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT are being setup and planned, but are on hold.
4. SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN REQUESTS FOR BOATING SAFETY CLASSES.
5. When Members abilities change, have places of importance for them to be. This is becoming more important.

.CHALLENGES / OBSTICLES / OPPORTUNITIES:

Attrition/Attrition/ Recruitment, Retention 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. Flotillas are staying in contact with the Agencies and planning for a future.

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**

This Report is similar to last months Report, but is still valid. Talking with the different Agencies shows there is a great need for Auxiliary assistance. People are dying in water accidents; Education may have helped.

CLASSES FOR AUXDATA II, STARTED ON OUR JULY DIVISION MEETING DATE. A REPORT WITH CALANDER DATES AND DEADLINE WERE ISSUED AS A SUBSTITUTE AND AN INVITATION TO ATTEND AUXDATA TRAINING WAS STRONGLY SUGGESTED. The Classes have been a tremendous help with personal education for those that are taking advantage of them. The sad part not everyone took the opportunity. The future CHALLENGE will be to rebuild AUXILIARY SPIRIT with the coming changes. You can see the discouragement in their eyes.

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