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SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
DIVISION 10 COMMANDER'S REPORT

TO: DCO Dean McFarren, D11NR
Cc: District Board and Staff
DATE: MARCH 2021 ACTIVITIES REPORT
DIVISION: 10—San Joaquin Valley
DCDR: Donald Pierce

HIGHLIGHTS:

- OPTREX
- WEBINARS
- DIVISION
- FLOTILLAS
- PROJECTS

DETAILS:

- **OPTREX:** NO OPTREX 2020, SCHEDULED 24-26 SEP 2021, MILLERTON LAKE, WORKING ON LIST FOR PHASE II STYLE QE CHECK RIDES FOR SURFACE OPERATIONS
- **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. VIRTUAL TRAINING CLASSES HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT.
- **DIVISION:**
COW Cancelled, Officers given the Oath of Office at January Division Meeting, administered by our new DCAPT Bruce Martin.
- March Meeting Guests OTO Finkelson, DCAPT Martin. Planning needed for NSBW and Boating Safety Missions. Training Presentation for Canal Safety by Rod Rollins. Post meeting discussion on Patrols, Aux Readiness and Usefulness. OTO Finkelson, lead an excellent discussion and for now, calmed the rough waters. A great thank you to his skills.
- **MODESTO FLOTILLA 10-02**
Awarded 50 year award, they are proud.
 1. Periodic well checks are being conducted for each member of the Flotilla. Illnesses that have been mentioned are not Virus related, **NO CORONA VIRUS POSITIVE TESTS REPORTED.** Same reporting as last month.
 2. Webinars are being used for meetings and training.
 3. Facilities are being serviced and readied for Patrols.
 4. Becky Obrien-Witt is still working on making Face Masks for First Responders and supplying Division 10 masks to help members comply to Phase II requirements.
- **STOCKTON FLOTILLA 10-03:**
 1. Electronic meetings are being conducted.
 2. Members: Some illness, suspected Virus effects tested, were Negative.

3. Phase II is being discussed and working on compliance, resulting in many Orders for Surface Operations by **Delta Force Bubble. Bravo Zulu given.**
 4. Stockton Flotilla has been very helpful with promoting Marine Safety in the Division.
 5. Patrols were authorized and documented with reports copied to DSO-PA
- **FRESNO FLOTILLA 10-05:**
 1. Martin Ouellette: BQ, working on Certifications .
 2. Working on getting Sea Scout to join the Flotilla.
 3. Fresno Flotilla, active membership is short, but working with Visalia to keep both Flotillas running smoothly and rebuilding.
 4. Planning for Veteran's Parade.
 - **KAWEAH FLOTILLA 10-06:**
 1. Meetings and Trainings where possible are being planned as WEBINARS.
 2. Major effort to implement AUXDATA 2.0 and PHASE II
 3. Well Check, illnesses not related to VIRUS .
 4. Working with other Flotillas on planning NSBW
 5. Covid Bubbles being organized to enable Training new Crew and Cox'n

PROJECTS:

1. **SEA SCOUTS:** Discussing future activities with Sea Scout Ships. In contact with Ships SSS Tuolumne, Modesto and SSS Golden Eagle, Clovis.
2. Training activities with **GOLD SIDE, USACE, PARKS AND REC AND COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT** are being setup and planned, are on hold. USACE has been contacted and discussing PHASE II.
3. **SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN REQUESTS FOR BOATING SAFETY CLASSES.**
4. When Members abilities change, have places of importance for them to be. This is becoming MORE important. Effects of PHASE II ARE BEING DISCUSSED.

CHALLENGES / OBSTICLES / OPPORTUNITIES:

PHASE II, Attrition/Attrition/ Recruitment, Retention, Education, PHASE II

AGENCY INTERACTION:

Each Flotilla AOR has different environments which teams them up with: **GOLD SIDE, many SHERIFF DEPTs, USACE, CA PARKS, 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, PROGRAM VISITS and PA EVENTS**

Moral is steady but fragile.

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