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SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
DIVISION 10 COMMANDER'S REPORT

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

HIGHLIGHTS:

- OPTREX
- BUBBLES
- PATROLS
- TRAINING
- DIVISION
- FLOTILLAS
- PROJECTS

DETAILS:

- **OPTREX:** SCHEDULED 24-26 SEP 2021, MILLERTON LAKE, WORKING ON LIST FOR PHASE II STYLE MINI-OPTREX QE CHECK RIDES FOR SURFACE OPERATIONS.
- **PATROLS** being conducted on Inland Lakes and Delta, scheduling as many as we can.
- **VIRTUAL TRAINING:** The training schedules have been distributed and are being taken advantage of for personal members growth, TCT Refresher, Work Shops. VIRTUAL CLASSES HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT.
- **DIVISION:** Meeting 7 April, listened to too many nothing to report reports, discussed how to improve activities, COW, Bubble Formation, Order Requests, NSBW, NACO 3 Star Award and Goals. DCAPT Bruce Martin present with guidance and encouragements. Rio Vista Virtual Boating was excellent attended by 3 Cox'n from Division 10.
- **MODESTO FLOTILLA 10-02**
 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. TCT Refresher and Workshops being conducted.
 3. Facilities are being serviced, Bubbles set-up and Patrols being requested.
 4. Working on getting Material relative to NSBW and modified PVs
 5. Working on NACO 3 Star Award application
 6. 2 NEW MEMBERS BEING PROCESSED, ALREADY IN TRAINING
- **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. More Patrols being scheduled.
- **FRESNO FLOTILLA 10-05:**
 1. Working with Visalia 10-06 for Surface Operations. Martin Ouellette: BQ, working on Certifications for Boat Crew.
 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 Training Virtually: TCT Refresher, Work Shops, American Waterway Watch, AUXDATA II, Canal Safety.
 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 and old 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 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:

1. **FLOTILLAS TO WORK AS A TEAM**
2. **RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**
3. **MORE INSTRUCTORS AND PUBLIC EDUCATION**
4. **MORE FACILITIES, COX'N AND CREW**
5. **STRONGER EFFORT FOR VSCs, PROGRAM VISITS and PA EVENTS**
6. **MAJOR FOCUS ON UNDERWAY HOURS**
7. **NACO 3 STAR AWARD ALL 4 FLOTILLAS**

FROM DIVISION DISCUSSION ON GOALS:

1. **GET MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO WHAT WE ARE TRAINED FOR,**
2. **GET AN ATTITUDE THAT DOES NOT WANT TO QUIT.** (some specialty SO- are over whelmed, have already announced retirement and thinking of doing it early)
3. **Work harder to do Virtual Boating Safety Classes. Realistic numbers do not exist. The few Instructors we have do not want to dance with a computer as their career may be ending soon, without real classroom instruction**
4. **UNLIMITED VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS WITH PERSONAL EDUCATION**
5. **FELLOWSHIP A MUST TO ACHIEVE GOALS**

Moral is slipping and fragile.

END OF REPORT