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SIERRA DIVISION 11 COMMANDER'S REPORT

TO: DCO Dean McFarren, D11NR
Cc: District Board and Staff
DATE: AUG 2021 REPORT
DIVISION: Sierra Division 11
DCDR: Bryce Leinan

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Trans-Tahoe Swim on 17 July

DETAILS:

- Planning August virtual meeting.

North Lake Tahoe Flotilla 11-01

1. Flotilla 1 canceled its August meeting due to a lack of business.

Reno Flotilla 11-03

1. Two new members are in the process of joining, plus one approved last month.
2. VFC Bill Yawn moved to Georgia, a special election for VFC will be held at the August meeting.
3. Due to challenges with finding a meeting room, Flotilla 3 will meet virtually for August and probably into September.

PROJECTS:

1. We are discussing leadership training programs for the two flotillas.
2. Division 11 leadership is engaging with Station Lake Tahoe every week.
3. Division 11 OPTREX will be held on 28 August. IPDCDR Bruce Martin is coordinating with DSO-OP COMO Wally Smith and various QEs.

CHALLENGES / OBSTACLES / OPPORTUNITIES:

1. COVID cases are rising in Northern Nevada; with new mask mandates in place, many members do not want to meet in person.
2. Many entities do not have meeting rooms available, making an in-person meeting almost impossible. Smoke from the Dixie and other fires is a challenge as well for any outdoor events.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. DCAPT Bruce Martin, Brian AhSam, Glenn Marshall, and trainee Barbara Lewicki on Bruce's facility and DCDR Bryce Leinan as AUXCOM and VCDR Tom Henderson performing watchstanding responsibilities supported the Trans-Tahoe Swim. Other crews are out the next two weekends for another event at North Shore, working with other entities as needed.

GOALS OF DIVISION 11:

- Recruit new elected leadership for Flotilla 11-01 and 11-03, help with succession planning. Flotilla 11-01 needs both an FC and VFC; Reno is working on the same thing.
- Build a deeper "bench" of capable leaders, so we don't have to recycle candidates as often as we have done in the past, including coxswains and other boat crew.
- Build relationships with flotilla members coming from Flotilla 11-04 to the gaining flotillas.

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