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**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY**  
**DIVISION 10 COMMANDER'S REPORT**

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

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- OPTREX
- VIRTUAL TRAINING
- DIVISION ELECTION
- COW
- FLOTILLAS
- PROJECTS

**DETAILS:**

- **OPTREX:** SCHEDULED 24-26 SEP 2021, MILLERTON LAKE.  
**This was reported in Nov, but I would like to say again it was great and successful.**
  1. 3 BOATS, 3 QEs, 3 DAYS, 3 REQUAL COX'N, 3 CREW (2 INITIAL, 1 REQUAL).
  2. 1 BOAT CREW TRAINEE/ CULINARY ASSISTANT TRAINEE
  3. NIGHT PATROL TRAINING, TESTING, TRAINING NEXT DAY TO IMPROVE WEAK SKILLS. TOMMY HOLTZMAN WAS A WONDERFUL MENTOR!!!
  4. CULINARY ASSISTANCE (NANCY HOLTZMAN AND HER ASSISTANTS) GREAT FOOD.
  5. GREAT FELLOWSHIP, EVERYONE SAFE GOING HOME.
- **VIRTUAL TRAINING:** The training schedules have been distributed and are being taken advantage of for personal members growth. C-Schools are being considered
- **DIVISION:**
  1. FACE TO FACE Meeting 6 Nov 2021, SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYED.
  2. VIRTUAL ELECTION:  
Virtual Election on 1 December, was conducted by DCAPT Bruce Martin during a regular scheduled meeting. Bruce swore in Tom Witt as Division Commander and Carrie Van De Boom as Vice Division Commander, effective 1 Jan 2022.
- **CHANGE OF WATCH:**  
Swearing in was done at the Election; Staff Officers will be sworn in at the first Division Meeting in January. Awards are being presented at a meeting 18 Dec 2021, at the first Face to Face, or when the Individuals are available for delivery in person. Many have already been delivered.  
It was discussed with few exceptions, Division 10 wanted a time to reflect, organize and prepare for our future and believed a 2021 "Normal Change of Watch" would not be proper.

**San Joaquin Valley Division 10 Change of Watch: 12 November 2022.**

- **MODESTO FLOTILLA 10-02:**
  1. Face to Face: Sept and Oct Flotilla meetings, well attended with Awards presented.
  2. Processing New Members
  3. Flotilla Election 16 October:
    - Steve Bradon, elected Flotilla Commander 2022
    - Chris Bennett, elected Vice Flotilla Commander 2022
  
- **STOCKTON FLOTILLA 10-03:**
  1. Flotilla Election 13 October.
    - Guy Mallery, elected Flotilla Commander 2022
    - Joseph Chavoen, elected Vice Flotilla Commander 2022
  2. PA EVENT 10-03 AND 10-02
    - KIDS MATTER SAFETY DAY, STOCKTON SAILING CLUB, PA BOOTH MANED BY JOSEPH CHAVOEN AND REBECCA OBRIEN-WITT
  
- **FRESNO FLOTILLA 10-05:**
  1. Working with Visalia 10-06 for Surface Operations. Martin Ouellette: BQ, Passed QE Boat Crew, at OPTREX.
  2. Fresno Flotilla active membership is short, but working with Visalia to keep both Flotillas running smoothly and rebuilding.
  3. 10-06 Member transferring to 10-05 to stabilize the Flotilla.
  4. Donica Bisiar completed application and is AP.
  5. Flotilla Election 27 October.
    - Donald Pierce, elected Flotilla Commander 2022
    - John Ferretti, elected Vice Flotilla Commander 2022
  
- **KAWEAH FLOTILLA 10-06:**
  1. Meeting: 4 Nov Virtual Election,
    - Richard Myers elected Flotilla Commander 2022
    - Howard Ratzlaff elected Vice Flotilla Commander 2022
  2. Major effort to implement AUXDATA 2.0 and PHASE III, assisting all Div 10 Flotillas.

## **PROJECTS**

1. Training activities with GOLD SIDE, USACE, PARKS AND REC AND COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT are being setup and planned.
2. Increased request for Boating Safety Classes, coordinating with Multiple Agencies.
3. Including Trainees in all activities with Mentors

## **CHALLENGES / OBSTICLES / OPPORTUNITIES:**

Attrition/Attrition/ Recruitment, Retention, Education.

## **AGENCY INTERACTION:**

Each Flotilla AOR has different environments which teams them up with: GOLD SIDE, many SHERIFF DEPTs, USACE, CA PARKS, FISH AND WILDLIFE. With Covid slow down the communication is still in progress.

## **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. MORE INVOLVED WITH PUBLIC EDUCATION
7. NACO 3 STAR AWARD ALL 4 FLOTILLAS

END OF REPORT