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SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
DIVISION 10 COMMANDER'S REPORT
To District 11 North

TO: DCO Curtis Han, D11NR
Cc: District Board and Staff
DATE: July, 2023 **ACTIVITIES REPORT**
DIVISION: 10 - San Joaquin Valley
DCDR: Thomas Witt

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Flotilla 10-02 Modesto, Chris Bennett
- Flotilla 10-03 Stockton, Monica Eaton
- Flotilla 10-05 Fresno, Donald Pierce
- Flotilla 10-06 Kaweah, Rod Rollins

DETAILS:

- **Flotilla 10-02**

Summer also has other activities which require members who are employed to focus their attentions elsewhere. There are quite a few members from flotilla 10-02 who fall into this area.

Patrols were held on the 1st and the 3rd of July, for fireworks held at Lake Don Pedro and Mandeville Tip in the delta.

Member training is conducted whenever there is a group of more than 3.

- **Flotilla 10-03**

The request from the public for membership, have been contacted and asked to attend the July meeting to see what they are all about. New member applications will be available for them to fill out.

- **Flotilla 10-05**

Membership is growing with some well qualified personnel to enhance the flotilla through the ranks all the way to district in the future. This includes interpreters, school teachers, pilots and medical responders.

The outlook for 10-05 is looking good.

- **Flotilla 10-06**

Rebuilding, New membership coming in and membership mentoring being taken care of to keep flotilla operational.

SO, Reports;

- SO-CM (communications) Mike Rafatti,
Nothing reported.
- SO-CS (communication services) Mike Bradey,
Working on keeping the Division web page up to date.
- SO-DV (diversity) Marion Stevens,
James has been doing a wonderful job of keeping members informed of all ethnic happenings.
- SO-FN (finance) Kenneth McSheehy,
Flotillas have been notified of the dues needing to be collected by the 1st of August for the coming year.
- SO-HR (H/R) Donald Pierce,
All request for information in regards to joining the Auxiliary, have been sent out to the perspective flotillas. Membership has grown due to the interested public.
- SO-IS (information services) Kenneth McSheehy,
All AUXDATA reports have been completed up to the 11th. any additional reports will be attended to as they come in.
- SO-MA (materials) Linda Braden,
Nothing new to report.
- SO-MS (marine safety) Joseph Chavoen,
Marine safety class was held at Station Rio Vista with members from Divisions 3, 5 and 10 attending.
- SO-MT (member training) Mike Rafatti,
Performed on the water training during patrols for the fireworks on the 1st and 3rd of July. Crews were able to obtain their night time quals for next year in. During the hours before the sun went down, the annual check ride checks were able to be accomplished as well.
- SO-OP (*operations*) Donald Pierce,
MODESTO: SPRING CREW TRAINING AND PATROLS, MANDEVILLE AND DON PEDRO FIRE WORKS PATROL. WORKSHOPS, YEARLY STANDARD REQUIREMENTS.
FRESNO AND VISALIA: PATROLS LAKE MILLERTON ASSISTING SHERIFF AND PARK RANGERS, WORKSHOPS AND YEARLY STANDARD REQUIREMENTS.
STOCKTON: NOTHING REPORTED
CREW/COX'N: TRAINEES ARE BEING INCLUDED WITH ALL OPERATION ACTIVITES. NEW STANDARD REQUIREMENTS BEING USED TO READY EVERONE FOR QUALITY AND CERTIFICATIONS.
FACILITIES: 3 FACILITIES FOR THE DIVISION ARE AVAILABLE, BEING KEEP READY
- SO-PA (*Public Affairs*) Rebecca Obrien-Witt
Nothing new to report
- SO-PB (*Publications*) Chris Bennett
Has been busy working on the division newsletter.
- SO-PE (*Public Educations*) Tom Witt
There have been About Boating classes performed at boy Scout Camp Oljato and at university High by Flotilla 10-05 and members of 10-06.
Classes for new members, who join, are offered B/A classes, at no cost, to be able to have their BQ classifications expedited.
- SO-SR (secretary) Terri Simmons
Minutes for the Division have been completed and distributed in the first 32 hours after the meetings.

- SO-VE (*Vessel Examiners*) Steve Bradon

Steve Bradon personally has had to cut back due to his having to travel for his job. Flotilla 10-05 and 10-06 have been staying busy with vessel checks when they are able to get VE stickers. Stickers that were given to the DCDR have been exhausted and already distributed to the membership.

The PA events that were held for the opening days at the Stockton Sailing Club and at Oxbow Marina turned out to be good events for members to do VE's.

DCDR Comments:

Notified Division that here is a deadline for letters of intent to be submitted.

Emphasis on recruiting, retention and re-involvement.

Present training in leadership for future involvement.

Improve member participation and increase membership.