



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

2017-2018 SEASON REPORT – due: JUNE 30, 2018

PROGRAM: Winter Sar-SOUTH

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS — total classes — total participants

The best highlight is I am stepping down as Patrol Representative. The only person stepping up is Kamran Paydar.

Other than that, we had two great searches and were called out 5 times. Last October, 4 of our team responded to a lost fisherman in Sequoia National Park. The body was found 11 months later We did not find the person, but did a great job looking. We also responded to a search in Yosemite National Park in February for a lost hiker. We were helicoptered 12 miles to a remote lake. The helicopter found the hiker and we were air lifted out. We were also called out for a northern California search but could not respond. Also we were called out to assist in two Mt. Baldy searches and the bodies were found before we responded. We train once a month and involve other agencies in the training. Our numbers are down. We have 10 active patrollers and are looking for more . This season's training activities included a night navigation exercise, a training weekend with Joshua Tree SAR, rock climbing and anchor building, and a three-day backcountry training to Mt. Conness/Mono/Yosemite.

GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:

This next season we have several goals. The first goal is to increase our ranks. Recruitment is our priority. Our Second goal is to get to know the Agencies in our jurisdiction to let them know we are out there. Of course increasing our expertise is a given.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

We really don't have any issues.

Are you planning on attending the August 2018 Board Meeting and Awards Banquet?



YES NO