

Volunteer Homeland Reserve Unit (VHRU) General Membership Meeting May 24, 2012

- **Call the meeting to order.**
- **Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Frank Bruton our Treasurer will give his report on the status of our Treasury.**
- **Tonight we have sandwiches, soda and coffee. The sandwich's were made and delivered from Jason's Deli at a very reasonable cost. Thanks go to Jason's Deli.**
- **On March 17, the VHRU marched in the annual St Patrick's Parade in Henderson. We had 23 members attend and we used our Communications Trailer in the parade. Additionally two of our members drove their vintage autos and allowed some of our members who couldn't walk, to ride. Thanks to Scott McLeod, Doug Guerriero for the participation. Also, thanks to Frank McCabe for towing our trailer.**
- **Mesquite Team Leader, Rick McDonald has approached the new Police Chief in Mesquite and presented him a draft MOU that Frank Bruton prepared. This was presented to the City of Mesquite Attorney for review. No word back on their decision to sign this agreement. We will contact them shortly to check on the status.**
- **Our State of Nevada Division of Emergency Management ID card is no longer valid to carry. Subsequently, we have issued to all members in good standing, our new VHRU ID Card. If you have not received yours, please let me know.**
- **Tonight we have available at the sign in table our 2012 VHRU parking plaque. Please only take one as we need to have some available for other members not in attendance tonight.**
- **The Board has discussed the option of creating a Lifetime Membership with one time fee to help save money and time preparing and mailing our ID cards. The Life Time dues will be \$100.00 for this new card. The ID card will be issued in January 2013. We hope everyone will take advantage of this new card to help the organization maintain our Treasury for future years.**

- **The first kickoff meeting of Las Vegas Metro PD New Year's Eve detail has taken place. Our Vice President, Paul Wagner represented the VHRU and will attend future meetings on this upcoming event.**

For the past 4 years we have assisted with security at the 8 Metro substations, freeing up officers to be on the strip during the New Year's celebration. We are planning on doing this again this year.

- **I received a call two weeks ago from Las Vegas Metro PD, Assistant Sheriff Greg McCurdy. He was concerned about the status of the VHRU. I informed him we are here and ready, if needed even though we lost financial funding from the State. He requested copies of the correspondence between the VHRU and the State. Copies of the documentation were sent to Sheriff McCurdy for his information.**

In the near future we will meet to further discuss our assisting Las Vegas Metro PD.

- **Arizona and Laughlin Teams conducted their quarterly road clean up last month. Members of the Core Leadership also conducted our clean up on RT 159 in Red Rock Canyon and 160 in Pahrump. Thanks to those members who participated.**
- **Our Tri- State Coordinator, Dan Christian was approached by Laughlin Township Criminal Court Judge to seek our help in transporting non violent prisoners to clean up the roads and return them to the jail. This is not something the VHRU should do and it was rejected. Liability and putting our people in harms way is not part of our mission.**
- **Dan Christian also attended a Table Top Exercise with the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe yesterday. I will ask Dan if he would like to say a few words about that meeting. Dan the floor is all yours.**
- **The VHRU has 4 satellite phones that we purchased with grant funding. These phones are not active and we will offer them to the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe. The ownership will transfer from the VHRU to that agency in accordance with EMPG policy if they accept this donation.**
- **On May 2nd the Core Leaders and backup Squad Leaders conducted a quarterly radio test utilizing our command trailer base radio. The trailer was positioned on Sahara and Rancho for this test. Participating in the test were 32 members who have VHRU**

radios assigned to them. The test went well on the main channel (Mutual Aid) but on the talk around channel we had some trouble receiving the radio traffic. This was expected, as this is a point to point communication channel. We will continue to have this test every quarter.

- North Las Vegas P.D. contacted me once again to seek our assistance with the upcoming July 3rd Jubilee Celebration. Our assignment last year was mainly traffic control. I informed the Lieutenant who is in charge of this event that I would seek volunteers and get back to him. If anyone can offer some time on that day, it would be appreciated. As you may be aware, North Las Vegas is on the brink of bankruptcy and they are planning on layoffs in the PD. This assistance will go a long way to show support for that department.
- A number of members have approached me to set up a monthly breakfast get together in order to keep in touch. This breakfast is open to any member of the VHRU who wishes to join on the last Friday of each month. An e-mail reminder will be sent prior to that day to remind everyone.

The first breakfast meeting will be at Brentwood Tavern and Café, located at South Tenaya and West Warm Springs Road starting at 9 am on Friday, June 29th.

- Our next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 2nd, here at the Henderson Police Dept North Command building.

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