

**Volunteer Homeland Reserve Unit (VHRU)
General Membership Meeting - May 20, 2013**

- Call the meeting to order.
- Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- A moment of silence for Andrew Biggs a US Border Patrol Officer who was in the process of joining the VHRU when he unexpectedly passed away at the age of 37.
- Frank Bruton, our Treasurer is not with us this evening. I will give his report on the status of our Treasury.
- Update- Our MOU with the City of Henderson Police Department has expired. A new agreement was sent to the new Chief, Pat Moers who signed the new MOU for another 5 years.

I will try to meet with the Chief in the near future, to arrange for a contact at the Henderson PD to interact with. We want to insure we are involved in any practice drills or actual call outs.

- Membership Dues- . About 30 members have not paid this year's dues. We will follow up with an e-mail and a phone call requesting they remit their payment as soon as possible.
- On Monday April 29th we conducted a radio communication test involving the Team Leaders, Squad Leaders and Backup Squad Leaders.

Frank McCabe and I positioned our communications trailer at the Silverton Casino on Blue Diamond Road to conduct the test. Most units in the field heard the call out but we at the communications trailer only heard limited responses. This test indicated that this location is not conducive to transmitting and receiving. The Pahrump Team heard out transmissions and we heard their response loud and clear. Mesquite Team Leader and Squad Leader heard us but we didn't receive their transmission. The Laughlin and Arizona Teams did not participate in this test. They will be holding their own test in the near future.

We intend on having another radio test next month using a different location. Every time we do these tests, we identify the best areas to use as staging areas in case of a real call out.

- On Tuesday, April 30th we held a fun shoot for all VHRU members and those members working for Elite Security at the Clark County Firearms Range.

Thirty (30) members attended and we identified three classes of shooters to qualify for the awards. The following were the recipient of a VHRU plaque based on their class:

1. John Cahill First Prize
2. Ron Mele, Second Prize
3. Doug Guerriero Third Place

Lunch was provided, as well as coffee and donuts. The entire event was paid for by the attendees who paid an entry fee of \$25.00. (see images from shoot on our events page, www.vhru.com)

We have been approved by Clark County Range for three additional dates this year, one in August, one in September and one in November. An e-mail will be sent announcing the shoot as those months get closer for those interested in attending.

Our thanks go to Rod Thompson and Lou Marcano for donating their time as the Range Instructors on the line during the shoot. Rod Thompson also donated 4 bottles of wine, which were raffled off to the attendees.

- We conducted our Adopt-A-Highway clean up in both Las Vegas (Red Rock Canyon), Pahrump and Arizona. Thank you to those who assisted.
- Update- Resilience Grant application. There were over 1900 applications submitted for consideration by FEMA for this award. These 1900 included American Soma and almost every state in the country. Only 30 applications were awarded funding and the VHRU, unfortunately wasn't one of them. We will continue to monitor opportunities to apply for other grants in the future.
- I received a call from the North Las Vegas Police Department last week to start planning for their annual 4th of July celebration. The VHRU has assisted in this event for the past three years. This year they requested 24 volunteers, if possible to assist. The event will be held at the same park, Seastrand Park, Camino El Dorado and Centennial. The actual date for the event is Wednesday, July 3rd. More details will be sent on e-mail in the next month or so.

If anyone attending tonight can assist please let me know after the meeting.

- Metro PD has made a leadership change at the Laughlin sub station. A new Lieutenant has been assigned and in the near future we will set up a meeting to introduce our organization to him and possibly get back into assisting at the River Run next year.

Laughlin and Arizona Issues:

- **Dan Christian - Tri State Coordinator will give his report tonight on his progress in building the Laughlin/Arizona teams and other issues he is working on, in particular,**
 - 1. Red Cross, Mohave Valley, MOU**
 - 2. MOU with the City of Lake Havasu Police Department**
 - 3. Emergency Management, Fort Mohave County MOU**
 - 4. Antenna installation at the Mohave Valley Fire Department and the VHRU Base Radio installation in their communications center.**

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