

**Volunteer Homeland Reserve Unit (VHRU)
General Membership Meeting, April 28, 2014
(Railroad Pass Hotel Casino)**

- Call the meeting to order.
- Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Our condolences go out to members, Maryetta Bowman and Bill Rettle on their loss. Maryetta lost her husband, Dan the former Deputy District Attorney of the City of Henderson and Bill Rettle's wife, Susan. We also want to send get wells wishes to Team Leader Fred Sansone and Kurt Jackson, Arizona Team who are hospitalized.
- I want to take this opportunity to thank Frank Bruton, Treasurer for doing our annual Federal Income Tax filing this year and every year since we received 501 C (3) status. Frank, please give us your report on the status of the Treasury.
- Tonight we have with us Assistant Sheriff Joseph Lombardo Las Vegas Metro who is running for the Clark County Sheriff's position and wishes to address our membership on his candidacy. Please welcome Sheriff Lombardo.
- On March 15, 2014 we participated in the annual St Patrick's Day Parade in Henderson. This year we had 20 members from Vegas and 7 from Laughlin/Arizona, who marched. I want to thank those members tonight for coming out and supporting the VHRU.
- On March 25th we held a mock exercise in Henderson. The Henderson Police Department sent a Lieutenant responsible for Homeland Security to observe our operation and how we handled deployment and response to the crisis.

The scenario involved a corporate aircraft taking off from The City of Henderson Executive Airport, lost power and crashed into numerous homes on the north side of St Rose Parkway in the vicinity of Maryland Parkway.

Thirty four (34) VHRU members responded in Vegas and established a staging area near the crash site. This exercise involved both of our communication trailers. The Vegas trailer was located at a staging area off of St Rose Parkway and the Laughlin trailer with twelve (12) VHRU members from Arizona and Laughlin was positioned just north of Searchlight. Our radio communications on the Mutual Aid Network

was crystal clear from both trailers. The Laughlin unit relocated to Railroad Pass Hotel and again reception and transmission was excellent. The event went well and lasted about 2 hours. We had positive feedback from the Henderson PD representative.

The entire cost to our organization was \$590.85 for food gas etc.

- On April 10th the Laughlin Team and Fort Mohave Teams hosted the USMC Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit from Twentynine Palms CA who conducted a one day seminar on Improvised Explosive Devices (IED). Invitations were given to Metro and local police agencies in Arizona to send representatives. Seating was limited in the Government Center in Laughlin. A total of Twenty eight (28) Members from Vegas as well as Laughlin and Arizona were in attendance as were numerous law enforcement individuals. Upon completion of the presentation, Dan Christian, our Tri-State Coordinator presented a VHRU plaque to thank those two Marines on behalf of the VHRU for a job well done.
- The Laughlin River Run was held this past week in Laughlin. Bob Boerner was coordinating this event for the 8 Laughlin/Arizona members who staffed the various surveillance rooms at all the hotel properties, representing Metro PD. Bob, please give us an update.
- One administrative issue to bring to every ones attention, gas reimbursement to members. In the past we received Federal Grant money, which allowed us to reimburse our members for using their vehicles to drive to meetings and during activations, real or a mock situation. In September 2013 we changed our policy not to reimburse members other than those who use their car for a short period of time during a mock exercise.

Effective today, our policy will change once again, no gas reimbursement will be made to any member, including the Board, except for a member towing one of our communication trailers during an authorized event. We are trying to conserve our funds in the Treasury.

- Tonight we will have our raffle for the Henry 22.cal Police Commemorative Rifle and two cash awards directly at the conclusion of this meeting. We will also hold the 50/50 drawing at that time.

At our next meeting in June, the tally on how much we actually raised from the raffle will be on the agenda. We still have some last minute additions of sales to book tonight.

If anyone wants to take a last minute chance on the rifle, please see Paul Wagner.

Our Treasurer Frank Bruton is selling the 50/50 tickets tonight. We also have VHRU ball caps for sale. The price is \$15.00 per cap. See Frank if you wish to buy one.