

**Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group**  
**Monthly Meeting Notes**  
**June 1, 2010**

**1. Chair report/ General Announcements**

**2. External Organizations ASRC/PSARC/MRA)**

- a. ASRC- ASRC is poised to start major re-writes of both the ASRC Training Manual and the ASRC Operations Manual. Kick off of these activities will start after the Memorial Day Holiday.  
A re-write of the ASRC Ops Manual was started several years ago. It petered out before completion, but a number of good draft documents are out on the ASRC website which will provide a starting point for this effort.  
The Training Manual will include review of the certification requirements for each level, as well as developing common standards for testing/ evaluation and credentialing.
- b. PSARC- PSARC is under new leadership
- c. MRA- The summer conference is June 17-20th in Juneau, Alaska.
- d. Allegheny/Region 13 – There will be a meeting of the SAR committee this month. Don will be attending.
- e. Butler County- The Police Department chiefs will be contacted at the end of summer in order for us to get on the training schedule in the fall.
- f. PEMA- PA has a new state SAR coordinator: PEMA Deputy Director Richard Flinn. The previous coordinator, George Stapleton, has moved from PEMA to the State Fire Commissioner's Office. Stapleton is the main ESF 9 representative in the State Emergency Operations Center (when it is activated) and he did attend the Inland SAR school class. He is remaining active in SAR developments until things are transitioned to Flinn.
- g. George asked Chris to revive the SAR coordinator's working group, and resume the process of creating standards for a state voluntary recognition program for SAR. He also indicated a renewed interest in having PEMA take on the call center/alerting roll for PSARC teams, and to take a more active roll in activating teams for SAR events. To support this, he feels MOU's need to be in place between PEMA and recognized SAR teams. He asked Chris to provide a sample wording of an MOU. Chris provided him with ASRC's MOU with the state of VA as a template.

- h. Outreach- We have an outreach presentation scheduled with the Bellevue Fire Department (right across the river from where our trailer is stored) on the evening of Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **3. Committee Reports**

#### **Membership**

- a. Stew DeFord was voted in as a member pending a successful background check.

#### **Operations**

- a. Callouts- There was a callout on May 5<sup>th</sup>. One member was on scene with others in route when subject was found status 1.
- b. Medical- QRS requires yearly Hazemat and Blood Borne Pathogens training.

#### **Training Report/ Presentations**

- a. The training officer is asking everyone to renew their blood born pathogens and Hazmat training now.
- c. A field lunch is needed for Junes communication training on June 5th.
- d. The July field training will be GPS Navigation.
- e. The Sweep Width Experiment will probably be held in September. Ken is looking at dates.
- f. The WEMT class will start September 17<sup>th</sup>
- g. The canine schedule will be 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, and 7/1

**Marketing-** is on hold until fall.

#### **Finance**

- a. The budget was reviewed.

### **4. For The Good of the Order.**

Andy has secured a portable repeater for AMRG.