

California Surf Life Saving Association

Southwest Region – United States Lifesaving Association

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Training Officers Report

Fall Meeting 2007

Newport Beach, CA



**California Lifeguard
Training Officer's Association**

General Information

Since our fall meeting in 2006, the *Orange County Training Officers Association* held three training events. In November of 2006, the Laguna Beach Lifeguards hosted a regional dive. The emphasis of this training exercise was on both navigation, and “ditch and don” drills. As discussed in our meetings prior to the fall meeting of 2006, the OCTOA saw a need for a basic awareness in the use of various types of lifeguard apparatus and procedures. The two following trainings were conducted in an effort to meet this goal.

On March 14th, the Newport Beach Lifeguards had an open invitation to all agencies, for a basic orientation on its lifeguard rescue boat program.

On May 16th, the Huntington Beach Lifeguards had an open invitation to attend PWC training. This area of training focused on basic operation and safety of a PWC, and victim retrieval and slow speed agility training.

In May of this year the OCTOA presented it’s three tier full-time lifeguard certification outline, to the Orange County Lifeguard Chief’s Association for their review and approval.

During the winter and Fall 2006/2007 the Laguna Beach Lifeguards implemented a “computer aided dispatch” or the “CAD” system to their department. This state of the art system allows for more accurate records management, analysis/justification of all calls, and real time accurate dispatching of the most appropriate unit. Long Beach, Los Angeles and San Diego Lifeguards are also currently using the CAD system.

Also of note, the Lake Mission Viejo Lifeguards were approved through Orange County Communications, the Orange County Lifeguard Chief’s Association, and Orange County Fire to operate on a mutual aid basis using the 800MHz system and they were designated station 58 by OCC.

Future Training and Meetings

At this time, to my knowledge, no open trainings/meetings for Winter 2007/2008 have been scheduled. However, here are some ideas for future trainings and meetings. If any department is able to host one of these, or any other type of training, please contact Mike Scott at mscott@lakemissionviejo.org. These trainings will then be posted on the CSLSA web site and will be an open invitation to all agencies.

- **Tow Bar Training**
- **Rope Rescue**
- **Swift Water Awareness**
- **Lift Bag Operations**
- **Recovery Dive**
- **CSLSA Training Officers Meeting**

Below is a list of the trainings that Long Beach Marine Safety will be participating in:

External Training

Department of Boating & Waterways

- Coastal Piloting & Navigation, September 24-28 @ San Diego
 - PWC for Law Enforcement, October 22-25 @ Ventura
 - Boating Skills Operations, October 8-12 @ Redondo Beach
- Swiftwater Rescue
- Rescue 3 Technical Rope Rescue, October @ Sierra Vista, AZ
 - US&R Search Team Manager
 - S-330 Task Force/Strike Team Leader, October @ Santa Ana College
- Dive Team
- VideoRay International Partner Symposium-ROV Training, November 5-8 @ Key Largo, Florida.

Internal Training

Qualified Relief Rescue Boat Captain Training, October

Dive Team

- Public Safety Dive - Basic, October 29 - November 2
- Public Safety Dive - Advanced, November 5 - 16
- Annual Skills Recert - December

Swiftwater Rescue

- IRB Training, November

EMS Training

- Pediatric medical & trauma emergencies, Communicable Disease update, National Registry Skills Testing, November

Please call me if you have any questions.

Regards!

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Additionally, below is an e-mail that I received from a gentleman in Australia that is seeking information on California procedures in body retrieval as well as vessel and aircraft search and rescue techniques. I replied that I would present his e-mail at the next CSLSA meeting in hopes that various agencies would respond to his letter.

My Name Is Brook Picken (Male) from Queensland in Australia I am an active member of Surf Life Saving and an ex member of the Royal Australian Navy who qualified as a

Ships Diver and Helicopter Aircrewman. Among other qualifications I received awards as an airborne surface swimmer, HUET Instructor and Rescue Diver as well as the initial HEEDS instructor for the Royal Australian Navy. (Gulf war 1) I am now retired from Navy an active Jet Ski Rescue craft Operator and a Jet Boat Crew and driver
(<http://www.lifesaving.org.au/services/jetBoat.cfm>)
(<http://www.lifesaving.com.au/services/rwc.cfm>)

I am part of an organization that looks after people on the worst tourist beaches in Australia if not the world . We are researching dive team procedures for in inshore body retrieval as well as vessel and aircraft search and rescue techniques.

If you can help in the set up of Dive team Procedures we would be more than grateful.

Some links for your information

<http://www.lifesaving.com.au/home/home.cfm> www.slsa.asn.au

I look forward to your response.

Brook Picken

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