



April 14-15, 2005

Our Committee met three times since our last CSLSA meeting; January 13th in Laguna Beach, February 17th in Mission Viejo, and February 24th in Newport Beach.

In February we practiced a "Table-top" Incident Command System exercise in Mission Viejo. Agencies in attendance were; Crystal Cove State, Huntington Beach City, Huntington Beach State, Laguna Beach, Lake Mission Viejo, Newport Beach, Seal Beach, San Clemente City, San Clemente State, and US Ocean Safety. There were 29 participants in all.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2005 in Laguna Beach. This meeting is an actual ocean ISC drill. For more information contact Scott Diederich at (949) 494-6572.

Curriculum Review: This past year we reviewed the curriculum for nine of our most popular courses, and concluded that their curriculum currently meets the standards for most all departments; courses such as American Heart CPR, Naui Scuba, and so forth. These courses represent the curriculum currently being used by most professional lifeguard agencies, and a list of these courses was in our last report dated October 2004.

Curriculum currently being submitted for review

- Rescue Boat Operations- Boating & Waterways
- Swift water Rescue Tech 1- Rescue 3 International
- Swift water Rescue Tech 1- Miramar College (FIPT 311M)
- Vertical Rescue- Miramar College (FIPT 121)
- Technical Rope (cliff) Rescue- Rescue 3 International
- PWC Rescue Course (K38)- Shawn Alladio
- Inflatable (IRB) Rescue Boat Operations- Miramar College (FIPT 161)
- Practical Rope Rescue- Special Rescue Services
- Instructor 1A- Santa Ana College.
- Instructor 1B- Santa Ana College
- Driver Operator 1A- Santa Ana College
- Management 1- Santa Ana College
- ICS 200- Santa Ana College
- ICS 300- Santa Ana College
- ICS 400- Santa Ana College
- Command 1A- Santa Ana College
- Command 1 B- Santa Ana College

Certification

At our February meeting Rennie Boyer suggested that CLTOA offer a "Professional Lifeguard Series" certificate, with levels I, II, & III. Miramar College currently does something like this. They call it "Open Water Lifeguard Professional". We would like to know what you think would be appropriate training for a professional lifeguard? What would you include as courses that are appropriate for an officer candidate for your department? Please share your response with us at this meeting, or email your response to dpeden@lakemissionviejo.org

Miramar College's levels are shown here to simply provide an example of what they do:

<i>Level I</i> <i>Intro to Open Water Lifeguarding</i> <i>Emergency Care for Sick & Injured</i> <i>Current issues for Advanced</i> <i>Officer</i>	<i>Level II</i> <i>Low Angle Rescue</i> <i>Personal Watercraft Operation</i> <i>EMT</i> <i>Intro to Open Water Lifeguarding</i> <i>Swift Water Rescue Tech 1</i> <i>Peace Officer Orientation II</i>	<i>Level III</i> <i>Instructor Training IA</i> <i>Instructor Training IB</i> <i>Rescue Systems 1</i> <i>Vertical Rescue</i> <i>IRB Operations</i> <i>Criminal Law I</i> <i>Report Writing</i>
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Our short-range goal continues to be to arrange quarterly training dives in various cities, and to meet once a month in the off-season (not during the summer quarter), to promote statewide standards. We share president McGowan's concern of the possible financial impact to each department in establishing standardized guidelines. That is why we look to you, and your training officer to help us establish a "minimum" standard that each department can live with. One way to address this issue, for example, is to have a "basic" PWC course, and an "advanced" course for those agencies requiring more specialized training. Once a standard curriculum can be established, we have discussed then the possibility of offering a certificate.

Our long-range plan envisions the possibility of California colleges adopting these guidelines and offering certificate or degree programs of their own. As a committee of the CSLSA, we consider California our territory, however, due to the fact that we are still small (made-up mostly of Orange County Training Officers), we are trying to do what we can right now to establish this expanded lifeguard curriculum in our area. Santa Ana College (which is in Orange County) already offers many courses through various O.C. agencies with a wide array of classes. This already includes USLA Rookie Lifeguard training, all the way through many recurrent training courses. However, some courses, such as Swift water rescue, cliff rescue, and IRB, you still need to go elsewhere, and Santa Ana also doesn't offer a certificate or degree like Miramar College. However, there are only a few courses needed now to complete Santa Ana's curriculum.

Terry Murphy, who is our Chairman, also works for Santa Ana College with the EMS Coordinator in the Fire Technology Department, and is very instrumental in our efforts to establish such a program. Therefore, our first step has been to recognize the curriculum that is being used among your departments for those courses that your lifeguards need to have,

and that assist them to advance up through the ranks of your department.

We depend on input from you! If we don't develop guidelines that work for your department, then we haven't achieved our goal. And, if you should ever want any information from us, please join us, or contact us--we are here to help you if we can!

On a personal note: This season while revising our PowerPoint "Pre-season Training" presentation, and using the new USLA Open Water Lifesaving Manual; the more closely I looked at what is included in the manual, and what isn't, the more impressed I was. Great job to all those who were involved in this new edition!