

Safety Chair Report February 10, 2014

We had a relatively safe year around the pool in PVS. I have received the final report from USA Swimming and it was sent to all as attachments from the PVS Office.

I do have a review items for consideration and discussion by the BOD:

We have had a few instances of trouble at Venues and have chosen to not have meets there for now at some and had meets at venues that had issues in the distant past. My role as Safety Chair has me thinking about how we have progressed and not in various areas. Some ideas to restart the conversation that we never finished:

- Who calls 911? (Beside everyone in the stands)
- Does Meet Management (need to) inform local authorities in advance that we are having an event and the size and population on hand?
- Marshal training upgrade has been spotty but an improving trend has become evident
- Official's Representative position on/if anything (is) needed for for development by Safety in conjunction with Formal Officials Training?

I do believe we need to have this review process on a continuing basis within PVS and hope the outcome will be our usual thoughtful.

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