

PVS Safety Chair Report

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From the quarterly reports from USA Swimming (attached to email sent to BOD Extended) PVS has on cursory inspection a very good safety rate. That can be an indicator of two possibilities: First, we really are doing a good job of being safe or; second, we are not submitting ROOs at the appropriate times. Most of the other LSCs are represented in the reports at what appears to be a fair ratio to their swimmer populations. I know that our reporting rate showed a slight up-tick when we changed over to the On-Line ROO. In informal conversations with random Club Representatives/ Owners, Coaches, Officials and meet Directors I feel we are really being safer than many of the other LSCs, regardless of size. Part of my confidence in this is that the types of injuries suffered in the other LSCs are caused by horseplay and activities that we don't condone in and around our venues; both meet and practice.

I would like this to continue to be the case and think the recent renewed emphasis on Marshals and their use and employment will only help make this the case. If you see this differently please let me know so that we can investigate how to determine the actual data, which seems to be no easy task to acquire.

Respectfully,

PVS Safety Chair

Kurt Thiel