

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Challenge Cup  
Baker to Vegas Relay- April 17-18, 2010**

Fourth Team Captain's Meeting  
February 17, 2010

Race Coordinator Chuck Foote brought the meeting to order.

Teams assembled at 11:30 hours at the LAPD Academy. The meeting began at 1200 hours with the instructions given by Race Coordinator Chuck Foote. As of this date, there are only 51 days to Race Day!

Guest Introductions:

- Officer Tony Adler Follow Vehicle Coordinator

Adler spoke to the T/C about Follow Vehicle procedures; and directed them to go to the web site to download F/V information.

There are 262 teams entered this year.

Web site has the most up to date information, so monitor it. Review the front page "Team Status." This report will inform you of what forms have been turned in or are missing.

Chuck Foote spoke to teams about overcoming all obstacles. So much can happen to a team to cause it to drop out. Chief Gates, who is very ill, was interviewed in the hospital and when asked if he will miss Baker to Vegas this year he said "no I am going to be there." Nothing should stop your plans.

**1. Information Center (IC) Locator Form**

The Information Center will be located at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel and will handle the incoming phone calls regarding the race from Friday 4-16 to Sunday 4-18. It is imperative that all teams submit the Locator Form to the Baker to Vegas office no later than **March 5th**. The IC will handle all requests, but without the proper information form, we will not be able to provide assistance.

The form will be on the web site under the button "Forms."

**2. Baker to Vegas Golf Tournament**

An outstanding location. Las Vegas Paiute Gold Resort just north of town. It will be held on Friday morning 0700 registration.

**3. Preliminary Run Plan**

Go to the official web site, [www.bakervegas.com](http://www.bakervegas.com), and select the Runner Registration

Button. You will be able to complete a Preliminary Run Plan on-line.

Your password has been e-mailed to you. **If you do not have the password contact me immediately.** You are encouraged to work with the program. If you have any questions, please contact me. To date only 30 % of you have been online to register.

#### **4. Hotel Information**

The Hilton Hotel reports about a 15% fill on the room block. The Riviera Hotel is about 20%. Do not wait until the last minute. You will pay a much higher price if you delay. Before the next meeting all rooms not sold will be turned back to the Hotel for general sales.

#### **5. Radio Rental**

Contact: Omni Communications West (702) 362-8245 or  
(702) 296-7984 Attn. Karen Whisenhunt

Omni will deliver the radio's at the Hilton Hotel on Friday and pick up them up at the same location on Sunday. Cell phone service will **not** work along the majority of the race course. It is strongly suggested that you rent radios for your communication needs. Here are additional companies:

J & R productions	(818) 845-6440
Electronic Times	(714) 375-0388
Vision Communications	(800) 778-2275
Bear Com – LA	(800) 546-2327
Bear Com – Sacr	(916) 441-2327
Bear Com – SD	(800) 585-2159
Bear Com – LV	(800) 535-2489
Event Communications - LA	(213) 291-8287
Event Communications - LV	(702) 949-0891
Peninsula Communications	(831) 384-1900
PCI Race Radios	(562) 427-8177
McIntosh Communications	(702) 253-5390

## **Communication Seminar**

The last seminar before the race will take place on Monday February 22 at the LAPD Academy in Elysian Park. This meeting is a must for all “New” teams or Team Captains. RSVP at [www.b2v.org](http://www.b2v.org)

### **6. Official Vehicle Rental**

Enterprise Rent a Car has a very limited number of 15 passenger Vans available in the Las Vegas office. If you are intending to rent one of these vans make the arrangements immediately. Go on the web site and click on Car Rentals.

### **7. Vendor Operation (Awards Ceremony)**

Danny Roman will coordinate vendor operations. If you know of anyone who is interested contact him directly at his **email address:** [dannyjroman@aol.com](mailto:dannyjroman@aol.com), **by phone** (626) 922-5150, or call Lori Grado at the Baker to Vegas office at (323) 221-5222 ext. 203. Crowds of approximately 6000 to 8000 attend the awards ceremony on Sunday evening.

Chuck Foote in the Baker to Vegas Office will handle vendors for Baker High School. Cost will be \$75.00; make the check payable to: Baker Valley Unified School District.

### **8. Follow Vehicle Inspection**

Attention: **NEW TEAMS** and those not yet sure.

A mandatory Follow Vehicle inspection will be held on Friday April 16th at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel in Las Vegas at 4:00 PM. Inspection site is located near the Convention Center parking lot.

An additional Follow Vehicle inspection will take place on **Race Day** at Baker High School at 10:00 AM. Go over the F/V Sheet and be certain your vehicle will pass.

Additionally, ALL Follow Vehicle Crew Members SHALL ATTEND their respective meetings. At least one (1) person from each team SHALL ATTEND the meeting. **For instance:** if your agency has a total of 3 Follow Vehicle Crew Teams, then at least one (1) person from each team SHALL ATTEND the meeting.

### **9. Roster of possible runners**

To keep our files small, please send only a roster of your possible runners typed. Your Chief Personnel Officer should sign this. Completed rosters can be faxed to our office at (323) 222-0629 or e-mail them to, [chuckfoote@bakervegas.com](mailto:chuckfoote@bakervegas.com).

**LAPD** please send DP# 1 **2010** by intra-department mail to: Training Division, Attn. Chuck Foote.

Please highlight all possible runners.

12-31-10 is the cut-off date for all other teams including the LASD. Recruits who leave their academy for field assignments past this cut-of date are eligible up to the race date.

**10. Shuttle Plan**

Attached to these minutes is a suggested “Shuttle Plan.” At the team Captain Briefing in Las Vegas on Friday evening or Saturday morning in Baker, two (2) Shuttle Van placards will be issued per team. Only a vehicle with this placard can park on Highway 160 from Stage # 11 through # 17.

**11. Estimated Time**

Review the Error list on the web site. Steps to calculate how fast your team will run. Time trial, difficulty of course, weather conditions and all runners present. Once this is done, compute the average minute and seconds pre-mile. Add 20-30 seconds to that time. Look up the results page from 2009 on Stage #20. Compare the time and log the overall time as your estimation.

**12. Runner without a Team**

Pertaining to large agencies the eligibly rules state “A runner may run with their last area of assignment so long as their current assignment does not have a team.”

**13. Category Selection**

Go over the categories make sure you are accurate with your selection. If necessary, teams can change their choice of category by e-mail to the Baker to Vegas office.

**Retired:**

All retirees are eligible to run for the Area/Division/Station/Department they retired from or for the “retired team.” The retiree must have retired in good standing include their name on your Agency Roster.

**Line # 1 and Line # 2 Reserves** are eligible to run in this race in the *Invitational* categories.

**Civilian employees** are eligible to run so long as they are full-time.

**14. Team T-shirt**

If we have run out of your selections, an additional shipment will arrive on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Randy Yang at (323) 221-5222 ext. 228. Or e-mail to: [ryang@lapraac.com](mailto:ryang@lapraac.com)

**15. Special Numbers/Baton decal**

If you would like to have a “special” number placed on the running baton, please contact Chuck Foote. The race will try to take care of all requests. The Awards Ceremony will pay tribute to all the officers who have died since the last race. Forward their Bio and photo to me.

**16. Flashing Reflective Running Vests**

LAPRAAC has the “Flashing” vest that can be used by the nighttime runners. The cost is \$20.00 (tax included). The vest comes with two batteries. If you are interested contact Randy at: [ryang@lapraac.com](mailto:ryang@lapraac.com)

**17. Caution Runner Ahead Sign**

Each team will provide their own “Caution Runner Ahead” sign along with their Team Number in reflective tape as per the F/V rules. A good reference to purchase your sign is Smitty’s Sign Works in El Monte (626) 442-2164. \$10.00 for Reflective Numbers.

**18. FRS Hand Held radio**

The FRS radio is used in the Follow Vehicle to communicate between the Motor officers and the F/V driver; it is also used to communicate between F/V to F/V.

\*\*\*\*\* **Important**\*\*\*\*\*

If you have a new FRS radio that wasn’t used last year, please bring it with you to the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting for a frequency check.

If you have questions on what type to purchase, contact Joy Matlack at [rbvcom1@b2v.org](mailto:rbvcom1@b2v.org)

19. **Due Dates:** Do not miss these Due Dates

<b><u>Sworn Volunteer</u></b>	<b><u>March 5</u></b>
<b><u>Department Roster</u></b>	<b><u>February 17</u></b>
<b><u>Communication</u></b>	<b><u>March 5</u></b>
<b><u>Category Form</u></b>	<b><u>Past Due</u></b>
<b><u>Locator Form</u></b>	<b><u>March 5</u></b>
<b><u>Estimated Time</u></b>	<b><u>March 5</u></b>
<b><u>Preliminary Run Plan</u></b>	<b><u>April 12</u></b>
<b><u>Final Run Plan</u></b>	<b><u>April 16-17</u></b>

20. **Sworn Volunteer assignment**

The listing for all volunteers and their assignment will go on the web site very soon. All contact will be directly between the volunteer and me. Each T/C will receive a copy of all information that is sent to the volunteer.

**[Baker Unified School District](#)**

For over a quarter of a century we have had a wonderful relationship with the Baker Community and especially the school. I would encourage all participants to visit the school and see its show of pride in our event.

This year there will be the First Annual Baker School Relay. Approximately 25 children will run from in front of the school to our Starting Line. This will take place on Saturday morning B2V race day. I am requesting that 25 Baker to Vegas teams each take one child as a member of their team. Issue the school child a team jersey. To do this, contact the following teacher at Baker School: Eric Drake, [ericdrake101@gmail.com](mailto:ericdrake101@gmail.com)

A step further, I would like to see all the children at the school wear a t-shirt from teams in the race. I know this can be done. The school has selected the Principal Ronda Tremblay. You can reach her at: [ronda\\_tremblay@baker.k12.ca.us](mailto:ronda_tremblay@baker.k12.ca.us)  
Make all arrangements with the Principal to adopt one the children at Baker School.

This year, as in all the years of this event, you have been generous with a donation. I ask you to send a check made payable to: **Baker Valley Unified School District**, Please send the check to: Baker to Vegas Race, P O Box 861148, LA, CA 90086-1148.

A presentation will be made on Saturday to the Superintendent of the district.

## **Local running events**

- Scorpion Relay, March 7 in San Dimas, [www.scorpionrelay.com](http://www.scorpionrelay.com)
- Lakewood Station Mug Run, [info@lakewoodmugrun.com](mailto:info@lakewoodmugrun.com)

## **21. Meeting Date**

**Next meeting: March 17, 2010, 11:30 AM Lunch, 12:00 PM Meeting**

***Bring your Rule Book and FRS Radio to this meeting!!***

Check out WEB site @ [www.bakervegas.com](http://www.bakervegas.com)

Sincerely,

Chuck Foote  
Race Coordinator