

**28th Annual Challenge Cup
Baker to Vegas Relay- April 21-22, 2012**

Fourth Team Captain's Meeting

February 23, 2012

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 58 days to Race Day!

Guest Introductions:

Lena Lockhart, Print Wear (562) 252-3464, for all clothing needs

Smitty Sign Works (626) 442-2164 for "Caution Runner Ahead" Reflective Team Number for back of FV" and Team Sign (If desired)

There are 278 teams entered this year.

Web site has the most up to date information, so monitor it. Click on "Information" then "**Team Form Status.**" This report will indicate what forms have been turned in or are missing.

Chuck Foote spoke to teams about overcoming all obstacles. Be ready.

Rule Book Discussion

Review the following sections:

- Chapter 3: Sworn Volunteer, reliable, good worker and on time. Penalty in this area is significant.
- Team Catcher, **bib number necessary (corrected 2-23-12)**. Every team needs to have one at the stage (except Finish Line).
- Speed limit, in all areas this is important. Care in the Stage area. Pahrump 35 MPH
- Vehicle Markings, Use the product "Mean Streak" office supply store. Mark all vehicles with your team number.
- Stage # 18 closure, All teams must have cleared this stage prior to 0800 hours or be disqualified.
- Chapter 4: Stage Check In, first runner at least 30 minutes prior to start. All runners must present their ID to RV Support personnel in order to receive their Bib numbers.
- Alternate Runner Sub, No penalty for sub running for the scheduled runner. They must register at the stage and get a "White" bib number.
- Downed Runner Replacement, They must use the "Yellow" Bib number. F/V must log the name of the Alternate and note **DR** on the log.
- Bib Number Display, front and back the number must be visible at all times.
- Runner Clothing, Watch the weather reports. First few runners must comply.
- Runners Path, Use care when parking, walking in and around the stages. This is very important on the night time legs. **Drink Water or electrolyte drink**

NEED COLOR GUARD

NEED A CHAPLIN

If your agency is interested in either of these assignments please contact me ASAP.

1. Information Center (IC) Locator Form

The Information Center will be located at the Las Vegas Hotel and will handle the incoming phone calls regarding the race from Friday 4-20 to Sunday 4-22. 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.

2. Communication Form

To be able to coordinate the vast number of types of radio communications, Joy Matlack and crew must have a Comm. form completed and submitted by Electronic Format only: Go to www.b2v.org follow the instructions. If you have problems write to info@b2v.org
Due Date March 5th

The next Communications Seminar is on Tuesday February 28th 0900-1500 RSVP to Joy at rbvcom1@b2v.org

3. Preliminary Run Plan

Go to the official web site, 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.

4. Flashing Vest

The runner leaving a Stage after **1900 hours** will wear a "Flashing Vest". A runner leaving a Stage after **0600 hours** will not be required to wear a "Flashing Vest"

LAPRAAC has the "Flashing" vest that can be used by the nighttime runners. The cost is \$24.00 (tax included). The vest comes with two batteries.

5. Hotel Information

Use the link on the web site to locate and book your room at the host Las Vegas Hotel. We are at 60+% of our room block so don't delay.

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 by calling Mats at (310) 890-3802. Go on the web site and click on Car Rentals.

7. Vendor Operation (Awards Ceremony)

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/ Check List/ Inspection Schedule

Attention: **NEW TEAMS** and those not yet sure. Review the Check list off the F/V Info Web site

A mandatory Follow Vehicle inspection will be held on Friday April 20th at the Las Vegas Hotel 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 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. Follow Vehicle Information

The buttons on the web site "Follow Vehicle" have been restored. Review the information.

10. Extra Meeting

On Tuesday March 27th at 11:30 lunch and from 1200-1300 discussion. This is directed at your **FIRST Follow Vehicle Driver and FIRST Observer**. You do not need to attend. Make every effort possible to have these very important members of your team here to get

an explanation of their duties. Attendance at this meeting does not mean they do **not** have to be at the Las Vegas Follow Vehicle Crew Briefing.

11. **Estimated Time**

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 2011 on Stage #20. Compare the time and log the overall time as your estimation. Expect a call from me if your time varies significantly from last year. Attached to minutes is a Team Pace Calculator.

Start Times

After I have received all of the Estimated Times I will arrange the Start Times for each team, should have this completed by March 10th.

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.” Not everybody can run.

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**

Get it in or else!

Fax to: (323) 222-0629 no cover sheet
Contact Randy Yang at (323) 221-5222 ext. 228. Or e-mail to: 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. [See the attachment.](#)

16. 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.

17. 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 22nd meeting for a frequency check.

If you have questions on what type to purchase, contact Joy Matlack at rbvcom1@b2v.org

18. Due Dates: Do not miss these Due Dates

<u>Sworn Volunteer</u>	<u>March 5</u>
<u>Communication</u>	<u>March 5</u>
<u>Category Form</u>	<u>March 5</u>
<u>Locator Form</u>	<u>March 5</u>
<u>Estimated Time</u>	<u>March 5</u>
<u>Preliminary Run Plan</u>	<u>April 16</u>
<u>Final Run Plan</u>	<u>April 20-21</u>

19. Sworn Volunteer assignment

Volunteer assignments will be completed by March 10th. 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 27 years, 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. Good photo spot is under the marquee in “Home of the Baker to Vegas Race”.

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.

Andrew Lee, Rules Cmt. Will follow up with a phone call to be sure you may not be forgotten.

Local running events

- Scorpion Relay, This Sunday February 26th in San Dimas, www.scorpionrelay.com
- Next “LASD Mug Run” march 3rd East LA Station is host www.lasaa.org

20. Meeting Date

Last Meeting: March 22, 2012, 11:30 AM Lunch, 12:00-1300

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

Check out WEB site @ www.bakervegas.com

Sincerely,

Chuck Foote
Race Coordinator