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Everyone deserves to feel like a superhero...

That is how all of us feel with the overwhelming support you have given us through your generous donations, support through social media, notes in the mail and your kind words. Thank you for making rescuing easy. Thank you for believing in our team and what we train to do. Thanks for buying us dinners and breakfasts. Thanks for wearing our hats, our stickers and our t-shirts. Thanks for being incredible employers and letting



us leave work to help someone in need. Thanks for coming to our events, for taking a step to become more educated, for passing the word to others that may need it. Thanks for speaking up. Thanks for being an advocate for backcountry safety and knowing coming home matters most for all of us. Thanks for babysitting our kids, for walking our dogs, for buying us a coffee when you've seen we've been out all night on rescue.

Thank you Jackson Hole for supporting your TCSAR volunteers 365-24-7. Our community depends on the superhero in all of us.

Stephanie Thomas TCSAR Foundation, Executive Director SR #75

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FROM
DECEMBER 1, 2015
TO NOVEMBER 30, 2016,
TCSAR VOLUNTEERS SPENT
10,860 HOURS
ON SAR RELATED ACTIVITIES.

RESCUES - 4,062 HOURS TRAINING = 5,535 HOURS COMMUNITY EVENTS = 1,263 HOURS

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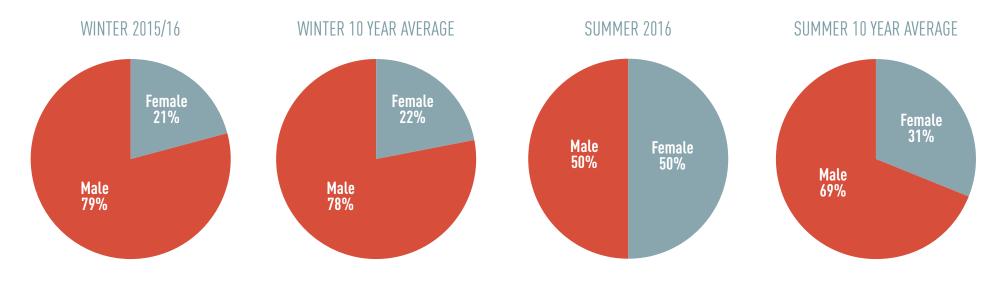




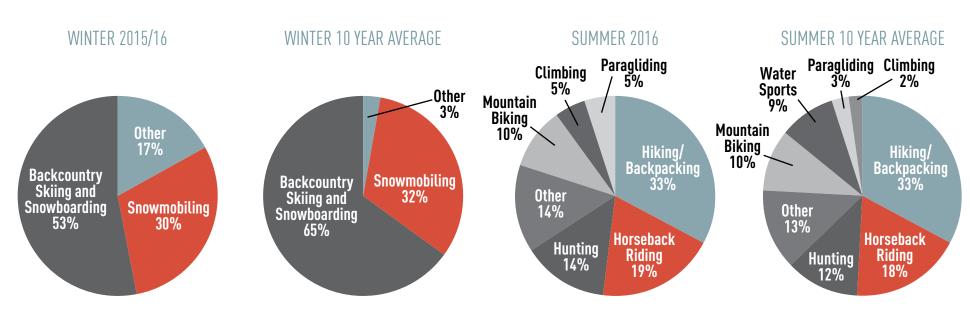


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## INCIDENTS BY GENDER



## INCIDENTS BY ACTIVITY



# RESCUE REVIEW

#### » JUNE

**RESCUE** Overdue Party near Wind Cave

DATE 6/22/2016
TIME 6:22pm
DURATION 10 minutes

ATTENDEES

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for 4 teenagers that went up Darby Canyon to the Wind Caves and were 2 hours past due. The last the reporting party (RP) heard from the party was at about noon when the party was driving through Swan Valley en route to the Darby Canyon trailhead. The RP stated that the group did not have any climbing equipment or ropes and were not experienced in the caves. The SAR Board discussed the situation and predicted that the party was still overdue because the drive to the trailhead and the hike to the Wind Cave and back was much longer than 6 hours. Dispatch told the Board that a deputy was en route and had located their vehicle still at the trailhead. A few minutes later the overdue party arrived at the trailhead. The incident was stood down.

**RESCUE** Medical Assist on Teton Pass

DATE 6/25/2016
TIME 12:00pm
DURATION 1 hour
ATTENDEES 19

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a 52-year-old female from Arizona complaining of an asthma attack on Teton Pass History Trail. Patient did not have inhaler. SAR was able to contact the RP and determine that they were just below the summit parking lot and were continuing to hike toward the top. En route to the pass another SAR volunteer notified IC that he was in the vicinity of the pass and could respond directly to the scene and locate the victim. Volunteer was able to see the victim from the top of the pass and meet and assist the patient to the parking lot where Jackson Hole Fire/EMS ambulance medic 60 was waiting. The patient was turned over the the EMS crew

RESCUE Medical Assist on Teton Pass

DATE 6/25/2016
TIME 3:05pm
DURATION 40 minutes
ATTENDEES 13

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a 52-year-old male that was having a stroke on the Black Canyon Trail 150 yards away from the summit parking lot. EMS and deputies were en route. SAR team was paged to respond to the hangar for a medical evac using the wheeled litter. The team arrived at the hangar, assembled medical and transport gear, and departed for Teton Pass. As the team was en route, dispatch reported to IC that EMS was on scene with the patient at the parking lot. The incident was stood down.

RESCUE Injured Mountain Biker on Powerline Trail
DATE 6/28/2016
TIME 5:44pm
DURATION 2 hours 1 minute

ATTENDEES 18

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for an injured mountain biker near the base of the Powerline Trail near the Old Pass Road. Dispatch reported that a male biker crashed and was unable to move. The SAR team was paged to the hangar for a wheeled litter evac and to meet at the bottom of the Old Pass Road. Incident Command (IC) sent Strike Teams up the trail to locate the patient and begin patient care. The SAR team performed a patient assessment and determined the patient may have a neck/back injury. The SAR team packaged the patient in a C-collar and a full-body vacuum immobilizer and then used the wheeled litter to transport him to the Old Pass Road. SAR members transferred the patient in the litter to the back of a pickup truck and then drove the truck slowly down the road to the trailhead where an ambulance was waiting. SAR transferred the patient to the ambulance.

RESCUE Helicopter EMS Medical Evacuation on N. Fork of Buffalo River

DATE 6/29/2106

TIME 1:49pm

DURATION 3 hours 11 minutes

ATTENDEES

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding a man suffering possible appendicitis above the falls on the north fork of the Buffalo River. The man rode a horse to his location and

was unable to ride out. Given the remote location and medical condition, the Board decided to request HEMS to pick up the patient. Air Idaho in Driggs did not accept the call because of weight limitations. Air Methods in West Yellowstone accepted the call. The helicopter flew the patient to JHMC.

### » JULY

**RESCUE** Injured Foot near Gravel Lake

DATE 7/4/2016 TIME 12:21pm

DURATION 1 hour 45 minutes

ATTENDEES 8

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page that a Forest Service employee had a possible broken foot in the Teton Wilderness. GTNP had offered to handle the event and fly the patient out with the USFS helicopter. Dispatch reported that the employee was just south of Gravel Lake and was clearing a trail at the time of the accident. The Board agreed that GTNP should handle the event and asked Dispatch to notify the Board with any updates. At 15:06 Dispatch received word that GTNP did not fly to the patient because the winds were too gusty. Instead, the patient rode out to the trailhead and self-transported to the emergency room.

RESCUE Car in Snake River DATE 7/4/2016

TIME 5:29pm

DURATION 3 hours 31 minutes

ATTENDEES 2

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a car in the river 1-mile south of Hoback toward Alpine. Dispatch reported that the car went into the Snake River just south of the Boy Scout Camp and was now fully submerged. Fire/EMS and TCSO deputies were already dispatched to the scene. The SAR team was paged to bring swiftwater/high angle gear.

The plan was to send both catarafts downstream from the Boy Scout Camp and send both jet boats upstream from Astoria. IC sent SAR members downstream below Astoria Bridge to provide downstream river safety. A kayaker who was in the river at the time the car fell into the river confirmed that there was no one in the car.

SAR departed Astoria and heard on the radio that the owner of the car had been found and a medic was needed. SAR responded to

the patient and began conducting an assessment and providing care. The female patient was found lying the grass several hundred feet above the bank of the Snake River on river left. Shortly later the ambulance arrived and transported the patient to SJMC. SAR debriefed the incident and left the scene.

**RESCUE** Foot Injury near Spotted Horse Ranch

 DATE
 July 5, 2016

 TIME
 11:45am

 DURATION
 21 minutes

ATTENDEES 16

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a 16-year-old male with a foot cut by an ax up Elk Ridge behind Spotted Horse Ranch. The reporting party told Dispatch that the patient's foot was "cut almost in half". The patient and his father were riding horses toward Spotted Horse Ranch and would continue to do so if possible. The Board discussed using Air Idaho HEMS to pick up the patient. The Board also discussed the possibility of dispatching an ambulance since the patient was very close to the trailhead, was moving in that direction, and would be there before SAR arrived. Given the nature of the injury and possibility that the patient might not reach the trailhead, the Board decided to page the SAR team. Just as the SAR team was loading into vehicles to depart the hangar, Dispatch notified IC that the patient and his father were able to ride/walk to the trailhead. The incident was stood down.

RESCUE Injured Mountain Biker in Cache Creek

DATE 7/6/2016 TIME 7:48pm

DURATION 1 hour 12 minutes

ATTENDEES 1

WHAT HAPPENED? While at hangar for a presentation, SAR received a page that a 25-year-old female fell mounting biking on Ferrin's trail and had a possible dislocated shoulder. SAR advised the reporting party to walk down to Cache Creek parking lot. A team was sent to the trailhead as a hasty medical team with 6-8 team members dispatched to support. An ambulance was requested to meet at Cache Creek parking lot. Team met up with patient on upper Cache Drive connector and helped her walk to the ambulance. The patient refused a ride with the ambulance and self-transported to SJMC. SAR helped to retrieve bikes from the trail and team returned to hangar.

RESCUE Snake River Swimmer

DATE July 9, 2016
TIME 2:45pm
DURATION 4 minutes
ATTENDEES 6

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a woman seen floating in the river between Hoback Junction and Astoria. The reporting party stated that the woman was recovered, but law enforcement stated this was not the case. Dispatch then reported that the woman had been pulled out of the water and medics were already on scene. The incident was stood down.

RESCUE Injured Horseback Rider near Big Game Ridge

DATE July 15, 2016 TIME 10:04am

DURATION 6 hours 56 minutes

ATTENDEES 2

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a rescue in the Teton Wilderness for a possible broken pelvis from a horse accident. Dispatch reported that a 20-year-old female had a horse fall on top of her. Given the remote location and nature of the injury, the Board decided to use the Interagency helicopter as the primary response. The backup plan was to go in on foot. A SAR team was sent to Helitack to ride to the scene in the USFS helicopter. IC sent remaining SAR members to Pacific Creek to set up staging and be prepared to enter the field. Because the exact location of the patient was unknown, SAR sent the helicopter to conduct an aerial search to locate the patient, land, and begin patient care. The helicopter team was able to land near the patient and several members of the party were available to help carry the patient to the nearby LZ. The helicopter departed the scene with the patient and paramedic on board and arrived at SJMC. The helicopter departed SJMC en route for the scene to transport remaining personnel out of the field.

RESCUE Injured Horseback Rider near Mink Creek
DATE July 21, 2016
TIME 10:55am
DURATION 1 hour 31 minutes
ATTENDEES 9

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a 65-year-old male kicked in the head by a horse in the Teton Wilderness on the Meeks Trail. Given the serious injury, very remote location, and known location, the Board decided to request HEMS to respond directly to the scene to pick up the patient. The

helicopter searched the area for a short while in order to visually locate the subjects. Once the helicopter spotted the subjects, it landed nearby. The HEMS crew packaged the patient and loaded him into the helicopter.

**RESCUE** Lost Hikers near Table Mountain

DATE July 22, 2016 TIME 9:39pm

DURATION 12 hours 6 minutes

ATTENDEES 21

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for 6 stranded hikers coming down Table Mountain who became lost in Roaring Creek Drainage. Hikers left the parking lot Friday morning at 7:00am and went up Teton Canyon trail to Hurricane Pass, then to Alaska Basin, then bushwhacked over to the summit of Table Mountain. SAR team was paged and a hasty team of 4 was sent in on foot. Team outfitted with extra water, soda, food, energy bars, head lamps and clothing to take to lost party. Team moved quickly and made contact and assessed the group. Children were cold and female was too tired to walk out and was assisted walking for several hours. SAR team then requested a wheeled litter team. Secondary team sent to perform wheeled litter extraction from 5/8 mile up Teton Canyon trail to the Teton Canyon parking lot.

**RESCUE** Missing Child Near Flat Creek

DATE July 23, 2016
TIME 4:24pm
DURATION 20 minutes
ATTENDEES 4

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a swiftwater search in the town of Jackson for a missing child on an inner tube. Dispatch reported that a 9-year-old male child got separated from his mother and sister while floating Flat Creek on inner tubes. Team was paged and one volunteer who lives nearby was sent directly to Flat Creek to start searching. SAR team received a stand down page indicating that the child had been located by a police officer.

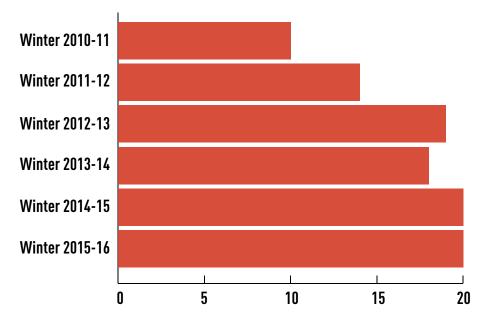
RESCUE Injured Horseback Rider near Two Ocean Pass

DATE July 25, 2016
TIME 5:18pm
DURATION 1 hour 19 minutes

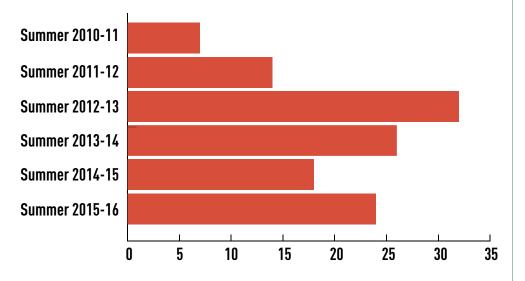
ATTENDEES 17

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR received a call for an 11-year-old female who had been being kicked by a horse. The patient was located about 1 mile from Two Ocean Pass in the Teton Wilderness. The Board asked the RP if there was a good location to land a

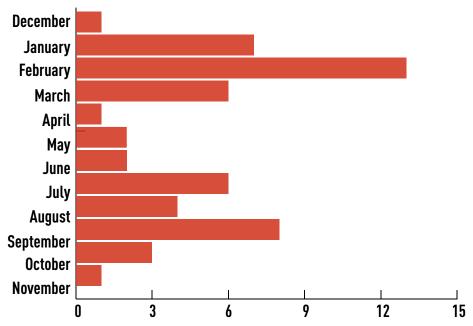
## ACTIVE SAR INCIDENTS PER WINTER



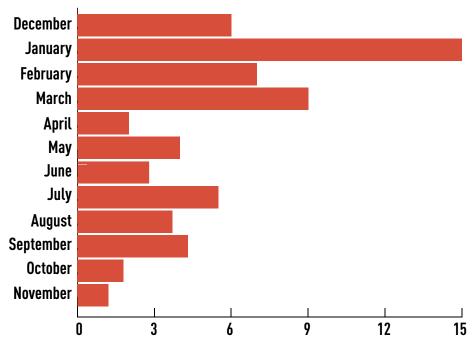
## ACTIVE SAR INCIDENTS PER SUMMER



## INCIDENTS BY MONTH 2015/2016



### 10 YEAR AVERAGE BY MONTH



## SEARCH AND RESCUE LOCATIONS - DECEMBER 1, 2015 - NOVEMBER 30, 2016



helicopter and if that location was next to the patient. The RP answered yes to both questions. Given the serious nature of the patient's injury and the remote location, the Board made a plan to evacuate the patient via helicopter. The primary plan was to use Air Idaho because HEMS could provide better care more quickly. Aid Idaho reached the patient successfully and departed the scene with the patient en route to SJMC.

RESCUE Cardiac Arrest near Ski Lake Trail

DATE July 27, 2016 TIME 11:20am

DURATION 2 hours 40 minutes

ATTENDEES 19

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call for an 82-year-old male who was going in and out of consciousness. The reporting party and patient were located about 0.5 mile up the Ski Lake trail. All Fire/EMS ambulances were already out on calls and the backup ambulance from the Park was the only available. SAR team arrived at the hangar, gathered equipment for a wheeled litter evac, and drove to the Phillips Pass road. Construction on Teton Pass delayed some SAR members, who were driving unmarked POVs, because they had to wait for the line of traffic to be allowed through.

SAR member who lived nearby responded directly and was first on scene. Shortly after SAR member arrived on scene, CPR was initiated and an AED was hooked up. Other team members prepared the wheeled litter and vacuum bag for immediate transportation. AIr Idaho HEMS was requested to respond.

GTNP ambulance arrived and medics were sent to the scene and the patient was pronounced deceased. The SAR team used the wheeled litter to transport the patient to the ambulance.

**RESCUE** Injured Paraglider on Saddle Butte

DATE July 31, 2016 TIME 4:46pm

DURATION 3 hours 14 minutes

ATTENDEES 20

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call regarding a possible paraglider crash above the Budge slide. JPD was dispatched to attempt to locate the paraglider from the top of Saddle Butte. Reports ranged from a paraglider wing being in a tree from two hours to 10 minutes. It was determined that there was an injured paraglider. Team was immediately paged for a high angle/medical rescue to the top of Saddle Butte. Two plans of response; one primary was to locate paraglider patient,

assess, treat, package and transport via short haul. Secondary backup was for a lower via high angle. SAR set up a two anchor lowering system. Team hiked to the patient and assessed, treated and packaged for transport to ALS via short haul. TCSO dispatch contacted GNTP Jenny Lake Rangers requesting a short haul team. Team arrived at the top of the butte and then executed short haul and transported patient to Karn's meadow for transport to SJMC.

#### » AUGUST

RESCUE Dehydrated Hiker on Valley Trail
DATE August 2, 2016
TIME 5:58pm
DURATION 2 hours 2 minutes
ATTENDEES 9

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call regarding a 56-year-old male hiker on the Valley Trail that was feeling dizzy and was out of water. The Board had a conference call and it was determined that the hiker was in GTNP. The hiker was patched in to the call. Attempts were made to coach the hiker to Teton Village as he was only 1.3 miles away. The hiker could not proceed any further. SAR called GTNP to determine what agency would take primary for the rescue. GTNP requested TCSAR to take the call and send a team. SAR sent a hasty team to Teton Village to find the hiker and bring him back. Team was dispatched to village and was successful in locating the hiker, providing water and food and guiding him back.

RESCUE Cyclist Over Edge of Teton Pass

DATE August 4, 2016
TIME 9:36am

DURATION 2 hours 54 minutes

ATTENDEES

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for cyclist over the edge of a steep embankment on the west side of Teton Pass with unknown injuries. SAR team paged for high angle rescue to the hangar. Team subsequently directed to Teton Pass. Medic 60 and Fire/EMS Rescue unit were first on scene and accessed the patient with a rappel line. First medic on scene did not feel air transport was necessary. SAR assumed rigging role and set up a main/belay system. Three attendants and litter were lowered to scene and packaged patient with Fire/EMS on scene and were then raised to road side. Patient care was maintained by Fire/EMS and transferred to Fire/EMS ambulance and scene was demobilized.

RESCUE Missing Person in Grand Teton National Park
DATE August 4, 2016

TIME 3:03pm
DURATION 3 days
ATTENDEES 24

**WHAT HAPPENED?** GTNP Ranger called SAR to notify of a missing person search and request searchers. Team paged to assist GTNP with search for a missing 16-year-old female. After three days of searching, a stand down issued after the missing girl was located by law enforcement.

RESCUE Injured Hiker near Table Mountain

DATE August 5, 2016 TIME 12:30pm

DURATION 2 hours 30 minutes

ATTENDEES

WHAT HAPPENED? GTNP responded to an injured hiker on Table Mountain. The hiker had fallen off the summit and slid down a snow field. The hiker came to rest in GTNP, but was hiking Table Mountain in Teton County. The Park notified SAR, who agreed that the Park should proceed with the rescue especially because of the large missing person search going on at the same time. The Park used the interagency helicopter to pick up the patient and transport the patient out of the backcountry.

RESCUE Missing Hikers near Grassy Lake Dam
DATE August 13, 2016
TIME 7:42pm
DURATION 9 minutes
ATTENDEES 3

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding two missing female hikers in the Grassy Lake Dam area. Dispatch reported that the hikers got lost from a larger group that were hiking to Grassy Lake. The call originally went to Fremont County SO and FCSO deputies were already on scene at Grassy Lake Dam. The SAR Board agreed that more investigation needed to be completed before SAR could begin a backcountry search. While the SAR Board was in the conference call, a report came in that the two female hikers had returned to their group and everyone was okay. The mission was stood down.

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RESCUE Overdue Hikers on Table Mountain

August 13, 2016

TIME 9:15pm DURATION 31 minutes

**ATTENDEES** 

DATE

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding overdue hikers in Teton Canyon. Dispatch reported that two hikers, in a party of five hikers, were overdue after hiking Table Mountain. Dispatch did not know which trail the party had hiked. The Board decided to call the reporting party to find out more information and send text messages to the missing hikers asking them if they were ok and to call 911. Dispatch then received a call from the RP that the overdue hikers had returned to the trailhead and everyone was okay. The mission was stood down.

RESCUE Paraglider Crash in Teton Village

August 14, 2016 DATE TIME 1:53pm DURATION 7 minutes

**ATTENDEES** 

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a downed paraglider near Teton Village, access for an ambulance may be an issue and the ambulance is requesting SAR. Dispatch reported that the paraglider was in the middle of a field with multiple ditches and an ATV or wheeled litter may be needed to transport the patient to the ambulance. The SAR Board made a plan to page the SAR team directly to the Ranch Lot. Dispatch then received word that the ambulance could make it to the patient. SAR team received a stand down page.

RESCUE **PLB Activation near Hawk's Rest** 

DATE August 17, 2016 TIME 8:01am

DURATION 8 hours 59 minutes

**ATTENDEES** 17

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call regarding an activated PLB in the area of Hawks Rest. The owners of the PLB were a couple in their late 60s from Idaho Falls. Given the remote location, unknown emergency, and party's medical history, the Board paged the team for a helicopter rescue.

SAR medical advisor advised, given the couple's medical history, to respond via helicopter with an AED and ALS. SAR sent a team of three to HeliTack to fly in the Interagency helicopter. The helicopter located the couple and landed nearby. The SAR team began patient assessment and determined that woman was experiencing significant pain and could not walk or bear weight. Because the couple was located 22 miles from the nearest road, SAR used the helicopter to evacuate the couple to Blackrock Ranger Station.

RESCUE **Dehydrated Hikers on Cirque Trail** DATE August 18, 2016

TIME 12:57pm DURATION 10 minutes **ATTENDEES** 

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page that JH mountain patrol was responding to two dehydrated hikers on the Cirque Trail. Ten minutes later SAR received a second page that mountain patrol was finished with the rescue.

RESCUE Hiker with Injured Knee August 27, 2016 DATE TIME 12:49pm

2 hours 38 minutes DURATION

**ATTENDEES** 

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page that JH mountain patrol was responding to a female with a possible broken knee. SAR received a second page that mountain patrol had finished the

RESCUE Overdue Hikers/Cavers in Darby Canyon August 28, 2016 DATE 1:17am TIME DURATION 53 minutes

**ATTENDEES** 

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for 2 overdue hikers/ cavers in Darby Canyon. Missing persons were 51-year-old male 31-year-old female who had planned to do a thru trip of the wind cave / ice cave and were 2 hours overdue. Dispatch sent a deputy to the Darby trailhead who confirmed the party's vehicle was still there but no subjects. Decision made to page team to hanger for search of overdue hikers/cavers. While en-route stand down page was sent that hikers/cavers had returned to their car and were ok.

RESCUE Missing Couple near Mosquito Creek

DATE August 28, 2016 TIME 1:17am

3 hours 21 minutes DURATION **ATTENDEES** 

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page that there was a missing couple requesting help up Mosquito Creek and law enforcement was already searching the area. The Board held a conference call to discuss. Law enforcement and Fire/EMS took care of the incident and SAR was not paged out.

RESCUE Riderless Horses near Enos Lake

DATE August 28, 2016 TIME 7:07pm 20 minutes DURATION **ATTENDEES** 

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR received a page for three riderless horses found by Triangle X wranglers off trail near Turpin Meadows. One horse had a wallet with ID and fishing license. Dispatch contacted wife of person identified and obtained additional information, determined that there were two males on 4-5 day pack trip headed to Red Lodge, MT. Two subjects were to be at Enos Lake area. Board discussed options to gather additional information. While on page, dispatch received information that subjects had indeed lost their horses and hiked to Black Rock Ranger Station and were ok.

#### » SEPTEMBER

**GTNP Missing Person Assist** RESCUE DATE September 2, 2016

7:05pm TIME DURATION 3 days 43 **ATTENDEES** 

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding assisting GTNP for a missing person. SAR was advised that GTNP was searching via air resources and ground teams for a missing male who was overdue from either a hike or climb. GTNP requested TCSAR representative for an evening planning meeting at the Jenny Lake Cache at Lupine Meadows. A team availability page was sent out, as areas to be searched included both GTNP and Teton County. TCSAR personnel resources were requested for a ground search. Teams completed assignments and returned to cache. Missing male was later found deceased from a fall.

RESCUE Injured Horseback Rider near Horse Creek

DATE September 8, 2016

5:29pm TIME 50 minutes DURATION **ATTENDEES** 

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR received a page for an unresponsive female involved in a horse accident. The team was paged and left the hangar. The RP stated he had to drive out to the road to get signal to be able to call 911. Deputies arrived on scene and gave a patient update. SAR team used a wheeled litter to wheel the patient approximately 400 yards to the road. Patient care was transferred to the ambulance crew when they arrived at the road.

RESCUE Stranded Hiker in Teton Canyon

DATE September 9, 2016 TIME 10:39pm

DURATION

5 hours 17 minutes **ATTENDEES** 

WHAT HAPPENED? Board received page for a 60-year-old old stranded hiker in the Teton Canyon Devil's Staircase. He was extremely cold and SAR was worried about the possibility of a changing mental status due to exhaustion and cold. A Deputy and SAR member were dispatched to hike up the Teton Canyon trail to the Devils Staircase junction to find the patient and walk him out. SAR members backed up the hasty team at the Teton Canyon Trailhead in case a wheeled litter haul out was needed.

RESCUE Overdue Cavers near Wind/Ice Cave

DATE September 10, 2016

TIME 1:21pm 25 minutes DURATION

**ATTENDEES** 3

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding 3 overdue hikers/ cavers near the Ice/Wind Cave in Darby Canyon. The Board held a conference call to discuss. The Board asked Dispatch to send a deputy to the trailhead to see if the vehicle was there. SAR called the reporting party to get more information and learned that everyone was out of the backcountry and was ok.

RESCUE **SOS Activation near Elk Creek** 

DATE September 10, 2016

TIME 7:41pm 3 minutes DURATION

**ATTENDEES** 

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR received a page for an SOS activation. The Board held a conference call to discuss. Dispatch reported that more information had come in and the SOS device had shifted in the hiker's backpack and accidentally gone off. Everyone was ok and the party did not need help. The incident was stood down.

RESCUE **Critical Hiker in Darby Canyon** DATE September 10, 2016

TIME 10:41pm

DURATION 2 hours 51 minutes

**ATTENDEES** 

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for 54-year-old female who was reported to be unconscious in the area of Mount Meeks. A hasty team was immediately dispatched to hike in and reach the patient as quickly as possible. Back-up wheeled litter teams were dispatched from the hangar to Darby Canyon trailhead and were to follow in with medical equipment and transport equipment. Dispatch contacted Air Idaho for possible night rescue. SAR was able to determine that the terrain would likely allow a reasonable spot to land a helicopter. Air Idaho landed some distance away from the patient, transported her to the waiting helicopter then on to Idaho Falls Hospital.

RESCUE Lost Hikers near JHMR DATE September 12, 2016 TIME 5:46pm 1 hour 1 minute DURATION

**ATTENDEES** 

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for two hikers needing assistance getting back from a hike near Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. The Board held a conference call to discuss. By the end of the conference call, the hikers were ok and the incident was stood down.

RESCUE Injured Hunter near N. Buffalo Fork

September 15, 2016 DATE

TIME 7:09pm

DURATION 1 hour 28 minutes

**ATTENDEES** 10

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR was notified by Delorme of an InReach activation of a hunter with a deep gash to shin from gutting an elk. SAR team was paged and Air Idaho was alerted of the incident and accepted the mission. SAR was staged at the hangar with additional members standing by north of town ready to go. Air Idaho landed at the incident site and transported patient to SJMC.

RESCUE **Injured Hunter in Sohare Drainage** 

DATE September 16, 2016 TIME 9:41am

**DURATION** 7 hours 26 minutes

**ATTENDEES** 10

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR was paged for injured hunter in the Sohare Drainage. RP reported his father, 67-year-old, had injured his ankle/foot and was unable to walk and would need assistance getting out. Two hasty teams assembled at hangar with 4 ATV's taken into the field. Patient's son met teams at the trailhead and helped to guide them to patient. Teams were able to ride ATV's 1-2 mi up trail then took wheeled litter the rest of the way. Patient was located without difficulty and was packaged and transported in wheeled litter and with ATV's to trailhead. Patient requested transport to St. John's for evaluation and treatment.

RESCUE Stranded Boaters on Snake River

DATE September 24, 2016

TIME 3:34pm

**DURATION** 1 hour 54 minutes

**ATTENDEES** 17

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call regarding three stranded fishermen west of Zenith drive with a sunken drift boat. All boaters were wet and cold. Hypothermia and boat access were prime concerns. SAR sent a team page for swiftwater rescue. Jet boat and Zodiac deployed to field with initial plan to launch from west shore via R Lazy S ranch access. Jet boat team arrived and was preparing to deploy jet boat when TCSO was able to make contact with fisherman who had been able to walk a short distance to the east shore. Team stood down and returned to hangar.

RESCUE Injured Horseback Rider near Spotted Horse Ranch September 25, 2016 DATE 3:36pm TIME

2 hours 54 minutes DURATION

**ATTENDEES** 12

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a 40-year-old female who fell off a horse, had a possible broken back, and was located near Spotted Horse Ranch. She was not wearing a helmet at the time of the accident. The patient was located less than a mile from the trailhead and the trail was not suitable for ATVs. A plan was made to evacuate the patient via wheeled litter. Hasty team members and medical director provided oxygen to the patient and packaged the patient in the vacuum mattress. Hasty 2 arrived on scene with the wheeled litter and SAR members began transporting the patient. SAR transferred the patient to a waiting ambulance at the trailhead.

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September 25, 2016

TIME 10:59pm DURATION 28 minutes

ATTENDEES

DATE

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call regarding an overdue hiker who was supposed to meet his friend at the Flat Creek Trailhead at 7:30pm. The hiker had summited the Sleeping Indian at 4:30pm. SAR team was paged and assembled at the hangar. Missing hiker hitched a ride to the trailhead and his cell phone had died. He was ok and the SAR team was stood down.

RESCUE Hunter with Heart Attack near Smoky Hollow

DATE September 29, 2016

TIME 4:17pm

DURATION 9 hours 58 minutes

ATTENDEES 2'

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a 51-year-old reported to be having a heart attack. A team page was issued immediately for a rescue. Dispatch notified Air Idaho. Air Idaho initially was unable to locate patient due to passing storm. Decision was made to send ground teams to Mosquito Creek to stage and prep in the event Air Idaho was unable to return to scene. Air Idaho requested additional help from SAR and they were flown in to locate patient and medical team that was put into place earlier by Air Idaho. SAR made contact and assessed patient and moved patient to Air Idaho transport.

#### » OCTOBER

RESCUE SOS Activation near Pyramid Peak

 DATE
 October 1, 2016

 TIME
 2:33pm

 DURATION
 48 minutes

 ATTENDEES
 15

WHAT HAPPENED? Dispatch was notified of an In-Reach SOS activation. Coordinates were in remote wilderness east of Goodwin Lake. Given remote location and unknown nature of incident, SAR requested Teton Interagency Helicopter through Dispatch. Team was paged to respond to hangar. TCSAR team to respond to Helitack to be shuttled in for ground transport if needed and GTNP rangers standing by for short haul if needed. Shortly after speaking with Helitack

IC received a call that party were all "OK" and did not need assistance.

RESCUE Injured Horseback Rider near Little Horse Crk.
DATE October 1, 2016
TIME 4:42pm
DURATION 3 hours 8 minutes

ATTENDEES 12

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a 64-year-old female who had been thrown from her horse and was complaining of back and hip pain. Patient was located 2 miles from access. SAR was able to ride ATV's all the way to patient but steep terrain required wheeled litter evacuation. Patient received pain meds, was packaged in vacuum mattress, placed in wheeled litter and transported up to the ridge above Camp Creek Drainage. Just below rim of drainage, team was able to rendezvous with SAR vehicle and transition patient to the staging area. Patient was then transferred to a waiting ambulance.

RESCUE Overdue Boy Scouts in Darby Canyon
DATE October 15, 2016
TIME 12:21am
DURATION 2 hours 25 minutes

ATTENDEES

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a group of 4 varsity Boy Scouts and 4 leaders overdue from the Ice Cave. Initial information was that the group was to go to the Ice Cave and go in and come out. Board advised and all agreed that based on past history of similar events it would appear that it was an overdue group. Also the group had a manageable size, experience, equipment, no medical issues, and a trained medical person. Contact was made and all were ok. The incident was stood down.

RESCUE Missing Hunter near Yellowjacket Flats
DATE October 22, 2016
TIME 12:53pm
DURATION 4 hours 50 minutes
ATTENDEES 14

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding a missing 63-year-old male last seen in the area of Gunsight Pass in the Gros Ventre. The man had left hunting camp at Yellowjacket Flats the day prior to go get his truck unstuck from a muddy spot in the road to Gunsight Pass or a spur road. He had taken a four-wheeler. SAR team received a page to respond to the

hangar and IC made a plan to send Forward Ops and two teams to search (1) the Gunsight Pass road and spur roads and (2) the two-track and spurs up Dry Cottonwood Creek. SAR team located the subject and he was ok.

#### » NOVEMBER

RESCUE Overdue Mountain Biker
DATE November 3, 2016
TIME 1:56pm
DURATION 16 minutes
ATTENDEES 5

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for an overdue mountain biker. Wife of overdue mountain biker called dispatch to report that her husband was overdue from a mountain bike ride. RP reported that she dropped her husband off at the Cache Creek trail head at noon and he was to ride to Game Creek parking lot. While on phone with RP, wife received a text from husband that he was ok. Incident was stood down.

RESCUE Stranded Snowmobilers
near Rammel Mountain
DATE 11/28/16
TIME 10:34pm
DURATION 15 hours 23 minutes

ATTENDEES 18

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page that two snowmobilers were stranded to the east of Rammel Road in the BT Wilderness Area. They requested that no assistance be initiated. Due to avalanche conditions and darkness, the team was placed on standby until morning. On November 29 at 6:45am a page was sent for SAR team to set up to deploy into the field via snowmobiles and skis. At 7:30am it was learned that the stranded snowmobilers were "on the move" even though it was recommended to them to stay put in their current location. Two SAR members initiated response from their homes in Idaho with SAR sleds from Alta, WY. They used a summer trail to access the area and establish a route back to the trailhead. Containment was critical to avoid the snowmobilers getting further down the drainage which would likely have resulted in a larger rescue effort. They led them out to the trailhead without further incident.

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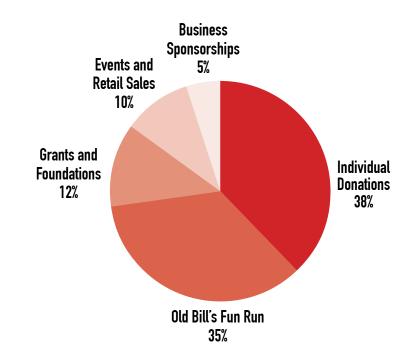
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until his death in 2012. His dedication to training
and education was unmatched in the search and
rescue community — during his 19 years, Ray
volunteered more hours to rescue and training
than anyone else in Teton County history. Shriver
specialized in training canines, and his search
dogs were renowned. His sincere and passionate
commitment to Jackson Hole and the area
continues to be respected and honored today. Ray
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while on a search and rescue mission.

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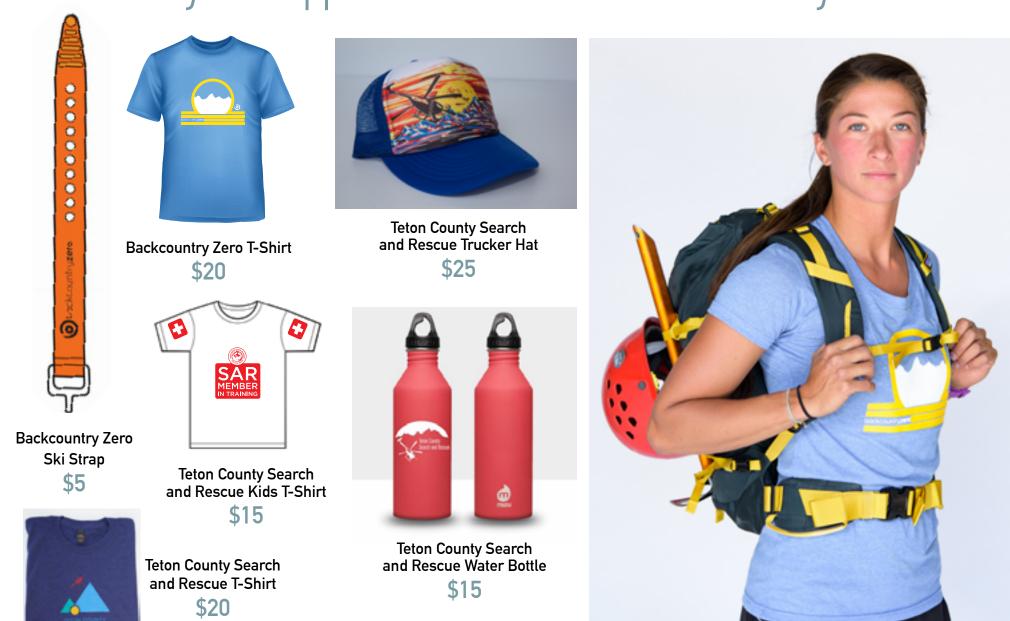
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