

New Mexico 2019 SAR Missions

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SAR19000003	1/4/2019	1/5/2019	Richard Goldstein	SFSAR, LAARC	429468 3964247	Subjects went for a short hike leaving at noon from the Santa Fe Ski basin trailhead, Plan was to hike to the Rio Nambé Bridge and decide to either return or go farther out. Instead they hiked down trail 403 and up 160 to La Vega. The sun set and they couldn't find trail back in dark, texted reporting party their coordinates and stayed there, till SAR teams found them and hiked them out.	15	108
SAR19000005	1/21/2019	1/22/2019	Tony Gaier	AMRC, CISAR, NMSARSPT	135 0366896E 3897300N	Bernalillo County Fire Department contacted the State Police dispatch concerning 2 lost subjects on or near the La Luz Trail. Contacted Bernalillo County Fire Department Battalion 7 for details on subjects. Provided cellphone phase 2 coordinates from the 911 call that placed the subjects about 5 miles up the La Luz trail. Two subjects reported, 21 year old male and 21 year old female, from Texas. Incident Base was established at the Sandia Crest Parking Lot, 1.8 miles (trail distance) from the parking lot. Shortly after the first 2 teams were deployed, the teams report difficult trail conditions and recommend deploying remaining teams from the lower trailhead. Incident Base was moved near the lower trailhead (unable to access trailhead due to construction and locked gate). Subjects were located 6-tenths of a mile from the original coordinates, farther down the trail. All 3 subjects were suffering from mild hypothermia, but alert. Subjects were provided warm dry clothes by the SAR team members and walked out to the Incident Base. Bernalillo County Fire Department and Albuquerque Ambulance Services assessed the subjects. Subjects did not wish to be transported to a medical facility and Bernalillo County Fire Department/Albuquerque Ambulance Services completed EMS releases. Bernalillo County Fire Department transported subjects to their vehicle at the Sandia Tram parking lot.	23	98
SAR19000007	1/25/2019	1/25/2019	Bruce Berry	NMSARSPT	35° 1.0' N 106° 52.7' W	ARFCC called NMSP, PLB at 35° 1.0' N 106° 52.7' W. Location indicates Cerro Colorado Landfill. Located PLB in landfill 2.5 feet deep.	0	0
SAR19000009	1/25/2019	1/26/2019	Laurie Wlosinski	GCSAR, MVSAR, OMTRS, USCBB BORSTAR, SSAR	FR858, Gila NF near Silver City UTM 12S 0750233 x 3635816 WGS 84	Subject is a 76 yr old male with high blood pressure and heart issues. He departed their vacation rental house on his motor assisted bicycle at 1030 and was to go no farther than a 30 mile round trip, returning no later than 1400. The RP notified SCDP at 1630 to report him overdue. Subject had little water, lightweight clothing, no food or supplies to spend the night out. The RP, his wife, was very confused as to his intended route. The subject biked out to Bear Mountain Road where he exited the road onto an unmarked trail. He came to a steep hill, climbed it to get his bearings and was unable to see Silver City. He went to another hill but became exhausted and made camp 3/4 of the way up the hill. He still could not see town and so the next morning he left his bike and headed in what he hoped was southerly direction. He hiked miles until he finally found the CDT, and followed it to FR858. He now had cell service and called his wife, but said he was on Little Walnut Rd instead of FR858. His cell then died. Ground and ATV teams searched all possible roads and trails through the night into the following day and found possible tire tracks and footprints. NMSP Able 6 flew the major roads and began an area search. After the phone call, ground and ATV teams searched the length of Little Walnut Rd, and were then redirected to search other roads including 858. A BORSTAR team encountered the subject being transported by citizens giving him a ride to Silver City, evaluated his physical condition and transported him to the ICP. The subject was treated by EMS at the ICP, transported to Gila Regional Medical Center and was admitted.	32	255
SAR19000010	1/26/2019	1/27/2019	Tony Gaier	AMRC, CISAR, NMSARSPT	WGS 84, 135 0368157E 3896771 N	Bernalillo County Fire Department contacted the State Police dispatch concerning 2 lost subjects on or near the La Luz Trail. Contacted Bernalillo County Fire Department Battalion 7 for details on subjects. Provided cellphone phase 2 coordinates from the 911 call that placed the subjects about 0.5 miles from the top of the La Luz Trail. Two subjects reported, 54 year old male and 59 year old male. Incident Base was established at the Sandia Crest Parking Lot. Upon arriving at Incident Base FC sent one of the subjects a SARLOC message and determine they were 0.7 miles from the top of the trail. Subjects were located within a few meters of the SARLOC coordinates by the first team deploying from 18 approximately 45 minutes after departing. Both subjects were suffering from mild hypothermia. Subjects were provided warm dry clothes by the SAR team members and walked to Incident Base. Bernalillo County Fire Department assessed the subjects. Subjects did not wish to be transported to a medical facility and Bernalillo County Fire Department completed EMS releases and released the subjects.	19	72
SAR19000011	1/28/2019	1/29/2019	Nate Lay, Richard Goldstein	PhisAR, TSAR, CISAR, NMMSAR, PK9, SSD, MCC	Unknown	After killing elk, the subject got lost trying to find UTV. Large number of family and friends search Monday and Monday night into Tuesday with Phil SAR. Many more family and friends searched Tuesday and family found subject in good condition just hungry and thirsty. Subject was never in care custody or control of NMSAR	29	188
SAR19000013	1/29/2019	1/29/2019	Bruce Berry	NMSARSPT, SSD, CISAR, NMWKS	At home, Gibson/Carlisle	15yo autistic walked away from Eldorado HS, 2:30pm, 1/28/19. APD Open Space located backpack and cell phone near foothills. Subject walked home from Montgomery/Tramway to Gibson/Carlisle, arrived 01:30, 1/29/19. APD did not notify NMSP or SAR on find.	0	0
SAR19000015	2/2/2019	2/2/2019	Bob Baker	CISAR, NMSARSPT	135 365776E 3897766N (approx)	Subjects embarked on their hike at 0930. Subject's plan was to hike the La Luz then take the tram back down. At the 4.6 mile point, the subjects were cold and couldn't continue on. They called for assistance. BCFD received the call and notified NMSP to contact NM SAR. Teams from NM SAR deployed on trail, located the subjects (approx 1.6 mi up trail), medically assessed them and walked them off the mountain. BCFD assessed and released the subjects.	12	22
SAR19000017	2/17/2019	2/17/2019	Tony Gaier		135 0366550E 3885139N	State Police dispatch called indicating Albuquerque Fire Department (AFD) had received a report that a hiker had fallen approximately 35-40 feet near Embudo Canyon. AFD indicated the subject was severely injured and required a helicopter rescue. AFD was coordinating with Metro 1 to perform the extraction, but would like to have the National Guard Helicopter on backup in case Metro 1 was unable to assist. No ground resources were needed in case of a failed air evacuation (AFD had sufficient resources on scene, per AFD on-scene Incident Commander). FC contacted the Area Commander to request a National Guard Helicopter be placed on standby. Metro 1 successfully extracted the subject at 14:32 and transport the subject to University of New Mexico Hospital.	1	1
SAR19000018	2/21/2019	2/22/2019	Rick Wiedenmann	EDSAR, Atoka FD, Cottonwood FD, La Huerta FD, NMSP, Eddy Co SO	East side of the upper end of Sitting Bull Canyon, about 10 feet below the rim.	Received call from NMSP D3 dispatch advising of Mission 19000018, two lost hikers age 65 and 70. Subject's wife reported that they had been hiking from Queen to Sitting Bull Falls and her husband called via cell phone to let her know they were lost. Prior to mission initiation USFS firefighters had run the trail from Queen to Sitting Bull Falls and checked the area around the falls. NMSP, Eddy County SAR, and Eddy County volunteer fire personnel responded to Queen Fire Station for the search. Team 3 ran the roads west of Sitting Bull Canyon. Team 2 drove to area above Sitting Bull Falls and used a drone to fly the area around Sitting Bull Falls and then followed Sitting Bull Canyon. Team 1 was tasked with driving in to upper end of Sitting Bull Canyon and hiking the west side of the canyon rim, looking into and across the canyon. This team spotted a light and a fire across the canyon. The team tried calling across the canyon but the subjects were hard of hearing and communication was difficult. Team 1 was directed to stay in contact with subjects. Teams 3 and 2 and an NMSP unit were redirected to drive up road on the east side of the canyon and work their way to the subjects. Subjects were found and brought back to the Queen Fire Station for evaluation and interview.	12	5
SAR19000019	3/4/2019	3/4/2019	Una Smith	none	Carson NF, Questa RD, Jiron Canyon 4 miles north of Red River, 3/4 mile west of Greenie Peak	On a snowmobile day trip with an outfitter group, subject went AWOL off trail and did not return. Subject alone, wearing blue jeans, no phone, headlamp, food or water. Outfitter called 911 at 1930 and Red River Fire Department responded. At 2040 RRFD called NMSP for NMSAR backup. At 2100 RRFD located subject, uninjured, and brought subject out by snowmobile.	2	4
SAR19000020	3/8/2019	3/9/2019	Wes Crownover	CISAR, AMRC, NMSARSPT, NMMSAR	135 369169 3818681	26yo male subject called 911 stating he was lost and severely dehydrated. His vehicle was stuck and he had walked south from vehicle a couple hours. Subject was located a short distance from 911 location and transported to hospital.	14	75
SAR19000021	3/10/2019	3/11/2019	Spenser Moreland	AMRC	Near upper Sandia Tram Terminal	Subjects began hiking up from base of La Luz trail in late morning, intended to take the tram down. They reach the top after the tram had closed for the evening. They became disoriented on the way down and encountered a fence they could not get around. Hunkered down there. BCFD crew at the tram terminal made voice contact with them, then hiked down the spur trail a short distance and encountered them. Subjects were medically evaluated by BCFD personnel and released.	9	8
SAR19000022	3/12/2019	3/13/2019	Rick Overmier	CCSAR, OMTRS, DACSAR, SSAR, NMMSAR, AIsAR, AIsAR, CISAR, WMSAR, Lincoln Co SO, LCEMS, NM Game and Fish	135 0425966 x 3710970 Norman Canyon Trail and Tortalita Trail	Group of three hikers split up on Pennsylvania Canyon Trail. They were going to meet up on Nogal Canyon Trail but subject never showed. Family and friends began search area on both Canyon Trails with no luck. SAR responded and teams sent to start search of Norman and Tortalita Canyon areas. Subject was able to call Lincoln Co Sheriff office approx. 0900 hrs, 3/13/19. Thought he was near Tortalita Springs near Norman Trail and Tortalita Trail. Teams directed to continue to that area. Subject found cold, wet, slight ankle pain. Location 33° 32.146 105° 47.842.	21	234
SAR19000023	3/16/2019	3/16/2019	Bruce Berry			Snowboarder went out of bounds by the Big Tesuque creek and was stuck in waist deep snow. The head of Santa Fe Ski, called and requested SAR and told FC that ski patrol was in route to rescue the subject. FC obtained a mission number and then directed him to keep FC advised as to status and if ski patrol could not rescue subject, FC would call resources. He called and advised that the ski patrol had contact with the subject and was walking him out on snow shoes.	1	2
SAR19000024	3/16/2019	3/16/2019	Richard Goldstein	AMRC, CISAR, NMSARSPT	.34 mi down La Luz from top. 35.19969200 -106.4384460	Hiking up La Luz from bottom, got stranded due to snow and ice. 3 mi from top. Self-rescued with some help from others to tram. Tram transported the down to the bottom. No SAR resources put into field.	12	16
SAR19000025	3/17/2019	3/17/2019	Bruce Berry	NMSARSPT, CISAR, AMRC	Upper La Luz, 35.199852 -106.438315	Subject went up La Luz, got stuck in ice and snow. BCFD attempted rescue, called SAR. BCFD deployed Metro 1 and they effected short haul rescue. SAR ground teams available but did not deploy.	14	18
SAR19000026	3/18/2019	3/19/2019	Richard Buhite, Richard Goldstein	SFSAR, AIsAR, NMMSAR, CISAR, NMSARSPT, CAP, SSD, NPS, NM Game and Fish	135 243306 E by 3876799 N	Subject went for a hike in the Malpais without proper gear and left midday. Subject went off trail and got lost on Sunday. On Tuesday she, after wandering for two days was able, despite dehydration and exhaustion made her way to Hwy 17 and was rescued by National Park service.	41	183

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SAR19000028	3/23/2019	3/23/2019	Laurie Wlosinski, Marc Levesque (Dep)	ECSAR, Atoka FD, Queen FD, Happy Valley FD, Cottonwood FD, Riverside FD, Eddy Co Fire Service, Eddy County SO, NMSP, Joel FD, Eddy Co OEM		At 1050 D3 Dispatch called FC and notified FC of the mission: 61 yo female with dementia, last seen the prior day, cell phone data had her on Hwy 62/180 near Whites City but AT&T pinged it at lat/long off NM 137. Dispatch said the location was approximately 4 miles NW of mm 22 and that the Queen VFD station would be staging area. FC activated Eddy County SAR and Eddy County Fire Service and proceeded to the Queen. In route FC notified that Eddy SO had been working the case since the prior day. On arrival FC determined the actual location from the cell ping was SE instead of NW of mm 22. It came up as being at the top of a ridge above an intersection of two roads in Turkey Canyon, SE of Queen within the Guadalupe Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest. FC sent UTV teams into that area along all possible roads from every direction. We used a drone to overfly the ridge with the ping location with no results. Teams also ran roads north of 137 just to check. No sign of the subject's vehicle. FC called Eddy County REDA Dispatch to get more information and was informed subject's initial 911 call plotted near Whites City on US 62/180. The ping data was from AT&T. The roads around the Whites City location had been run already by Eddy County SO and NPS LE Rangers from Carlsbad Caverns. FC decided that area would likely be more productive and starting to bring all teams in from the field. FC contacted NMSP Lopez and asked if him to issue a Silver Alert for the subject. While preparing to shift ICP we received a call from REDA that they had the subject on the line on a 911 call. FC tried unsuccessfully to get them to transfer the call to FC so FC could question her to get location information. REDA reported subject said she was in her vehicle on a paved road north of Whites City and the battery was almost dead. FC then sent teams back to Carlsbad to stage at Eddy County Fire Service to regroup and make plans. FC contacted Eddy County Fire Service Director Josh Mack and asked if he could get units responding to the Whites City area and if he would run things from that end until FC could get there (I had to pass through Dark Canyon with no cell or radio coverage). We put up a drone at the location provided by REDA and flew expanding circle looking for her vehicle. About 5 minutes after FC set up a new ICP at Eddy County Fire Service we copied radio traffic that the subject had called in and was on 62/180 in Texas. Eddy County SO units responded and said the subject was apparently OK and they would transport her to Whites City to meet with EMS intercept. Happy Valley VFD EMS and Carlsbad Fire Dept EMS responded. They checked out the subject but she and her husband refused treatment. FC will try to contact subject's husband to determine how she ended up at that location.	28	9
SAR19000029	3/23/2019	3/24/2019	Rick Wiedenmann	GCSAR, MVSAR, OMTS, NMSP, NMNG, USCBP	Gila River below Bill Evans Lake and above Red Rock 125 0721451 x 3626747 W84	Three kayakers entered the Gila River below Hwy 180 at the Bill Evans Lake area at approximately 1200 hours on 03/23/19. The kayakers later capsized in rapids several miles below, and one was separated from his kayak and gear. This individual was a diabetic with an insulin pump but had no food, water, sugar, or medication with him. The other two kayakers left the subject on shore to retrieve his kayak and other belongings. When they returned, however, the subject was gone. They later heard him while traveling downstream and yelled back and forth to meet downstream, but the subject never arrived. They then reached a phone in Red Rock to call 911 and returned to Silver City. SAR responded, and ground and ATV teams searched throughout the night on local roads/jEEP trails but found no sign. Terrain along most of the river was cliff face, and the river was running fast and high with snow melt. A USCBP helicopter searched the river after daylight, making multiple passes before locating subject on a hillside at 1430 hrs but were unable to land. They dropped survival supplies to the subject before RTB. A ground team was able to get a voice message via their drone to the subject to reassure him that another helo was on the way and to stay put. A NMNG Blackhawk extracted the subject via hoist at 2135 and flew him directly to Gila Regional Medical Center where he spent the night for treatment of diabetes complications and dehydration.	26	303
SAR19000030	3/24/2019	3/25/2019	Grady Viramontes	OMTRS, DACSAR	135 356531E 3543543N	Called friend RP who called 911, as RP and went to assist. Subject's dog had bloodied its paws and would not walk. Subject had lost the trail and had no lights for night hiking. Teams were sent in to assist with clothing and extract. AAA mission.	7	26
SAR19000032	3/26/2019	3/27/2019	Tony Gaier, Bob Rodgers, Bill Dyea (FC Trainee)	CISAR, AMRC, NMSARSPT, APD, BCFD, BCSD	135 0371164 3894290	Subject was dropped off at the Pino Trail head with intentions of hiking to the top Tram terminal. Subject encountered snow and ice and decided that going back down was not an option. He continued onto the Crest Trail and encountered even more snow and ice. Darkness stopped the subject and he decided to spend the night at the location he was discovered. Subject was reported overdue to a known SAR volunteer who reported the incident to 911. Subject was not properly equipped for the snow. Discovery team warmed the subject, provided additional clothes and hiked the subject down the mountain via the Tree Spring Trail.	17	80
SAR19000034	3/28/2019	3/29/2019	Al Webster	Gila Regional EMS, NPS, NMSP, Grant Co SO, USFS, GCSAR	UTM 125 0756331 E 3681168N W84	A 62 y/o female backpacker fell and severely fractured her ankle on Forest Trail 729 in Little Bear Canyon approximately 2.5 miles north of TJ Corral. When the RP reported the incident to NPS staff at the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument Visitor's Center, the staff incorrectly followed procedures and called for Gila Regional EMS to respond rather than NMSP SAR. When two EMTs arrived on scene, they went up the trail to the subject's location without requesting any assistance. After noticing that the ambulance was still at TJ Corral a few hours later, a NPS volunteer went up the trail with a radio and later contacted the Visitor's Center to report that the litter party was dehydrated and needed assistance with the evacuation. NMSP was then contacted, but the responding officers also failed to contact SAR. Eventually, an EMS coordinator contacted NMSP Dispatch to request SAR assistance, seven hours after the incident was initially reported. SAR immediately responded and arrived on scene to deploy four teams with a wheeled litter, which facilitated the subject's evacuation to TJ Corral, at which point she was transported by ambulance to Gila Regional Medical Center.	12	32
SAR19000033	3/28/2019	3/29/2019	Marc Levesque	TVSAR, SART, AISAR, SFSAR	36.5697773 N X 105.426926 W	Subject parked her car at Williams Lake TH to hike up 'new' trail to Wheeler Peak. On reaching the ridgeline she turned left, away from Wheeler and continued along ridgeline, becoming disoriented. Seeing what she thought was a 'ski run' she started descending along an avalanche chute toward the Williams Lake Trail. She was caught in a slide, buried to her waist, extricated herself and held onto a tree to prevent a further slide. Was able to call 911 who got a Phase 2 location information, called NMSP and then SAR. SAR wanted a Black Hawk to extricate her but, upon realizing the steep slope (55%) and determining Black Hawk would cause an avalanche, SAR put the Black Hawk on standby. SAR deployed teams with avalanche expertise directly below the subject but about 1000 feet lower and about .36/mile distance. Team analysed snow with ambient temp about 40°F and waited until sun had gone down behind mountain to the west and the temps had dropped for snow to become solid. Teams then skied and snowshoed to subject, stabilized, assessed and walked her downhill kicking steps into the snow for the subject to step into. A Medical Doctor at bottom assessed the subject and the subject and all teams returned to IB.	20	130
SAR19000035	3/31/2019	3/31/2019	Vern Lyautey		32.219413 -108.01552	Plane crash, No search	0	0
SAR19000036	4/13/2019	4/13/2019	Laurie Wlosinski, Russ Inler (Dep)	GCSAR	Gila NF, Gila River 125 0760129 3671845 WGS 84	The IERCC (GEOS) notified SP Dispatch that an emergency beacon was received from the subject and they were unable to reach the subject to confirm the SOS signal. The subject was known to be through hiking the CD. The emergency beacon continued and indicated that the subject was moving upstream. Teams were dispatched to a nearby trailhead and were sent to the last known emergency coordinate. Subject was located and was ok. The beacon had been accidentally activated. Subject deactivated the beacon and continued on with his hike. Got a call about a missing patient with heart problems and diabetes. Got mission number and had SAR on standby. Waited for a call where to go but received a call that the family had found him.	5	17
SAR19000037	4/15/2019	4/15/2019	Vern Lyautey			Subject departed her residence on 4/16/19 after an argument with her boyfriend. He received a text from her about 1400 stating he wouldn't see her again. At 2100, he located her vehicle at a trailhead and called 911 at midnight after searching the area. Canine and aerial search by BCSD had negative results and SAR was activated. Canine and area search around vehicle by SAR personnel resulted in locating subject approximately 200 yards to north, deceased.	0	0
SAR19000038	4/16/2019	4/16/2019	Spenser Moreland, Bill Dyea (FC Trainee)	SSD, CISAR, AMRC, NMSARSPT, NMMSAR	South-southwest of Cedro Peak, north of FR 542	Subjects were backpacking the Grand Enchantment Trail when their gear was ruined in a storm during the night. One subject hiked to top of Diamond Peak and was able to call 911. Plan was to attempt rescue via NMNG Blackhawk, with ground rescue as a back-up due to weather concerns. Black Hawk was able to extract subjects just prior to ground resources beginning the hike in. Subjects flown to Silver City.	13	31
SAR19000039	4/17/2019	4/18/2019	Spenser Moreland	SSAR, NMNG	Diamond Peak	Subject reported missing by his father at 2130 on 4/18/2019. Subject's car was located at Foothills Park and a security camera at a nearby residence showed the car entering the park at approximately 1700 of that day. Initially local firefighters responded and searched the area. Mission was opened at 0130 on 4/19/2019 by Grady Viramontes with ICP being at Foothills Park. The first team went into the field at 0600. OP period 1 ended at 1830 with teams allowed to rest and regroup for the next day. OP 2 opened at 0700 on 4/20/2019. The following types of resources were used over the course of both OP periods: ground, grid, K9, drone, helicopter, vehicle, ATV/UTV, horse. Subject took his tablet with him. Unsuccessful attempts were made to get the subject's passwords to gain access to his email and social media accounts. An Alamogordo PD officer sent him a friend request via Instagram and it was immediately denied. After discussion we thought the denial may have been due to the request coming from a male LEO. We asked one of the female members of Socorro SAR to send a request and it was not denied (nor was it accepted). We also received several reports of him being sighted in Alamogordo and Las Cruces. He reportedly was caught on security video from a store in Las Cruces but the manager was not available until the next day to allow NMSP to view. Due to lack of clues, coverage of search area, the reported sightings and the indication he was using his social media account it was decided to suspend the mission. At 2230 subject's father contacted the IC and reported subject had returned home safe and sound. He reportedly had been in the foothills well south of the search area. Mission closed out at 2250 by Rick Wiedenmann.	7	28
SAR19000040	4/19/2019	4/20/2019	Grady Viramontes, James Hiller (FC Trainee), Rick Wiedenmann	MVSAR, DACSAR, SSAR, ECSAR, CISAR, SSD, AlaSAR, CAP, OMTS	Subject walked home	Subject reported missing by his father at 2130 on 4/18/2019. Subject's car was located at Foothills Park and a security camera at a nearby residence showed the car entering the park at approximately 1700 of that day. Initially local firefighters responded and searched the area. Mission was opened at 0130 on 4/19/2019 by Grady Viramontes with ICP being at Foothills Park. The first team went into the field at 0600. OP period 1 ended at 1830 with teams allowed to rest and regroup for the next day. OP 2 opened at 0700 on 4/20/2019. The following types of resources were used over the course of both OP periods: ground, grid, K9, drone, helicopter, vehicle, ATV/UTV, horse. Subject took his tablet with him. Unsuccessful attempts were made to get the subject's passwords to gain access to his email and social media accounts. An Alamogordo PD officer sent him a friend request via Instagram and it was immediately denied. After discussion we thought the denial may have been due to the request coming from a male LEO. We asked one of the female members of Socorro SAR to send a request and it was not denied (nor was it accepted). We also received several reports of him being sighted in Alamogordo and Las Cruces. He reportedly was caught on security video from a store in Las Cruces but the manager was not available until the next day to allow NMSP to view. Due to lack of clues, coverage of search area, the reported sightings and the indication he was using his social media account it was decided to suspend the mission. At 2230 subject's father contacted the IC and reported subject had returned home safe and sound. He reportedly had been in the foothills well south of the search area. Mission closed out at 2250 by Rick Wiedenmann.	85	610
SAR19000041	4/22/2019	4/23/2019	Marc Levesque	GCSAR, MVSAR, SSAR, CCSAR, USFS, USAF	Noonday Canyon, Gila National Forest UTM 135 0232148E 3647565N WGS84	A 59 y/o male employee of the Gila National Forest failed to return from a field work assignment in the area of Curenton and Noonday Canyons by mid-day on 04/22/19. A preliminary air search was conducted that afternoon by the USFS, but failed to locate the subject. A ground search by USFS personnel then located the subject's track and followed it until just before dark. At this point, NMSP SAR was contacted for assistance, and a mission initiated. SAR field teams were deployed that night and located the subject who was hypothermic and dehydrated at approximately 0230 on 04/23/19. The subject was treated on scene, and a helicopter rescue was activated for the morning. After a USFS fire crew expanded an identified landing zone, a USFS helicopter was able to land and evacuate the subject to Gila Regional Medical Center in Silver City, where he received further medical treatment.	27	269
SAR19000042	4/23/2019	4/23/2019	Al Webster	SFSAR, SART	WGS 84 368684E x 4029921 N	Subjects parked their car at the Ghost Ranch Parking lot and hiked to Kitchen Mesa from the Kitchen Mesa trailhead at Ghost Ranch. Subjects made it to the end of the trail and became confused, assuming that the trail was a 'loop'. The called the office for help, Ghost Ranch deployed a few people who turned back owing to rain and slippery footing. NMSP Officers arrived prior to SAR arriving, and upon seeing the subjects on the mesa, hiked with a game warden and a member of Ghost Ranch to the subjects and brought them out. Rio Arriba ambulance arrived, having been summoned by NMSP, assessed the subjects and released them. Santa Fe SAR arrived at 18:00 and did not know the condition of the subjects and were prepared to litter them out if necessary.	13	18
SAR19000043	4/27/2019	4/27/2019	Russ Inler	GCSAR	Grapevine Campground	Subject was rafting on Gila River above Grapevine CG. Subject wanted to quit before her companions. They let her out at the Forks area to walk back to Grapevine CG. Subject became overdue walking back to CG. Subject eventually walked into the CG and was met by NMSP prior to SAR teams' arrival.	9	24

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SAR19000045	4/30/2019	4/30/2019	Richard Goldstein	CISAR, SFSAR, NMMSAR, SFCSP, NMWKS, SSD	Cedar Crest Store in Cedar Crest NM	Subject walked away from Black Mesa Casino at 0636 4-29-19. Family reported that he had done this before and returned by that evening or the next morning, when he did not return they searched and then reported to San Felipe PD who issued a BOLO. Subject left Pueblo land and then hike on St Rd 14 to Cedar Crest store. Store staff became concerned since subject was not buying anything and called BCSO who responded and ran subject's information and found BOLO and called San Felipe PD Lt. who brought subject to 18 where family was waiting. BCSO had EMS evaluate subject.	27	44
SAR19000046	5/2/2019	5/2/2019	Carrie Hale				0	0
SAR19000047	5/3/2019	5/4/2019	Nate Lay, Richard Goldstein, Bill Dyea (FC Trainee)	PHIISAR, SFSAR, SART, CISAR, NMMSAR, SFCSP, AMRC, Ocate VFD, NMSARSPT, SSAR	135 4837679 398422	Subject separated from partner at approx at 1700 5-3-19 and was rescued at approx 1450 5-4-19	64	453
SAR19000048	5/5/2019	5/5/2019	Laurie Wlosinski	GCSAR, NMSP, NM State Conservation Officer	125 0702016 3610683 along county road known locally as Fishermen's Rd	Subject left his mother's home in Lordsburg on Friday, May 3 in the morning to return by vehicle to his residence in Las Cruces. Subject had made earlier comment about possibly looking at the Gila River and taking a nap on his way home. He called mother Friday afternoon saying he was lost and thirsty. Later that night he called to say he was desperate for food and water, was on foot and lost. His last call was at 2236 to say he was bleeding and dying near Adams Creek Road. No further cell phone communication was possible after that. AFRCR cell phone forensics narrowed down the location for an IPP. Tracking, ground and aerial teams located the subject by following his footprints from his abandoned vehicle in an arroyo many miles from Adams Creek Road. Subject was transported by family members to Gila Regional Medical Center.	10	16
SAR19000049	5/11/2019	5/12/2019	Bruce Berry	AMRC, CISAR, SSD, NMSARSPT	135 0366174 3897594, 2 miles up the La Luz from the bottom	Subject rode tram up and hiked down La Luz. Separated from male and 10 yo son, was to go to La Cueva. Subject was located 2 miles up La Luz.	20	65
SAR19000050	5/11/2019	5/11/2019	Una Smith			BIA requested NMSAR assistance to locate a missing male on the Santo Domingo Pueblo. Subject ran off from his father and his father and a BIA officer pursued him. The son was subject of a recent prior NMSAR search. NMSAR response on this incident was suspended despite cold, off-and-on rainy weather because the IC learned the son had been active in the same weather all day, chose to run off, is an adult not adjudicated incompetent, has a long criminal record including violence, and is known to NMSAR to be capable of running 15+ miles straight line cross country in the dark in this terrain. Clouds were scattered and a quarter moon was up. BIA subsequently informed IC that subject was tracked to forest roads near highway NM-4 and then spotted in the Bernalillo metro area. As of 5/25/2019 IC has received no more information from BIA.	3	43
SAR19000051	5/14/2019	5/14/2019	Richard Goldstein	CISAR, SART, ARMC SFSAR, Los Alamos Fire, Coyote Fire, AITSAR	approx 135 0346185 4010368	Subject seemed to have gone climbing with improper gear, gotten stuck on mountain side, and after initial voice contact with subject there was no further contact with the subject until Los Alamos Fire Department repelled down to the subject, who died soon thereafter from injuries sustained from a fall.	30	175
SAR19000055	5/18/2019	5/19/2019	Grady Viramontes, Robert Garcia (FC Trainee)	OMTRS, DACSAR, MVSAR, AlasAR	135 353271E 3581698N	AC called by NMSP District 4, contacted Robert Garcia to start and run mission. AC would get to the scene as soon as possible. Robert agreed and took operational control as IC. Subject was with a church group on a day outing. Last seen approximately 1130 hours on the ridge above the parking lot. Subject does not know the area and had water with him. Robert called out resources and had teams in the field before FC's arrival. Teams searched the area and adjacent to the area until they had performed their hasty searches. Teams left the scene until morning. FC called out other resources for morning and upon arrival continued additional Task Assignments. The first team out of IB in the morning located the subject on the trail returning to the campground. Called in all resources to Return To Base. Subject refused medical and seemed to be in good condition and spirits. He left IB with his friends. Closed mission.	32	184
SAR19000052	5/18/2019	5/18/2019	Richard Buhite	SSD, AMRC, CISAR, MCSR, NMMSAR, ECSAR, Acoma PD	Location not provided	Overdue Bear Hunter guide on the Acoma Pueblo. Acoma Pueblo PD ranger tracked the lost subject from the PLS and located subject in good health. Find location not given.	24	99
SAR19000054	5/18/2019	5/18/2019	Tony Gaier	AMRC, CISAR, NMSARSPT	911 Coordinates - 135366400mE 3897396.12mN	29 YO female called 911 stating she was on a hike off La Luz and cliffed out with her dog about 3 miles up. Team were sent to her location. 911 coordinates were spot on. She was assisted off the side of cliff and walked out. Contacted by State Police Dispatch concerning overdue 72 yo male hiker separated from son (RP) at approx 2230 on 5/17/19. RP contacted (called 911) Sandoval County Sheriff at approx midnight after searching for father. Sandoval County SO searched through the night. SCSO contacted NMSP for assistance the morning of 5/18/19. NMSP resources were called out and Incident Base was established at Thompson Ridge Fire Station near the PLS. At approximately 1500 the subject was found in the Valles Caldera National Preserve by 2 mountain bikers (approx 0 miles from IB). Subject was transported by IB and released.	23	575
SAR19000053	5/18/2019	5/18/2019	Wes Crownover	AITSAR, SFCSP, SFSAR, LAAFB, High Desert K9	approx 135 0362778E 3981619N	Subject was gathering rocks. Became disoriented and failed to return to vehicle. Spent the night out, and located the vehicle in the morning. IC and SP investigated. No SAR resources were called out.	35	95
SAR19000057	5/19/2019	5/19/2019	Peter Dickson		Returned to vehicle on NM 519, MM 6	Subject was gathering rocks. Became disoriented and failed to return to vehicle. Spent the night out, and located the vehicle in the morning. IC and SP investigated. No SAR resources were called out.	1	4
SAR19000058	5/21/2019	5/21/2019	Peter Dickson	AITSAR, SFSAR	135 381170 4050350	Subjects stranded by bad weather (snow) on CDT, and extracted by National Guard Black Hawk and transported to St. Vincents.	14	36
SAR19000060	5/23/2019	5/23/2019	Al Webster	SFSAR	35.77601° N x 106.22987° W	71-year old male subject became exhausted following departure from his vehicle and walking & rappelling down Ancho Canyon in search of Forrest Fenn treasure. He had parked his vehicle at 35.788153° N x 106.255817° W. Subject texted spouse in NV, who called Los Alamos dispatch, who then alerted Los Alamos police, Sheriff and NPS. Los Alamos police called NMSAR, IC and Classic Air to find subject. FC called NMSP, Classic Air overflew area and spotted subject. Los Alamos FD deployed and found subject. NMSAR ORDM had been called to request ground pounders, air scent dogs and comm. but were stood down as soon as find occurred - only 1 SAR team was contacted and immediately stood down. Subject on way down Ancho Canyon, had 'rappelled' using very thin rope and what was described as a 'weightlifter's' belt. Subject was, tired, cold, dehydrated and hungry but was fed and hydrated upon being found, and extricated by Los Alamos FD using short hauls up steep ledges. Subject was assessed at his vehicle by EMS, refused medical treatment and said he was going to drive his vehicle to his motel in Santa Fe.	4	5
SAR19000061	5/27/2019	5/27/2019	Tony Gaier		Near Tram Tower 1	Bernalillo County Fire Department contacted State Police for assistance with a stranded hiker near Tram Tower 1 (Sandia Tramway). Shortly after the call for assistance, Battalion 6, Bernalillo County Fire Department, called indicating they had located the hiker and no longer needed assistance getting the hiker out. Mission was closed. Subject self reported didn't know what direction to hike to get back to her car at the Nordic Ski Track. IC had a SAR Volunteer contact her, after IC spoke with her, by SARLOC and via text advise her in what direction to walk to return to her car. Contact via text was maintained till she walked out. NMSP were sent to Nordic track and asked to use their sirens and lights which she said she heard. She was in good shape per report of NMSP Officers at Nordic Track and she declined EMS and ambulance home. All around resources were contacted at 1830 and told to stand down and go home. She called IC later to express her thanks for all the help.	1	0
SAR19000062	6/2/2019	6/2/2019	Richard Goldstein		N/A	Subject was gathered rocks. Became disoriented and failed to return to vehicle. Spent the night out, and located the vehicle in the morning. IC and SP investigated. No SAR resources were called out.	14	6
SAR19000063	6/6/2019	6/7/2019	Richard Goldstein	SFSAR, AITSAR, CD1	Intersection of FR 412 and Trail 163 at Aspen Ranch Trailhead, 424687E 3961709N	Nine Teenagers were at the intersection of forest road 412 and the Rio en Medio trail (163) with no lights to hike out. Two teams in 3 trucks drove to them and returned them to IB. The subjects were cold but otherwise in good shape. They had hiked out in very nice weather and got cold after the sun went down.	12	25
SAR19000065	6/15/2019	6/15/2019	Will VanNostran	SART, NMWKS, PK9, AFSAR, MCC	North, North East of LXP 36.28506 N-105.16174W, walking down dirt road, self evacuated	NorthCom contacted FC/IC at 0225 on 15 May 2019; missing 36 YOM who crashed his vehicle and walked away to get cell coverage; contacted the RP (wife was mentioned to be his girlfriend at the time) that he crashed his vehicle, couldn't get it out and that he walked away to get cell coverage. RP traveled east and west on St Rt 120 (East from junction 424 & 120) looking for subject but unable to locate. RP located vehicle called 911. An NMSP Officer responded to scene. RP said subject had walked away to get cell coverage and was lost and disoriented. Subject said he was located at a logging site/camp with equipment and was sitting by a barn. FC/IC in route with ETA of 0735. SAR teams in route with ETA 0800. The first SP Officer stayed on scene with RP, and an additional SP officer drove St Rt 120 searching for subject. Subject called 911 which was routed to Taos regional dispatch rather than NorthCom. AFRC was able to retrieve Phase two information from the 911 call. Subject walked South-South West from current location (logging site? barn?) upon day-break down a dirt road. The SP Officer placed eyes on possible subject coming down the dirt road towards St Rt 120. The Officer questioned the person (male) and he was the subject. AFSAR helped confirmed subject identification and called IC. IC confirmed subject with SP Officer. SAR Teams and FC/IC stood down. FC/IC contact NorthCom and mission SAR 19000065 closed on 15 May 2019 at 0813.	11	16
SAR19000066	6/16/2019	6/16/2019	Marc Levesque	GCSAR, Native Air	UTM Zone 12S 0761047E 3646239N WGS84	A 45F & 52M couple went for a hike on an unmarked social trail east of McMillan Campground off Hwy 15 MM13 in the Gila National Forest. Upon reaching a high point, the couple lost the trail and became disoriented. Also having run out of water, they call 911 and were connected to NMSP Dispatch, which was able to obtain their location coordinates. Missions were subsequently launched and ground teams called out. In the interim, NMSP officers requested assistance from Native Air to fly the area and locate the subjects. After being provided coordinates by the IC, the Native Air crew was able to confirm the subjects' location and then RTB. A SAR ground team reached the subjects' location, provided water and snacks to the couple, and then walked them out to the ICP with the assistance of a second ground team. The subjects were assessed, required no medical treatment, and declined any further medical evaluation. They then returned home to El Paso.	5	14
SAR19000067	6/20/2019	6/20/2019	Una Smith		In Columbine-Hondo Wilderness	Without telling anyone else their plan, 4 boys split off from rest of a large family hiking group to make a quick hike to a summit. The hike was not as quick as they expected and after nightfall their rate of travel was very slow. Unclear if the boys were in fact lost, or how many family members were out at night searching for them, but these parents were unusually well equipped.	2	3
SAR19000068	6/23/2019	6/24/2019	Richard Goldstein	AITSAR, SFSAR	427267 3962072 WGS84	Subjects hiked to Aspen Peak and then wanted to return to wilderness gate but instead veered left (north) and ended in Nambu drainage and were too tired to hike out. Father had strained his right leg. So they stopped and waited for rescue.	25	176
SAR19000070	6/27/2019	6/27/2019	Una Smith		Ellis trail head by BCFD	40+ female hiker and 7 y/o daughter hiking in area of upper Sandia Tram became separated from another friend hiker. Became lost off of 10k trail. No cell phone coordinates received. Subject and daughter made it off trail at Ellis Trail Head and was picked up by a Bernalillo County Fire unit responding to search. No state SAR resources were activated.	1	2

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SAR19000069	6/27/2019	6/28/2019	Vern Lyautey, Bob Rodgers	BADSAR, SSD, CISAR, CCSSAR, SFSAR, LAAFB, MCC, NMMSAR, LAARC, NMSP UAS	Approx .3 miles SSE from IPP 125 714598 4088378	A 21 month old male child was left at IPP with 3 month old sister after vehicle got stuck and mother and male acquaintance attempted to walk out with children. Mother left children and male acquaintance at IPP to go for help. Male acquaintance eventually left children at IPP. Mother made it to a residence and called for help. Navajo PD and EMS responding to IPP discovered male acquaintance on road without children. The 3 month old was discovered at the IPP and was taken to hospital alive. Male child was not at IPP. Navajo PD requested SAR support to search for male child. Search effort consisted of ground (NMSAR and locals), mounted (NMSAR and locals), NMSAR K9s and NMSP UAVs. San Juan SO flew a helicopter prior to SAR arrival. Male child was eventually located deceased about .3 miles South South East of IPP. It appears the child attempted to follow after the male adult.	26	406
SAR19000071	6/27/2019	6/27/2019	Wes Crownover		On planned route along forest roads in Carson National Forest.	Subject riding a small motorcycle did not return from a solo day trip out of Chama through Tierra Amarilla and deep into the Carson National Forest Canjion Ranger District. Reporting party was his wife. RP's Life360 Family Locator showed subject's smartphone LKP (-IPP) on highway US-64 about 6 miles east of Tierra Amarilla. NMSP and other agency officers searched LKP before calling NMSAR. IC established that LKP was on the edge of cell service area and subject's planned route likely was too long for the fuel capacity of his motorcycle. IC advised route search. An NMSP Officer began route search. NMSAR responders would travel through Tres Piedras, so IC arranged for IB at Tres Piedras Ranger Station. While NMSAR teams were mustering the Officer found the subject alive and well, stranded on his intended route. The Officer returned the subject to Chama.	3	17
SAR19000073	7/12/2019	7/12/2019	Grady Viramontes, Robert Garcia (FC Trainee)	MVSAR, DACSAR, AlasAR, OMTS		Subject Caucasian 60 Y male from CA was in NM on a work trip. Subject had parked vehicle recently at Baylor Canyon west trail head and went in unknown direction, most likely on mountain bike. FC got a communication unit as cell phones were unreliable in search area, and had teams enter from both sides of trail and search the summit and the peak area. Teams found no clues, had the subject been in the area, and the trail is not conducive to Mountain biking. ATVs were utilized to search area to west of 18 and on the Road immediately around IB to rule those areas out. An additional team checked peaks that were accessible to trail on the south side coming in from west end of trail. Mission was requested to suspend at this time until more clues or new information is found.	25	144
SAR19000074	7/13/2019	7/14/2019	Tony Gaier	AMRC, CISAR, SFSAR, SSAR, AISAAR, NMMSAR, SSD, LAAFB, APD, BCSO, OMTS	At the bottom of Clandestine Wall, Sandia Mountains, 35.21324, -106.45263	State Police received a call from Bernalillo County Fire Department requesting assistance with a fallen climber. Incident Base (18) was established at the Sandia Crest Parking lot. The individual (Reporting Party) climbing with subject indicated the subject fell approximately 140 feet and was unresponsive. The Bernalillo County Sheriff Office (BCSO) Helicopter hovered low near the subject and confirmed the subject was unresponsive and appeared to receive fatal injuries from the fall. Teams were deployed into the field with OMI and BCSO Detectives. The subject was located and was deceased. Shortly after recover operations started hazardous weather moved into the recovery location. Recovery operations were terminated and all personnel return to 18. OMI requested help from NMSAR for the next day. At 0900, 14 July 2019, recovery operations resumed. The subject was recovered and mission was closed at 1630, 14 July 2019.	88	403
SAR19000075	7/19/2019	7/19/2019	Richard Goldstein			Subject hiked with her mother to Williams lake and on the way back mother got ahead of her and when mother went back to look for her couldn't find her. She called 911 and the Taos Volunteer Fire Dept responded. Mission was started after IC spoke with an NMSP Officer. The Officer reported shortly after the ORDM was contacted that the TVVFD had located subject. Resources were stood down. Mission closed at 1920 hrs	0	0
SAR19000076	7/20/2019	7/20/2019	Nate Lay	PhISAR		Received a call from subject's brother stating that he had received a call from the subject stating that he took a walk away from his campsite and had become lost on an old logging road. Shortly after the call from his brother we also received a call from his group leader who reported him missing. We instructed the group leader to create an attractive lookout and to have group yell the subject's name every few minutes. A Philmont vehicle in the area was sent to the camp to visit with the group and assist in the search. Before resources were deployed we received a second call stating that the subject had made it back to camp and was in good condition. All resources were stood down and mission was closed.	5	5
SAR19000078	7/29/2019	7/29/2019	Bruce Berry			17 yo male, special needs, walked away from camp, camping trip. Missing 4 hours. Sandoval Co requested SAR assistance. Subject located prior to teams dispatching. No teams in field, IC not in field.	0	0
SAR19000079	8/3/2019	8/4/2019	Richard Goldstein	SFSAR, AISAAR, AMRC, LAAFB		Received a call that 6 rafterers were stranded on the side of the Rio Grande. Was requested to call out high angle teams. Weather in the area was pouring rain. Subjects were going to shelter in place, they had gotten to higher ground in case of a flash flood had food and water and no serious injuries. In the am it was decided to put rafs in the water and rescue the subjects in that manner.	0	0
SAR19000080	8/4/2019	8/4/2019	Richard Goldstein	SFSAR, SART	432631 4011614	Subject got stuck on a ridge line, weather came in heavy cold rain and called 911. Subject's location established by NMSP via ping on subject's phone. Permission obtained to enter Tribal Land and teams sent to rescue subject	13	98
SAR19000081	8/10/2019	8/10/2019	Tony Gaier	SSAR, CISAR, SSD, CCSSAR		43 year-old male subject was overdue returning to his camping site. Socorro County Sheriff's Office was contacted by the subject's family on August 9th. Socorro County Sheriff's Office searched the evening of August 9th for the subject. Subject was equipped with a backpack with gear, food, and water. Socorro County Sheriff's Office called the State Police for assistance on August 10th when unable to locate the subject. At approximately 1550 on August 10th, the subject returned to his camping site. Socorro County Sheriff's Office reported the subject was in good condition. Only FC and the Ops section chief arrived at Incident Base. All other resources were stood down before arriving.	3	4
SAR19000082	8/11/2019	8/11/2019	Vern Lyautey	NMBSAR, AMRC, NMMSAR, K9SAR, CISAR	Chaco 36.1608975 -107.9851056	Called by dispatch about missing man; diabetic, bad hips and knees. The man went after his cows on a 4 wheeler at 1400 Saturday. Family last saw him around that time going over a hill. He had not returned home that evening so they called Navajo PD. After talking with an Officer FC called for ground pounders, horses, and 4 wheelers. Navajo PD was out with the wife on a 4 wheeler looking in the area where they found tracks. They followed the wash for 3 or 4 miles. San Juan County Sheriff's dept. was scheduled to fly their chopper at 7:00 Sunday. Subject was found by Navajo PD at 8:00 and was riding his 4 wheeler out with them. When they got to him, he was fine, with no injuries after he had overturned his 4 wheeler.	18	78
SAR19000083	8/12/2019	8/12/2019	Richard Goldstein	SFSAR, AISAAR, NMMSAR, SFCSP, LAARC	35.948549 -105.497192	Subject was part of a 2 week camping trip with approximately 15 other teenagers. The Hike leader had a sat phone and called in serious case of High Altitude sickness. NMNG was called to fly rescue, since ground rescue would have taken another 6-7 hours to reach subject and subject's symptoms were serious. NMNG rescued subject all resources were stood down and told to return home.	20	26
SAR19000084	8/15/2019	8/16/2019	Nate Lay	PhISAR, Philmont Fire Department	E 483196 N 4047291	Two hikers, a father and son, parked near the top of Green Mountain and began to hike down the Maverick Creek Trail. While hiking the two men encountered a bear using the same trail and became frightened, dropped their packs and ran away from the bear. The two hikers became confused and lost on a network of old logging roads, eventually stopping and calling 911. The 911 dispatcher was able to get a location from one individual cell phone and forwarded it to Colfax County SO and NMSP. SAR Teams arrived on scene at ICP, Philmont Fire Department was able to use a FLIR capable drone to confirm the location of the subjects and a PhISAR team was able to hike in and locate the subjects and evacuate them UTVs. Both subjects were in good conditions and refused medical evaluation or treatment.	9	62
SAR19000085	8/18/2019	8/18/2019	Una Smith			The subject, age 63 and living alone in El Rito, rode his ATV in the El Rito arroyo most evenings. On 8/18 at 0600 a neighbor found his ATV crashed in the arroyo. When the subject did not turn up later in the day, family and friends searched then called NMSP. While NMSP was on scene and NMSAR was activating resources, in El Rito a passerby reported seeing the subject on 8/17 at 1130 in a field, staggering as if drunk. Family and friends soon found the subject deceased. No NMSAR resources left home. IC did not obtain coordinates of the find locations of ATV and subject. IB was a cousin's house nearby in El Rito.	1	0
SAR19000086	8/19/2019	8/20/2019	Spenser Moreland	AMRC, BCFD		Subject was hiking up La Luz trail. It became dark and she did not have a light. Subject contacted Sandia Tram, who contacted BCFD. BCFD and AMRC personnel rode tram up and hiked across to meet subject. Subject began to move with assistance of passing hiker. BCFD met with subject first and escorted her to tram. All personnel and subject then rode tram down.	12	12
SAR19000087	8/21/2019	8/22/2019	Bob Rodgers, Bill Dyea (FC Trainee), Tony Gaier	SSAR, CISAR, AMRC, NMMSAR	NM-333, Albuquerque, NM 87123	Subject called his Grandmother indicating he had become lost while hiking in the Sandia Mountains. The subject's car was located at the Canyon Estates Trailhead by the family. New Mexico SAR arrived at 1600, 20 August 2019, and started searching for the subject. At approximately 0230, 21 August 2019, State Police Dispatch received a call from Bernalillo County Sheriff Office (BCSO) indicating a 911 call was received from a residence in the search area reporting a lost and injured man was at his home. BCSO and EMS responded to the call and confirmed the individual was the subject of the search. The subject was transported to the hospital due to injuries received from a fall.	32	182
SAR19000088	8/26/2019	8/27/2019	Russ Imler, Laurie Wlosinski, Zoe Havlena (FC Trainee)	GCSAR, MVSAR, SSAR, DACSAR, AlasAR, CCSSAR, NMNG, USCSP		OMTRS, GCSAR, MVSAR, AlasAR, SSAR	54	336
SAR19000089	8/27/2019	8/28/2019	Eric Roybal	SFSAR, SART, SFCSP, HDK9, PK9	On Cuchilla Rd at construction UTM 13S 442053 x 4025639	Search was initiated on above date for above named subject who was not in his home on the morning of 8/27/19. Upon interviewing subject's wife, Pam Boyd, she felt that subject may have left his residence to check on his goats and did not return. Subject was subsequently located at the location above.	15	38
SAR19000090	8/30/2019	8/31/2019	Russ Imler	GCSAR	12 S 762332 3690982	Subject was out scouting as part of hunting party. Was returning to base, could not keep up with other two people in his party. Subject elected to attempt cross country route rather than following his GPS track back on trails. Subject realized he was dehydrated and out of energy. Subject activated his InReach message device for help.	6	94
SAR19000091	8/31/2019	9/1/2019	Robert Valdez, Richard Goldstein	SFSAR, SART, AISAAR, MCC, LAARC		Subject hiked with a large group and became separated and then lost. He was able to spend the night out, he had sufficient gear and at daylight was able to self rescue	28	222
SAR19000092	9/2/2019	9/2/2019	Al Webster	SFSAR, AISAAR	Winsor Trail Head, Santa Fe Ski Area	Subject (fire fighter) became lost/disoriented, called her SFD Battalion Chief, who called NMSP dispatch to advise of possible mission. The BC also called NMSP Lucero who called me. Subject was called by SFD said she could see the towers on Tesque Peak and was told to go there to meet two firefighters who were hiking to the towers to meet her. Upon arriving at the towers firefighters did not have subject in sight - so an NMSAR mission was initiated. Upon arrive at IB, IC went to TH where NMSP said subject's car was parked to secure car. Car was not there. IC called NMSP who said subject had walked out scratched and lightly injured, was assessed by NMSP, subject refused medical assistance. Subject drove her car home. All SFSAR responders enroute were stood down. ASAR responders arrived at IB, signed in and were stood down. And mission closed.	15	15
SAR19000093	9/4/2019	9/4/2019	Richard Goldstein	SFSAR, AISAAR, CISAR, NMMSAR, SFCSP, SSD		NMMSAR was called to assist Forest Service for missing 70 year old mountain biker. Banco Bonito trailhead was subject's car and where he biked almost every day. Unknown how long he was overdue, thought to be 2-4 days. NFS ran hasty searches the previous night with now success. Resources were called out, ground teams, trailing dogs, HR dogs, horse teams, comm unit. While in route to 18 NFS called and said they had a find, Subject has a dislocated hip. Resources for a litter evac were directed to continue to IB. Other such as dogs were directed to go home. Upon arriving at IB NFS advised that they were going to be able to evac subject by truck to EMS on site. All in bound resources were contacted and told to go home.	2	13

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SAR19000095	9/7/2019	9/8/2019	Grady Viramontes	OMTRS, GCSAR, MV SAR, AlASAR, SSAR	Feather Mood Dr, Santa Teresa	Call for a 71 year old woman walk away in distress. Called out teams, searched thru the night in the neighborhood and in the outlying golf course area to a distance of about 1 mile. Search team located subject approximately 0745 hrs. Called in teams and handed subject over to AMR. Subject refused medical treatment by the paramedic crew.	29	131
SAR19000096	9/8/2019	9/11/2019	Richard Goldstein, Bob Rodgers, Eric Roybal, Al Webster		Rio Grande River, Santa Clara Pueblo	Incident was initially a possible walkaway of a 5 yo female child. It was reported the child was last seen on or around 9:00 am on 9/8/19, but the missing child wasn't reported missing till around 7 hours later to local law enforcement. SAR wasn't notified till around 10:30 pm same day. An extensive search around the residence (LKPI) and neighborhood was conducted during the first operational period with no clues or subject located. SAR suspended search around 3:30 am on 9/19/19 after the step father was "arrested" and situation was deemed a crime. At the request of the Rio Arriba County Sheriff department, NMSAR provided resources to conduct further searches along the Rio Grande River on the Santa Clara Pueblo, approx 3.4 miles southwest of the LKP. This area was based on a cell phone ping which placed the stepfather near the river around 11am on 9/8/19. Search continued around the river until Pueblo begin to restrict access to the area. Subject was located in the river by APD and recovered by NMSP dive team. Exact location has not been provided to NMSAR yet.	118	544
SAR19000097	9/16/2019	9/16/2019	Una Smith		West of Santa Fe up on Caja del Rio in the Santa Fe National Forest off FR-24	Reporting party and 1 other person in a Jeep went 4-wheeling "behind the golf course on the Santa Fe side of NM-599" the evening of Sunday 9/15, a cold rainy day. Intermittent rain all afternoon and overnight, temps in 50's F, winds 5-10 mph. They got the Jeep stuck in mud, at 2000 tried to hike out, got wet and lost. RP 911 call at about 2200 reached SF Regional Dispatch. SFRD (RECC) transferred call to NMSP at 2208, passing 911 lat/long from their CAD display verbally b/c CAD data does not transfer. NMSP Dispatch activated NMSAR/IC at 0429, giving IC an IPP lat/long that was 15 miles west of the Rio Grande, so not valid. Which golf course? The course east of 599 is in residential neighborhood; there are 3 (!) courses west of 599 and below rim of Caja del Rio plateau. IC was on phone with SFRD to get valid lat/long when SFRD got report that their responding SF Fire (County, City?) unit, using sound and light attraction, had both subjects and was bringing them out. Subjects alive and well.	1	0
SAR19000098	9/19/2019	9/21/2019	Wes Crownover, Spenser Moreland	AMRC, CISAR, SSD, MCC, NMMSAR, SSAR		Subject was reported missing after not being seen by his landlord for several days. Vehicle located near La Luz trailhead by USFS. Search efforts began on 9/20 - at least one week since subject was last seen or heard from. Subject is thought to possibly be respondent. Little is known about subject's recent activities or mental state, but he was reported to be in poor physical shape. Two operational periods of searching were conducted using ground, canine, and horses. Search efforts focused within 1/2 mile radius of vehicle's location. Subject was not located and no useful clues were found. Search was suspended pending further information and investigation. Subject parked her car at Chamisa trailhead at NM 474 to hike Chamisa "upper" trail to Winsor, became disoriented and asked for directions from other hikers back to her car. She was given directions back to "the road" but not to the trailhead where her vehicle was located. Darkness fell and she called 911. Teams were deployed to her ping position, she was located, warmed, rehydrated and returned to IB, assessed and released. Subject went for afternoon hike (started approx 1400). Dropped off at lower La Luz TR by Uber. Planned to hike to the upper tram terminal and take tram back down then Uber back to her hotel. She made a classic decision point error at the junction between the La Luz Trail and Chimney Canyon Trail. She followed Chimney Canyon despite it being much rougher and less well kept than La Luz. She continued on and the trail narrowed and became less distinct. She attempted some backtracking and view enhancing. Ended up off trail almost half way between Chimney Canyon and La Luz trails. She called 911 for help. She had cell and internet coverage so Bern Co dispatch had her access FINDMESAR.COM to get coordinates. Bern Co Fire responded and had Metro fly to confirm coordinates. Metro spotlighted subject and confirmed coordinates as good. BCFD determined this mission was beyond their capabilities and consequently contacted NM SAR.	49	266
SAR19000099	9/25/2019	9/26/2019	Al Webster	SFSAR, LAARC, AISAR		Subject reported missing after not being seen by his landlord for several days. Vehicle located near La Luz trailhead by USFS. Search efforts began on 9/20 - at least one week since subject was last seen or heard from. Subject is thought to possibly be respondent. Little is known about subject's recent activities or mental state, but he was reported to be in poor physical shape. Two operational periods of searching were conducted using ground, canine, and horses. Search efforts focused within 1/2 mile radius of vehicle's location. Subject was not located and no useful clues were found. Search was suspended pending further information and investigation. Subject parked her car at Chamisa trailhead at NM 474 to hike Chamisa "upper" trail to Winsor, became disoriented and asked for directions from other hikers back to her car. She was given directions back to "the road" but not to the trailhead where her vehicle was located. Darkness fell and she called 911. Teams were deployed to her ping position, she was located, warmed, rehydrated and returned to IB, assessed and released. Subject went for afternoon hike (started approx 1400). Dropped off at lower La Luz TR by Uber. Planned to hike to the upper tram terminal and take tram back down then Uber back to her hotel. She made a classic decision point error at the junction between the La Luz Trail and Chimney Canyon Trail. She followed Chimney Canyon despite it being much rougher and less well kept than La Luz. She continued on and the trail narrowed and became less distinct. She attempted some backtracking and view enhancing. Ended up off trail almost half way between Chimney Canyon and La Luz trails. She called 911 for help. She had cell and internet coverage so Bern Co dispatch had her access FINDMESAR.COM to get coordinates. Bern Co Fire responded and had Metro fly to confirm coordinates. Metro spotlighted subject and confirmed coordinates as good. BCFD determined this mission was beyond their capabilities and consequently contacted NM SAR.	13	36
SAR19000101	9/27/2019	9/28/2019	Al Webster, Richard Goldstein, Eric Roybal	AMRC, CISAR	35.210877N 106.455787W	IC was on phone with SFRD to get valid lat/long when SFRD got report that their responding SF Fire (County, City?) unit, using sound and light attraction, had both subjects and was bringing them out. Subjects alive and well.	15	90
SAR19000100	9/27/2019	9/30/2019	Bob Baker, Bill Dyea (FC Trainee)	SFSAR, AISAR, NMMSAR, NMSP, NMNG, CAP	35° 54.580'N 105° 33.900'W	Notified by AFRC of a registered ELT in Pecos Wilderness. Registration data received: Grumman aircraft, Tail #N9774U, White, Red and Gold. Multiple hits with approx 10 mile margin of error. Investigation showed that owner sold aircraft two years ago to a flight school in Colorado. Contact with flight school showed that aircraft was not at location nor was it checked out. Ground teams attempted to locate aircraft signal but were unable to access area. Multiple CAP and NMNG flights were unable to locate aircraft or viable signal. On 9/28/19, NMSP received info of a Hamilton Mesa LTR that possibly located aircraft. Unable to contact hunter directly at that time. NMSP made contact with hunter on 9/29/19 in Las Vegas, NM. Was able to retrieve GPS pins from hunter's Garmin in-reach phone. Analysis of data gave possible location. SAR RD directed NMNG to fly to area. NMNG located aircraft but was unable to hover or land due to elevation. Mounted SAR dispatch to area with a NMSP officer and were eventually able to locate crash site and retrieve remains. NTSB investigated crash site but at this time, have not published a report.	42	394
SAR19000102	9/28/2019	9/29/2019	Eric Roybal	AMRC, SFSAR, AISAR, SFCSP, Pecos Canyon Fire & Rescue, SFCFD,	35.818616 -105.680387	Hunter with a fractured leg, and was unable to walk out. Area heavily forested and steep terrain. Local EMS stabilized and NMSAR conducted extraction.	27	146
SAR19000103	10/4/2019	10/5/2019	Russ Imler	MVSAR, GCSAR, MSAR, OMTRS, DACSAR, SSAR, USCPB, BORSTAR		Hidalgo Sheriff's office located an abandoned vehicle at exit 3 of 1-10 in Steins, NM. Deputies ran the plate for several days, and on Oct. 4 a BOLO missing person out of California showed up. Hidalgo SO deputies and NMSP Chris Alvarez conducted a brief search in the area. SAR was activated and arrived at 0600 on Oct. 5. SAR volunteers and BORSTAR and NMSP searched likely travel areas using depondent LPB protocol, and conducted area searches in several likely areas. No clues or credible witnesses were located. SAR cleared the area at dusk and the incident was suspended pending further information on Oct. 5 at 2151 hours. SAR obtained photos of subject in El Paso Walmart on 9/29/19 at 1211 hours. Subject went through Las Cruces RP checkpoint at approximately 1330 hours. Subject's vehicle was noticed by local citizen on the exit ramp on 9/30/19 at approximately 0400 hours and called HCSO.	29	208
SAR19000105	10/6/2019	10/6/2019	Russ Imler		Gila Cliff Dwellings	Subject did not return to trailhead as planned. National Park Service employees called SAR. IC spoke with friend, and then obtained SAR number and began call out process. NPS employees located subject and brought her to friend at the visitor's center. No resources activated.	1	1
SAR19000106	10/10/2019	10/10/2019	Tony Gaier	CISAR	Moriarty Airport, Hangar 24	An ELT signal was reported near Moriarty NM by over flying aircraft. Ground ELT search team deploy to Moriarty Airport. Shortly after arriving at the airport ELT transmissions were discovered coming from one of the hangars on the airfield. Owner was contacted and the ELT was turned off.	3	4
SAR19000113	10/10/2019	10/10/2019	Tony Gaier	AMRC, CISAR	Crest Parking Lot	State Police dispatch called indicating Bernalillo County Fire Department. Battalion 7, may require assistance locating an overdue hiker on the La Luz Trail. Called Battalion 7 for details. Battalion 7 indicated he was in route to Crest Parking lot to interview mother of subject and would call FC back if NMSAR assistance was needed. Battalion 7 called back requesting assistance locating the subject, ICP setup at Crest Parking lot. Shortly after calling for resources Battalion 7 called indicating the subject had walked out and no longer needed assistance locating the subject.	1	0
SAR19000107	10/17/2019	10/17/2019	Wes Crownover	CISAR, AMRC, NMMSAR	135 372636 3886838	Call from Bernalillo County Fire regarding 4 lost hikers 78,72,10, and 6. Hikers had food, water, and some warm clothing. BCFD received Phase 2 cell coordinates 35.1163820 -106.397223. Teams were able to walk to subjects and walk them out and they were checked out by Bernalillo County EMT's.	21	44
SAR19000108	10/18/2019	10/18/2019	Carrie Hale				0	0
SAR19000111	11/3/2019	11/3/2019	Richard Goldstein	SART, AISAR, SFSAR	na	Subject recovered along side of Rio Grande by Taos Sheriff's team and transported by Taos Swift water team to Junction Bridge where subject turned over to Taos Sheriff's Office and OMI. A SAR person was injured during mission. Atalaya SAR and the Technical team of Santa Fe SAR were called in-case a technical rescue was required. Both teams were stood down before arriving at IB.	32	234
SAR19000112	11/9/2019	11/9/2019	Marc Levesque, Andrea Imler (FC Trainee)	MVSAR, GCSAR, MSAR, OMTRS, DACSAR	Approximate: UTM Z13 0244442E 3574372N WGS84	A 76 y/o male suffering from early dementia and Parkinson's Disease was last seen around 16:00 on 11/07/19 at his church in Deming. When the subject was later reported missing, Deming PD officers searched for the subject and his truck that evening and all day on 11/08/19, finally locating his abandoned vehicle at an I10 underpass north of the Starmax Theater on N. County Club Road. They searched the area around the vehicle with no success and resumed their search on the morning of 11/09/19 on the ground and in the air. Still not having located the subject, they requested assistance from NMSP SAR, and a mission was initiated later that morning. Ground, K9, and vehicle teams searched several hours before the subject was located unresponsive by a railroad worker north of the Exit 85 of I10. The subject was treated by Deming EMS and later flown to an El Paso hospital for further treatment.	28	96
SAR19000114	11/13/2019	11/14/2019	Russ Imler	GCSAR, CCSAR, SSAR, OMTRS, MVSAR, USFS, Native Air	125 689088 3130396	Subject and friend were at truck with subject's dog. Friend decided to scout an area. When friend returned, subject was gone and dog was in the truck. After subject did not return in late afternoon, friend called to report him overdue.	25	188
SAR19000117	11/21/2019	11/22/2019	Laurie Wlosinski, Andrea Imler (Dep), Zoe Havlena (Dep)	GCSAR, MSAR, MVSAR, OMTRS, SSAR, DACSAR, GCSO, USFS, USCPB, NMNG	Gila National Forest Wilderness Area 125 0750621E 3655285N	Subject left hunting partner (RP) and camp to explore a nearby area for deer and elk sheds at approx. 0600 on 11/20/19 in the freezing rain. He was to return to camp no later than 1200. Partner went to subject truck about 1300 and searched immediate area until dark then returned to camp for the night. At daylight on 11/21/19, RP returned to truck and searched again. RP then hiked out to Hwy 15 and got a ride to GCSO, contacted NMSP and mission initiated. Teams searching area heard a response to call out about 2123 on 11/21/19. Teams unsuccessfully tried for hours to reach subject but were unable to reach him due to extreme steep terrain. Ground teams were attempting to reach subject when NMNG helicopter team located subject in response area. Subject was transported to a LZ at the ICP and was medically evaluated by a BORSTAR paramedic. Subject declined helo transport to hospital and was driven by family members to Gila Regional Medical Center for evaluation and admitted for treatment.	57	352
SAR19000118	11/22/2019	11/23/2019	Spenser Moreland	AMRC, CISAR, APD Open Space	TWA Crash Site, Domingo Baca Canyon	Subject began hike of Domingo Baca trail at about 1430. At 1730, she called 911 stating it was dark, cold, and she had no food or water. APD Open space went into field first. They made contact with subject, warmed her up, and began hiking her down. SAR team met up with them and all hiked her out. Subject released with no medical issues.	21	63
SAR19000119	12/1/2019	12/1/2019	Tony Gaier	CISAR, NMMSAR	-35.269428 -106.903130	State Police dispatch received call from Sandoval County Sheriff indicating there was a 15 year old male motorcycle rider lost in the Rio Puerco area. Reporting party was father and Sandoval County Sheriff had the subject call 911 to get approximate location of the subject. Emergent volunteers currently looking for subject. Subject was recovered by emergent volunteers and transported to IB at approximately 20:45. Parents were with subject and refused EMS and medical transport of subject.	1	5
SAR19000121	12/8/2019	12/8/2019	Bob Baker				0	0
SAR19000122	12/11/2019	12/11/2019	Marc Levesque	GCSAR, MSAR, CCSAR, SSAR (all stood down before deployed)	125 0735318E 3770425N WGS84 (approximate)	A 61 y/o male hunter with health issues was reported overdue after he failed to return to his truck and meet his hunting partner at Pine Lake in the Gila National Forest on the evening of 12/11/19. An NMNG officer and Catron Co sheriff's deputies arrived on scene before SAR could deploy and encountered the subject walking along Forest Road 93. He was reported to be slightly dehydrated but otherwise OK and was returned to his hunting camp. All SAR resources were then stood down.	1	1
SAR19000123	12/18/2019	12/19/2019	Richard Goldstein	SFSAR, AISAR	35° 48' 29" -105° 47' 6"	Subjects snowboarded out of bounds and got lost. Subjects reported that location and teams were sent to find them. They were rescued.	24	112

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Mission #	Open Date	Closing Date	Field Coordinators	Teams Responded	Coordinates	Incident Summary	Total Personnel	Total Vol Manhours
SAR190000124	12/23/2019	12/24/2019	Tony Gaier	CISAR, AMRC		911 call received by Bernalillo County Dispatch for 2 subjects stranded on the La Luz Trail. Subjects not dressed for weather conditions. Incident Base was established at Ellis Trailhead. Teams were sent to coordinates received from Bernalillo County Dispatch and located both subjects. Subjects were walked out and medically released by Albuquerque Ambulance Service	17	5
SAR190000125	12/24/2019	12/24/2019	Spenser Moreland	AMRC	Kiwanis Cabin, Sandia Mountains	Subjected hiked up La Luz, begin hiking north along crest. Conditions worsen and became stranded near Kiwanis Cabin. SAR personnel located subject there. He was warmed up and evacuated via sled. Transported to hospital via ambulance for further evaluation.	7	17
SAR190000126	12/27/2019	12/28/2019	Tony Gaier	CISAR, AMRC	~35.20466, -106.44747 (La Luz Trail)	911 call received by Bernalillo County Dispatch for 2 subjects lost on the La Luz Trail. Subjects not dressed for weather conditions. Incident base was established at Sandia Crest Parking lot. Teams were sent to coordinates received using SARLOC. Subjects were walked out and medically released by Bernalillo County Fire Department.	15	50
SAR190000127	12/29/2019	12/29/2019	Ashley Smith				0	0
SAR190000128	12/29/2019	12/29/2019	Bob Baker	CISAR, AMRC	~35.195667, -106.433800 (Sandia Peak Tramway)	911 call received by Bernalillo County Dispatch for 1 subject lost on the La Luz Trail and not prepared to spend the night. Incident Base was established at the Ellis Trailhead. Coordinates were obtained using SARLOC and 911 call data, but subject refused to stay stationary. Subject eventually made it to Sandia Peak Tramway facility. Subject received cold weather injuries to his feet and was transported to UNMH by Bernalillo County Fire Department.	16	34