

2013 MISSION SUMMARIES

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Mission #: 13-00-03

Date: 12/12/2013

Location: Not specified.

Teams Responding: Grant County SAR, Socorro SAR, Catron Co SAR, Apache SAR, Quemado VFD, Apache Creek VFD
Mission Summary: This purpose of this training was to recover personal items belonging to the deceased subject of mission 13-11-12. Three field teams were deployed to search areas where the subject and additional clues had been found following that mission's suspension. Of particular interest were a day pack and sweatshirt belonging to the subject and the area where the subject may have fallen and suffered his injuries. After a daylong search, only a belt was recovered that may or may not have belonged to the subject. Several areas were identified as potential fall sites, but no evidence was found to confirm any of them as the site.

Mission #: 13-01-01

Date: 1/31/2013

Location: 35.753621°N 105.914861°W

Teams Responding: Santa Fe SAR

Mission Summary: Subject was found by boyfriend and others prior to SAR responders leaving for mission.

Mission #: 13-01-02

Date: 2/14/2013

Location: UTM: 398238 x 3924456 NAD 27

Teams Responding: Atalaya SAR, Santa Fe SAR, Santa Fe ARES, Santa Fe Sheriff's Posse

Mission Summary: Near the Devil's Throne outside of Cerrillos, an 85-year-old hiker separated from two fellow hikers in an attempt to walk to his ranch which was about 5 miles across the Cerrillos Hills. His friends searched for him for several hours and then called SP. Ground pounders and four-wheel drive teams were sent out. The subject walked up to a house and was located. The owner of the house stated she had been alerted to the NMSAR search and turned on her porch light which the subject said was how he found his way out of the mountains. The subject had a few scrapes and cactus spines but was in very good condition given the circumstances.

Mission #: 13-01-03

Date: 2/17/2013

Location: UTM 435508 x 39249812 (by power line)

Teams Responding: Sangre De Cristo, Santa Fe SAR, Mountain Canine Corps, Laguna Pueblo K-9, Taos SAR, Cibola SAR, Atalaya SAR, Sandia Search Dogs, San Miguel SAR, Santa Fe Sheriff's Posse, Pajarito SAR, East Mountain SAR, NMSAR Support, SF ARES, Cibola SAR, Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, NMNG, SMSO

Mission Summary: Subject and boyfriend went up to Rowe Mesa by car, and got stuck on Forest Rd 326 4.5 miles in, could not get car unstuck. Boyfriend walked out. Subject was found deceased on day 3 of search.

Mission #: 13-01-04

Date: 3/8/2013

Location: 0389555 x 3959883 on the Ancho Canyon Trail

Teams Responding: Atalaya SAR, Santa Fe SAR, Los Alamos Aux Fire Brigade, Taos SAR, San Miguel SAR, SFCSD, Sandia Search Dogs, Mountain Canine Corps, Pajarito K-9 SAR, Cibola SAR, Los Alamos Amateur Radio Club, LAPD, NPS

Mission Summary: Subject's destination was the waterfalls in Frijoles Canyon. On 3/7 she discovered that the trail down to the falls was closed owing to previous fire, so she returned on 3/8 to approach the falls via the Rio Grande Trail. She became soaked and trapped during a storm on 3/8; continued hiking back to her car at night after the storm passed and missed her trail. She spent the night huddled against the cold and in the morning of 3/9 turned back and found the trail which she had missed in the dark. She was found by a team on that trail. The subject was mildly hypothermic and hungry. She was fed, hydrated, warmed and medically assessed but refused transport to the hospital.

Mission #: 13-01-05

Date: 3/19/2013

Location: Subject was located by NM State Police at the ER, St Vincent's Hospital

Teams Responding: Santa Fe SAR and Mountain Canine Corp responding but not deployed.

Mission Summary: Subject went for a solo mountain bike ride on the La Tierra trail network at around 1730 - 1800. Subject's vehicle was subsequently found at the La Cuchara trail head and SAR was activated. Friends/family and a State Police unit conducted a search of some of the trail network. After Incident Base was established, but before teams had arrived, the subject was located by State Police at St. Vincent's Hospital ER, having crashed on the trail, been found by a hiker, and transported in a confused condition to the ER. The friends and family were notified by cell phone and returned to Incident Base, and responding teams stood down.

Mission #: 13-01-06

Date: 5/24/2013

Location: Walked out to Santa Fe Ski Area parking lot

Teams Responding: Not specified.

Mission Summary: Subjects hiked west from Santa Fe Ski Area parking lot towards Aspen Ranch. Became lost and called 911. Walked back to parking lot.

Mission #: 13-01-07

Date: 7/9/2013

Location: El Rancho, NM

Teams Responding: Not specified.

Mission Summary: Subject drove through roadblock on 7/7/13 and evaded law enforcement (LE) at Santa Fe Ski Basin during forest closure period. LE towed the vehicle and left the subject. No notification to family. Subject reported missing late on 7/8/13, at which point the connection was made. SAR initiated callout, but subject was located in a disoriented state in El Rancho, presumably having walked from the PLS, and transported by EMS. No SAR resources were deployed.

Mission #: 13-01-08

Date: 8/29/2013

Location: Subject walked out without assistance.

Teams Responding: None.

Mission Summary: Subject called 911 after losing the trail while returning on a hike to Nambe Lake. Subject located the trail and walked out unassisted.

Mission #: 13-01-09

Date: 9/7/2013

Location: Just off Winsor Trail @ 428300 / 3962750 NAD 27

Teams Responding: Atalaya SAR

Mission Summary: Subject misjudged hiking time on the Winsor Trail (254) and lost the trail in the dark. Called a friend on Atalaya SAR who activated a team and reported incident to State Police. SAR 104 contacted the subject and determined actual location as Atalaya SAR were about to deploy. Mission was initiated with comms from Los Alamos and subjects were located by Atalaya SAR and escorted back to SF Ski Area parking lot.

Mission #: 13-01-10

Date: 10/6/2013

Location: Subject returned to his camp 0446600 by 03977000

Teams Responding: Santa Fe SAR, Atalaya SAR, Santa Fe Sheriff's Posse, Santa Fe ARES, CAP

Mission Summary: RP reported subject failed to return to camp after a short hike to a meadow north of camp site on 10/5/13. Friends searched Saturday with sound sweeps on horseback, no response. Called 911 Sunday 10/6/13 and SAR called out approx. 1200 hours. Ground pounders, horse teams, Able 6 and CAP called out. One ground team (Santa Fe SAR) and one volunteer horse team (Pecos Canyon Fire Station) dispatched into field. Father reported son had returned to camp. Confirmation of subject and physical condition was made. Subject wanted to remain at his camp.

Mission #: 13-01-11

Date: 12/5/2013

Location: 428344 x 3959839 (NAD 27)

Teams Responding: Santa Fe Ski Area Ski Patrol

Mission Summary: SF Ski Area Ski Patrol called to inform of lost snowboarder who had contacted the ski patrol from his cell phone. Incident Commander worked with NMSP Dispatch and the ski patrol to get his coordinates from phone. Ski patrol located subject in drainage in the Big T. Subject was healthy and required no further assistance once he was brought back to Ski Road.

Mission #: 13-01-12

Date: 12/8/2013

Location: Cow Creek Area

Teams Responding: Santa Fe SAR

Mission Summary: Subject reported vehicle stuck in snow while cutting Christmas tree. Dispatch informed IC that several Phase 2 pings located vehicle on FR83 near Barillas Peak. IC, along with two members of Santa Fe SAR were on the road to FR83 in a Hummer to find subject when dispatch informed team that subject had been picked up by father in Cow Creek area. NMSP met subject and confirmed.

Mission #: 13-01-13

Date: 12/30/2013

Location: 13S 448402 x 3951978 NAD 27

Teams Responding: Santa Fe SAR, Atalaya SAR, Able 6, Santa Fe ARES

Mission Summary: RP came across 2 women looking for their husband/boyfriend in Dalton Canyon. They told RP their husband/boyfriend were "hunting bear." RP assessed situation, decided they were on mesa north of Dalton. Called State Police and then FC on duty to report. State Police sent vehicle to Dalton to begin searching for subject's vehicle while NMSAR was getting organized. On the way to village of Pecos, IC called subjects' wives and discovered subjects had called and were on road hiking out. Wives were driving to Cow Creek drainage to pick up subjects. Officer in the field and teams were turned around. IC verified subjects. EMT checked their status. Mission closed.

Mission #: 13-02-01

Date: 1/22/2013

Location: South across highway from initial area in secondary area.

Teams Responding: San Miguel SAR, Philmont SAR, Taos SAR

Mission Summary: SP notified that individual was involved in single car rollover just SE of Mora on Hwy 518. When notified that police and ambulance was on the way, the intoxicated individual bolted up mountain to North not to be seen again. Teams were called out the following evening and did a hasty search of the areas last seen. Mission suspended at 2300 for the night because of dangerous ice and snow. Resumed search the following morning at 0700. Teams from San Miguel SAR, Taos SAR and Philmont SAR performed grid search of the same areas. Before teams finished search area, subject was found west of area on Hwy 518 in Mora. Subject had frost bite on both feet and was transported directly to Alta Vista Hospital in Las Vegas.

Mission #: 13-02-02

Date: 4/2/2013

Location: 10 miles north of Incident Base on Vermejo Ranch

Teams Responding: Philmont SAR, Taos SAR, Angel Fire SAR, Santa Fe SAR, Sandia Search Dogs, Atalaya SAR, Northern Snowdrift Breakers, Santa Fe Sheriff's Posse

Mission Summary: Subject separated from group while hunting for antlers on Monday, 4/1/13 at 0930, headed NE. Searched segment up to 4 miles north of PLS. Subject found on Wednesday by ranch hand on Vermejo Ranch, 10 miles north of IB. Subject brought to IB - was uninjured.

Mission #: 13-02-03

Date: 4/15/2013

Location: Walking along Highway 434 next to Angel Fire golf course

Teams Responding: Philmont SAR, Angel Fire SAR, Angel Fire FD/VFD, Eagle Nest VFD, Moreno Valley VFD, Angel Fire PD

Mission Summary: Subject was on phone with ex-girlfriend and was distraught at their recent break-up. Girlfriend called subject's father to let him know that subject was not doing well and gave his location - only 1/4 mile from his home. Father drove to Monte Verde Lake boat ramp and found subject on phone with girlfriend. He acknowledged his dad and continued talking on the phone while he walked into the trees around the area. Father lost sight of subject; subject's phone went dead while talking with girlfriend. Girlfriend called 911 and reported that subject was lost, suicidal and bleeding from his arm. Subject had been drinking alcohol. Subject was found walking along the highway around sunrise in good health and was unaware that anyone had been looking for him. Subject's father had called multiple resources prior to NMSAR involvement.

Mission #: 13-02-04

Date: 6/14/2013

Location: SE Side of Black Mountain, URM 13S 4033206N 0493875E Teams Responding: Philmont SAR

Mission Summary: Subject was hiking solo along preplanned route and became disoriented on top of Black Mountain on Philmont property. When he referred to his map and compass, he traveled 180 degrees away from his intended course due to not understanding how his compass operated (a Brunton-style compass with reversed coordinates on the card). Instead of walking NW off the summit he traveled SE. He followed a game trail that disappeared, injured his knee, and sat down in a safe area and called himself in with his mobile phone, and then his phone battery expired. Hasty teams cleared all trails, then about 24 hours after his last call he was located by a team searching the SE flank of Black Mountain.

Mission #: 13-02-05

Date: 6/28/2013

Location: UTM 13 S 485771 4040173

Teams Responding: Philmont SAR

Mission Summary: Subject became lost, was out of water and food, and did not have warm clothing. She had good mobile phone service and was able to send a photo of her view. Using that view, and compass coordinates of peaks she could see, we were able to determine her location. Her GPS was giving good altitude readings, but was unreliable for coordinates. Subject was found in good health by Philmont SAR team, and was able to hike down without physical assistance.

Mission #: 13-02-06

Date: 7/31/2013

Location: Not specified.

Teams Responding: San Miguel SAR, Superior Ambulance, La Placita RVFD, Gallinas RVFD

Mission Summary: Received call from D2 SP at 1152 about an injured female with relayed coordinates. Coordinates corresponded to location NE of Terrero in Pecos Valley. Sent team to check coordinates, with no results. No other info. Mission for the night. Received another call from D2 at 1854, had another call from a group of 4-H hikers from Arkansas that was with the subject at the time. They gave another set of coordinates that corresponded to a location 3.5 miles NW of El Porvenir campground. SP call and talked to hiker leader a couple more times. Verified location again. I called the Area Commander, and she arranged a Blackhawk lift. Two helicopters flew the mission from Santa Fe, lowered host with medic to patient at 2240. Notified by radio that they had successful lift at 2330 and were on route to Albuquerque.

Mission #: 13-02-08

Date: 9/3/2013

Location: Self evacuated

Teams Responding: Not specified/

Mission Summary: Overdue hunters, 30-year-old male and 6-year-old daughter reported to NMSP. NMSP Dispatch unable to locate IC. MI responded and located subjects as they exited the hunting area.

Mission #: 13-02-09

Date: 9/13/2013

Location: Evergreen Valley and Gallinas Canyon

Teams Responding: San Miguel SAR, ARES

Mission Summary: Subjects were trapped by flooding in area while attempting to evacuate. Female subject was unable to walk. Male subject attempted to return to residence to get supplies and did not return. NMNG launched to locate and extract subjects.

Mission #: 13-02-10

Date: 10/4/2013

Location: 35 53.1953 x -105 37.343 - Hunting Camp in Pecos area.

Teams Responding: Not specified.

Mission Summary: Hunter had heart attack in Pecos Mountains. Called in by sat phone and arranged airlift with National Guard Blackhawk. Airlifted to UNM Hospital.

Mission #: 13-04-01

Date: 1/12/2013

Location: Subject 1 walked back to IB at 13S 0345429E 3582425N

Teams Responding: Mesilla Valley SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, Dona Ana County SAR

Mission Summary: Contacted by NMSP D-4 Sandy, at 1548. Reported that the RP called 911 and said they heard a man yelling for help; due to lateness of the day and the fact that they had children with them they left the area to return to their vehicle. While leaving they reported the man yelling "don't leave me." I contacted SP who requested SAR respond ASAP. Obtained SAR Mission # and started to contact resources to respond. Section Chiefs arrived on scene prior to my arrival and I had them take a Jeep to the top of the mine road to attempt contact with the subject. At 1720 a subject was seen hiking out of the Organs. At 1810 audible contact was made with three subjects at 13S 0350223E 3582056N, shortly after made physical contact as they were hiking out 1820. Subjects reported they were yelling to one another while climbing because of high winds but were not calling for help. I released the resources that were on scene. Closed mission at 2016.

Mission #: 13-04-02

Date: 3/15/2013

Location: Not specified

Teams Responding: Mesilla Valley SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, Grant County SAR, Socorro, Silver City

Mission Summary: Subject ran away from group home event. Unknown direction. Subject had run away in the past, known drug use.

Mission #: 13-04-03

Date: 4/5/2013

Location: Subject was picked off by National Guard at 13S 0353591 3578009

Teams Responding: Mesilla Valley SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, Dona Ana County SAR, Atalaya SAR, Chavez County SAR

Mission Summary: Contacted by NMSP D-4, at 2005. Reported that the subject called 911, stated he had fallen some 20-30 feet and landed on his head. Was bleeding from head and leg. Could not hike out and did not know his location. Contacted Officer at 2010. He requested SAR respond ASAP. Obtained SAR mission # and started to contact resources to respond. Left home at 2034. The subject was seen hiking out of the Dripping Springs visitor center at or about 1130 in the direction of La Cueva. Searches were conducted at the canyons and trails at the base of the mountain and around La Cueva thru the night. Coordinates received from the 911 calls were not accurate. Subject was no longer reachable by the time I arrived on scene. Released teams between 0200 and 0400 to return in the morning to continue searching.

Mission #: 13-04-04

Date: 6/4/2013

Location: Subject vehicle was located at 13S 0331833 3591469

Teams Responding: Not specified.

Mission Summary: Contacted by NMSP D-4 at 1613. Subjects had left their vehicle earlier in the day and were lost. Had some water but was running out of water and daylight. We proceeded to the subjects' vehicle. Shortly before we reached the vehicle the subjects were picked up by the subject's uncle about 3 miles south of our location. Both subjects were fine. I closed the mission after returning home.

Mission #: 13-04-05

Date: 8/31/2013

Location: Located in Box Canyon, south of Picacho Peak 13S 0322351 3579340

Teams Responding: Mesilla Valley SAR

Mission Summary: Family of 5 (1 male, 1 female and 3 children) out hiking in the Box Canyon Dam Area. Male became ill, was vomiting. May have been suffering from heat stroke. Wife called 911. NMSP officer had no info on subjects such as names, ages, etc. DASO officer found subjects and brought them out.

Mission #: 13-04-06

Date: 11/3/2013

Location: Subjects were at 13S 0352107 3579713

Teams Responding: Mesilla Valley SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad

Mission Summary: Contacted by NMSP D-4, at 1823. Reported that the subjects called 911 and stated they were off trail and in the dark. They could not find the trail and were on their way back from Organ Needle. They had no lights with them. Contacted the subjects at their phone number provided by NMSP D-4 (925-858-5342) and received status. I contacted the DASP officer on scene at 1900 and retrieved info on the subjects. Called out staff and 2 hasty teams along with ATV team for transport up Modoc Mine Rd. Subjects were located by Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad at 2220. Subjects were brought out to IB at 0040. Mission closed at 0215.

Mission #: 13-04-07

Date: 11/10/2013

Location: Soledad Canyon area, Halfway up side of Squaw Mountain, no coordinates provided

Teams Responding: Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, Mesilla Valley SAR, Dona Ana County SAR

Mission Summary: Hiking party hiking in Soledad Canyon area. Adult male in party complains of difficulty breathing/becomes immobile. Reporting party hikes to area where they can call 911. Dispatch receives call, but receives little info on subject/situation due to poor cell reception. Subject self-reports "collapsed lung." DA FD responds with medevac support. DA FD request SAR to assist evacuation. Subject made mobile and evacuated by FD before SAR resources on scene.

Mission #: 13-04-08

Date: 12/2/2013

Location: Subject was at 13S 0352107 x 3579713

Teams Responding: Mesilla Valley SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad

Mission Summary: NMSP D-4 contacted me at 1840, subject: Female schizophrenic and bi-polar walk away. Spoke with LCPD, contacted NMSP for mission # at 1913. Called out teams and MI is in route, Area Commander contacted at 1923. On scene at 2000. Subject age 57, female. Incident base located at 13S 0338935/3585505. Subject located at 2250 at 13S 0339310/3586685. Subject was crouched down in a desert field and was reluctant to respond until approached by SAR team. Subject had injuries to her bare feet. AMR checked subject and transported to a local hospital. Closed mission at 0015. Second SAR mission for this subject. Subject has walked away at least 4-5 times. LCPD and DASO have searched several times for her.

Mission #: 13-05-01

Date: 1/5/2013

Location: Approx. 1.3 miles North of NM 536 on Ellis Trail

Teams Responding: Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, Cibola SAR, Sandia Peak Ski Patrol, BCFD

Mission Summary: Subject fell while cross-country skiing and experienced severe hip pain rendering her unable to return to trailhead. Patient was accessed by Sandia Peak Ski Patrol members who splinted and packaged her into a ski patrol toboggan. Patient was extracted from field by SAR, Ski Patrol and fire personnel. Patient transported to hospital from trailhead by Albuquerque Ambulance.

Mission #: 13-05-02

Date: 1/6/2013

Location: Near "dam" a few hundred yards from La Luz Trailhead, towards "House Rock"

Teams Responding: Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, BCFD

Mission Summary: Subject, a 10-year-old boy, was out hiking off-trail with parents in the "House Rock" area near La Luz Trailhead. At the end of the day while they were returning to their vehicle the boy ran ahead of the parents and slipped on a very large ice patch, falling "approximately 20 feet" onto his chin. Brief loss of consciousness reported. Patient was assessed and stabilized by BCFD firefighters, who realized they were not equipped to extract the patient given the terrain and icy conditions. Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Councils extracted the patient using multiple technical low-angle systems and 4 edge transitions. Patient transported to hospital from La Luz Trailhead by Albuquerque Ambulance.

Mission #: 13-05-03

Date: 1/18/2013

Location: 13S 367980 x 8897232

Teams Responding: NM SAR Support Team, AMRC, CSAR, ARES

Mission Summary: Subject drove to top of Sandia Crest, jumped off the observation area to commit suicide. Patient was seriously injured. NMNG helo winched patient to helo and transported to UNM Hospital.

Mission #: 13-05-04

Date: 3/1/2013

Location: Subjects made it to upper tram house

Teams Responding: ARES, Sandia Search Dogs, Cibola SAR, Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council

Mission Summary: Three subjects on spring break from Missouri went on day hike up La Luz. They became lost at dark. All three were in t-shirts, shorts and sneakers. One subject made it to upper tram house. Tram operator found other two a short distance from tram.

Mission #: 13-05-05

Date: 3/17/2013

Location: No information

Teams Responding: Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, Cibola SAR, NM SAR Support Team

Mission Summary: Rio Grande Nature Center volunteer reported receiving a call from a person who reported being lost on the mountain near the Crest Trail and 10K Trail. No name, description, coordinates, phone number, etc. Fielded seven teams (18 people) on all trails running North and South. Six hours of searching and interviewing all people on trails yield no indications of subject. In conversation with NMSP, USFS and SAR Personnel, mission is most likely a hoax.

Mission #: 13-05-06

Date: 3/29/2013

Location: 35° 12.279' N 106° 27.004' W (from Metro1)

Teams Responding: NM SAR Support Team, ARES, Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, Cibola SAR

Mission Summary: A SAR member on a day hike fell in the Sandias below the crest. He was deceased by the time EMTs got to him.

Mission #: 13-05-07

Date: 4/5/2013

Location: Not specified

Teams Responding: Bernalillo County ARES, Cibola SAR, Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, NM SAR Support Team, Sandia Search Dogs, NM Mounted Patrol, CAP

Mission Summary: Subject was "passing through" Albuquerque staying in the MCM Elegante Hotel. Chose to do day hike to Mosca Peak in the Manzanos w/o adequate clothing or food, and without any light source. Became stranded with approaching dark, and got off trail to shelter from wind.

Mission #: 13-05-08

Date: 5/24/2013

Location: Near 35° 10.903'N 106° 27.419' W on Trail 230

Teams Responding: Cibola SAR, Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, NM SAR Support Team

Mission Summary: Subject and grandchildren hiked to TWA crash site. On return trip, approx. 1-2 hours after departing crash site, subject slipped on scree, fell and injured his head. Profuse bleeding reported. Subject's granddaughter treated injury and called 911. SAR and AFD personnel found subject on trail, assessed medical condition, and walked subject to IB. Subject elected for precautionary transport to the hospital.

Mission #: 13-05-09

Date: 5/25/2013

Location: 35° 12.844' N 106° 27/318' W

Teams Responding: Cibola SAR, Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, NM SAR Support Team, Bernalillo County ARES, and BCFD

Mission Summary: Subject fell approx. 25' while on the first pitch of "Excitable Boy" (7-pitch climb) in Chimney Canyon. Subject landed on his back. His Camelback absorbed the impact as did his helmet. Subject and two climbers walked out, met combined SAR/BCFD team on trail. SAR/BCFD team assessed the subject and continued walkout. Transported subject to UNM Hospital as a precaution.

Mission #: 13-05-10

Date: 6/1/2013

Location: At trailhead

Teams Responding: Called out but not deployed--Mountain Canine Corp, Taos SAR, SF Sheriff's Posse, Pajarito K-9

Mission Summary: Subjects went into the San Pedro Parks Wilderness well equipped for a 2-night camping trip. Did not return home as planned on Friday evening. Initial call from RP came Friday night; we decided not to activate SAR until Saturday morning if they did not show up. Subjects hiked out Saturday morning after mission was initiated but before SAR resources were deployed. They had taken a wrong turn on the trail out and decided to spend an extra night.

Mission #: 13-05-12

Date: 8/17/2013

Location: 13S 036679E 3897800N (NAD83/WGS84) -- Bernalillo County

Teams Responding: Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, Bernalillo County ARES, Cibola SAR, NM SAR Support Team

Mission Summary: Subject recently moved to ABQ (within past 7 days), decided to go hiking alone, and started at the top of the mountain. At approx. 1300, the subject took a trail down and ended up getting disoriented north of Chimney Canyon. Running low on water and lost, the subject called 911. BCFD received Phase II GPS coordinates, launched BCSO metro 1 and activated NM SAR. Metro 1 spotted subject, confirmed coordinates, and guided ground search teams to subject. SAR team secured subject at 2056, medically assessed him, and began walk-out at 2101. Teams and subject arrived at incident base at 2200. IB location: 13S 0365229E 3898411N (Sandoval County)

Mission #: 13-05-13

Date: 8/30/2013

Location: 13S 339923 x 3962668

Teams Responding: Not specified.

Mission Summary: Subject was on-duty with USFS attempting to locate a reported fire in the area on 8/30/13. Subject became separated from party of 3 USFS firefighters. Subject did make cell contact with spouse at approx. 1220 same day, no problems reported. Team leader attempted to contact subject via radio to inform subject to head north toward Schoolhouse Mesa, leader unsure if subject actually received reassignment. Leader and members located fire, extinguished fire, and attempted to contact subject when subject failed to show at pre-arranged meeting point. USFS personnel began search of areas and after failed attempts to locate subject, requested SAR activation. NMSAR responded and took control of search operations. During Op period 4, NMSAR, USFS and Sandoval Co Fire Department established unified command. USFS initiated activation of Type 1 Incident Management Team. Subject located deceased on 9/6/13 at approx. 1145.

Mission #: 13-05-14

Date: 8/31/2013

Location: 400 yds. from Cienega Trail Head

Teams Responding: Cibola SAR, Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council

Mission Summary: Subject, family of three which included a 4-year-old, parked vehicle at Sulpher Canyon trail head and went hiking. They became stranded and lost when darkness fell and they did not have any light sources, water or food with them. 911 call to BCSO was transferred to the NMSP. SAR initiated. NMSP officers in area were able to locate subjects by using emergency lights and spot lights and were able to escort subjects from forest prior to SAR arrival.

Mission #: 13-05-15

Date: 9/26/2013

Location: WGS84 UTM 13S 0368119mE 3893925mN

Teams Responding: Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, Cibola SAR, NM SAR Support, APD Open Space

Mission Summary: Subjects went out on Pino Trail in Sandia foothills to "wear out the dogs" on a walk, departing trailhead around 1300 on 9/25/13. On the spur of the moment, they decided to try to hike to the site of the old TWA wreckage, which they had heard was "right under the tram cables." they tried to hike directly towards the tram cables they could see, despite the steep ridge that was in between their original dog walk and the target location. They became stranded after dark. All three men were dressed in T-shirts and jeans, wearing sneakers. Around 0116 on 9/26/13 they called 911 to request assistance, stating they had built a fire and were cold. Their phone battery ran out immediately afterwards. Cell phone data provided two GPS locations, 35.179049° N, 106.447692° W and 35.179027° N, 106.447692° W. This location was very close to where they were ultimately found. SAR teams accessed the men at approximately 0742. They had used one of the men's t-shirts and all the dogs' leashes to start the fire and were hungry and thirsty, but otherwise were in fine health and were able to walk out.

Mission #: 13-05-16

Date: 10/1/2013

Location: Subject not located

Teams Responding: Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, Sandia Search Dogs, Cibola SAR, NM SAR Support Team, NM Mounted SAR, Pajarito K-9, Santa Fe SAR, Atalaya SAR, Bernalillo County ARES

Mission Summary: Possible despondent subject last seen at home at 0715 on Monday by husband. Vehicle found at 10K trail head. Search conducted without sign of subject. Subject reported as being possible suicidal - took backpack with prescription medication - potential for lethal OD.

Mission #: 13-05-17

Date: 10/6/2013

Location: Roughly 13S 0306777 x 3901741

Teams Responding: Santa Fe SAR, Cibola SAR, Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, NM Mounted SAR, NM SAR Support Team, ARES, Socorro SAR

Mission Summary: Couple went on their ATV at 1500 on 10/6/13 in the Rio Puerco to return about 2000. Got lost after dark. Called mother who called NMSP. Located about 0530 and rode ATV out.

Mission #: 13-05-18

Date: 12/2/2013

Location: Ranch house, 200 ft. from IB 13S 0327316 x 3983053 NAD 27

Teams Responding: Sandia Search Dogs, Bernalillo County ARES, Cibola SAR, NM Mounted SAR, NM SAR Support Team

Mission Summary: Search for 35-year-old male when horse returned to corral without him. Sandoval County SO initially searched roads on property with no contact. Subject was located at daybreak by a member of Sandia Search Dogs from IB before team was deployed. Subject had walked out to old ranch house 200 feet from IB during the night after house had been cleared by SO and SAR.

Mission #: 13-05-19

Date: 12/7/2013

Location: 13S 349697 x 3973669 NAD83 (coordinates provided by PSAP)

Teams Responding: Not specified.

Mission Summary: Two individuals (subject 1 and 2) were looking for a Christmas tree in the vicinity of SR 126 and FR 133. They became lost and called for help via 911 to Sandoval County. Sandoval County notified NMSP. SAR initiated. While responding to incident, communication with subjects was established and learned that subjects had

come upon two more lost subjects (subject 3) who were also looking for a Christmas tree. NMSP officers arrived near location, located subject 1's vehicle on FR 133. Using vehicle sirens (wail) was able to determine location of the four subjects and extracted all subjects from area. All subjects found to be medically well and refused any treatment. SAR closed at 1703.

Mission #: 13-05-20

Date: 12/12/2013

Location: 35° 54' 9" N 106° 40' 2"

Teams Responding: Not specified

Mission Summary: Family of three out looking for a Christmas tree disabled their vehicle. The father started walking out at approx. 1330 to find help. The father made it to the park ranger office at Fenton Lake after midnight. The father was disoriented but had a GPS location of their vehicle. SP was contacted and a mission initiated. Park personnel contacted La Cueva FD who found mother and child just after 0200 still with vehicle and in good shape.

Mission #: 13-05-21

Date: 12/19/2013

Location: Northwest ridge of thumb

Teams Responding: Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, Cibola SAR, NM SAR Support Team

Mission Summary: Subjects became cold and exhausted while climbing the northwest ridge of the Thumb and were unable to proceed or abort climb. Rescued by NMNG (Lobo 949) and Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council technical rescue. Hoisted out and transported to Johnson Field. Subjects treated and released by EMS at Johnson Field.

Mission #: 13-06-01

Date: 9/21/2013

Location: Mile Marker 27 on NM 117

Teams Responding: McKinley County SAR, Cibola SAR, Bernalillo County Mounted, Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council

Mission Summary: Subject wandered away from camp and became lost. Was found by hunters on following day. Subject in good health when rejoined with his family

Mission #: 13-07-01

Date: 1/24/2013

Location: Not specified.

Teams Responding: Rocky Mountain SAR, Santa Fe SAR Support, Mountain Canine Corps

Mission Summary: Body of 60-year-old suicidal male found approximately 200 yards north of vehicle located at 36° 21' 19.9" N x 105° 44' 11.6" W off of road 567 on west side of Taos Box Canyon

Mission #: 13-07-02

Date: 3/2/2013

Location: 0400378 x 3978273, Santa Clara Pueblo

Teams Responding: NSBs, Taos SAR, Mountain Canine Corps, Santa Fe SAR, Rocky Mountain SAR, Atalaya SAR

Mission Summary: Subject 56-year-old female went for a walk along Rio Grande Bosque at approx. 1400 on 3/2/13. Did not return. SAR notified by NMSP at 2213, 7 teams responded. Subject found in good shape.

Mission #: 13-07-03

Date: 4/18/2013

Location: On highway 518

Teams Responding: None called out.

Mission Summary: Group of turkey hunters were hunting off FSR 476. Subject did not return to vehicles at appointed time. Party called 911 to report subject overdue. Mission Initiator was patrolling highway and came across subject. Subject was in good condition. Mission closed before any SAR resources were called out.

Mission #: 13-07-04

Date: 4/27/2013

Location: Cabin at 380200/4059400 approx. 4 miles from US 64, Mile post 193

Teams Responding: Atalaya SAR, Taos SAR, Santa Fe SAR, Ojo Caliente FD, Rocky Mountain SAR, Sangre De Cristo SAR, Northern Snowdrift Breakers

Mission Summary: Two subjects drove approx. 20 miles northwest from vehicle parked at White Bridge 4 miles north of Canon Plaza on S.R. 111. ATV became stuck in snow. Then they walked approx. 3 miles to Jaroso Cabins. Locals at IB and 2 SAR members knew location of cabins. IB set upon US 64 +/- 4 miles from cabins. Subjects extricated by snow-cat, snow machines and Blackhawk helicopter.

Mission #: 13-07-05

Date: 5/19/2013

Location: #471 State Hwy 230 west of Taos Ski Area

Teams Responding: Taos SAR

Mission Summary: Subject was reported missing from campsite by her boyfriend at about 0930. FC arrived at IB at 1240 along with Taos SAR. A hasty search was done resulting in no clues. Subject had walked to nearby residence where she called her parents. Officer located subject and returned her to campsite. Doctor from Taos SAR did a medical evaluation, no sign of trauma or injury. Subject signed the liability release.

Mission #: 13-07-06

Date: 6/6/2013

Location: 36° 18.04' N 106° 46.31

Teams Responding: NMNG

Mission Summary: 16-year-old male subject went hiking with friends. Subject fell 15 to 20 feet and injured. Extracted using NMNG helicopter, taken to hospital in Albuquerque.

Mission #: 13-07-07

Date: 6/15/2013

Location: About 8 miles South and West of Ozier (Cumbres and Toltec Train Depot)

Teams Responding: Santa Fe SAR, Rocky Mountain SAR, Taos SAR, Northern Snowdrift Breakers SAR

Mission Summary: Four subjects (2 males and 2 females) left Ozier with intentions to walk to Los Pinos Campground (about 12 miles away), got lost on the way. Spent the night out in the open, picked up by local rancher the following day and taken to Los Pinos Campground.

Mission #: 13-07-08

Date: 6/25/2013

Location: Field next to house #19375 in Hernandez, NM

Teams Responding: None called out.

Mission Summary: Farmer went to water his field close to his house and did not return home that afternoon. State Police found him in the field deceased before we called people out to help in the search.

Mission #: 13-07-09

Date: 7/6/2013

Location: On Rio Grande bank 1.5 miles north of Junction Bridge 434628/4023498

Teams Responding: Taos SAR, Atalaya SAR, Santa Fe SAR

Mission Summary: Two kayakers attempted run of Rio Grande Box. Abandoned kayaks near power line rapid. Walked 4-5 miles south along east bank. Helped across river by SAR team and hiked out trail to trailhead. Dehydrated and tired but no serious injuries.

Mission #: 13-07-10

Date: 7/9/2013

Location: On bank of Rio Grande near Manby Hot Springs 435781/4040769

Teams Responding: Taos SAR, Hondo-Seco FD

Mission Summary: Subject and sister treasure hunting along shore of Rio Grande two miles south of Manby Hot Springs. He broke his ankle. Hondo-Seco fire was called and attempted extraction but needed more personnel. SAR was called. Taos SAR responded. Subject was hand carried over rock fields and littered up 1-mile trail from hot springs to IB (parking area for springs). Subject transported to Holy Cross Hospital by ambulance.

Mission #: 13-07-11

Date: 7/11/2013

Location: On trail out of Cabresto Lake - 4.5 miles NE of lake campground

Teams Responding: Taos SAR, Atalaya SAR, Philmont SAR, Santa Fe SAR

Mission Summary: Eight hikers were on hiking trail out of Cabresto Lake, got caught in heavy rain, one injured. Located and extracted down mountain. Injured was brought out on litter.

Mission #: 13-07-12

Date: 8/9/2013

Location: Middle Fork Lake Trailhead

Teams Responding: Philmont SAR

Mission Summary: 3 subjects told family at 1000 that morning that they were going to hike the trail to Middle Fork Lake from the parking lot and trailhead at the end of state road 578. The 3 hikers had not returned by dark and the family reported them missing to Red River FD. MI and IC were activated and Philmont SAR assembled a team and was en route to IB. Upon arrival at the IB, was notified that subjects had just arrived at trailhead and were almost to parking lot. Red River FD EMTs assessed subjects and they all signed liability release forms. Philmont SAR team was cancelled prior to their arrival and Mission closed at 0330.

Mission #: 13-07-13

Date: 8/26/2013

Location: Forest Rd 87 by Lagunitas Campground, 380013 x 408380

Teams Responding: Sangre De Cristo SAR, Santa Fe Sheriff's Posse

Mission Summary: Truck broke down and could not get out. Tow truck never found them. At 1900, they called NMSP for help. State Police called other tow truck and did not find them.

Mission #: 13-07-14

Date: 9/17/2013

Location: Not specified.

Teams Responding: Not specified.

Mission Summary: 48-year-old bow hunter lost in the Burned Mountain area off Forest Road 712 and 91 near Hopewell Lake, State Road 64.

Mission #: 13-07-15

Date: 10/7/2013

Location: Not specified.

Teams Responding: Taos SAR, Northern Snowdrift Breakers

Mission Summary: Subject and 3 friends riding ATVs on trails in La Junta Canyon got separated. Subject was later located by same friends.

Mission #: 13-07-16

Date: 10/21/2013

Location: UTM: 376487 x 4091348 (NAD 27)

Teams Responding: Philmont SAR, CAP, Taos SAR, Santa Fe SAR, Santa Fe ARES, Santa Fe Sheriff's Posse, K-9SAR, Angel Fire SAR, Mountain Canine Corps, NM Snowdrift Breakers, SCSAR, Rocky Mountain SAR, Upper San Juan SAR, NM Mounted SAR, Pajarito K-9, Los Alamos Amateur Radio Club

Mission Summary: Subject and wife were driving in forest northeast of Chama. Got vehicle stuck in Brazos Meadows area. Attempted to hike down East Fork of the Brazos River. Spent first night together. Became separated the second day. Wife continued to hiking some 15 miles down drainage before being discovered by a group of hunters. Subject found deceased during 5th operational period.

Mission #: 13-07-17

Date: 10/30/2013

Location: 456899 x 4921770, location where subjects built fire and spent the night

Teams Responding: Taos SAR, Rio Arriba County, Santa Fe ARES, Los Alamos Amateur Radio Club, Philmont SAR, Cibola SAR, Angle Fire SAR, Angle Fire FD

Mission Summary: Subjects called for rescue due to hazardous weather conditions for mountain bikers. Subject 2 hiked out at 0800 on 10/31/13 pushing a 45-pound bike, made two wrong turns but arrived at the car park at 1139. Subject 1 chose to stay at the fire and await rescue. NMNG hoisted subject 2 and transported him to Taos airport. An ambulance transported him to the Taos Hospital. His condition was stable.

Mission #: 13-07-18

Date: 11/5/2013

Location: Not specified.

Teams Responding: None called out.

Mission Summary: Got a call from SP officer at 1050, car stolen from subject's girlfriend in Colorado 7 days ago, approximately October 30. Car found abandoned 11/4/13 on Forest Road 724G. Girlfriend believed subject may have committed suicide. Police did hasty on ATVs around vehicle, but no snow, no clues. Not enough evidence to start search and very limited resources available.

Mission #: 13-07-19

Date: 11/19/2013

Location: Mountains NE of El Rito, NAD 27 13S 389097 mE 4043829 mN

Teams Responding: Santa Fe SAR

Mission Summary: Three subjects pursuing wounded elk, caught by dark. Bivouacked one night with fire. Found next morning by SAR team following their tracks in the snow.

Mission #: 13-07-20

Date: 11/30/2013

Location: 17 miles west of Hwy 285 on FSR 87

Teams Responding: Taos SAR

Mission Summary: Two subjects elk hunting stuck in snow, called 911 approx. 1505 ask to be rescued. IC and Taos SAR member rescued subjects.

Mission #: 13-07-21

Date: 12/4/2013

Location: Subjects rescued by relatives

Teams Responding: Northern Snowdrift Breakers

Mission Summary: Three subjects stuck in snowdrift on Forest Rd 133 near Lucero Lakes. Spent night in pickup. One team activated. Subjects rescued by relatives before SAR arrived. SAR RO interviewed subjects at the Tres Piedras Ranger Station. Subject's location was: UTM 399400 x 4071900

Mission #: 13-07-22

Date: 12/31/2013

Location: Believed the subject was about 3 miles North of Hwy 64 off of MM 200

Teams Responding: New Year's Eve, very hard to find resource but finally had Taos SAR, Santa Fe SAR, NM Snowdrift Breakers, Rocky Mt SAR, Pajarito SAR on standby, most could not deploy till morning.

Mission Summary: Subject was located by Able 6 and rescued by state police officer and the reporting party before resources were activated or before IC arrived at Incident Base.

Mission #: 13-08-01

Date: 2/24/2013

Location: Laborcita Canyon Trail - Mescalero/Lincoln Forest

Teams Responding: Not specified.

Mission Summary: Hiker in unknown type of distress, wearing blue jeans, t-shirt, camo jacket and baseball cap was with 2 other hikers. They hiked out. No info on why he was left alone.

Mission #: 13-08-02

Date: 3/21/2013

Location: 13S 0428473 3681214

Teams Responding: Atalaya SAR, White Mountain SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, Chaves County SAR

Mission Summary: Subject went to drop off wife in Alamogordo and never returned home on 3/7/13. His sister reported him missing. RO Note: Vehicle of missing subject discovered on 3/19/13 on/or near the Mescalero Apache Reservation by BIA agents. SAR initiated after NMSP received notification of located vehicle.

Mission #: 13-08-03

Date: 4/17/2013

Location: Subject walked out by Boardwalk area, White Sands National Monument

Teams Responding: Mesilla Valley SAR, Dona Ana County SAR, Atalaya SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad all called and en route but cancelled

Mission Summary: Called to assist National Park Service in searching for lost hiker. Subject went out hiking to take photographs around 1000 on 4/16/13, never returned to vehicle.

Mission #: 13-08-04

Date: 5/25/2013

Location: Walking cross-country near road leading from IB to TH62

Teams Responding: Mesilla Valley SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, White Mountain SAR, Cibola SAR

Mission Summary: 45-year-old male hiker reported overdue while hiking near Capitan Peak. The two-person hiking party separated when one of the hikers became tired (RP). Subject continued to finish hike to Capitan Peak (cross country from TR62 to peak). Subject never returned to agreed-upon meeting spot. Reporting party then returned to TH and waited several hours before calling 911. Subject was located following morning by search teams near road leading to TH.

Mission #: 13-08-05

Date: 6/1/2013

Location: On Trail #25 by the Apache Reservation employees

Teams Responding: White Mountain SAR, Chavez County SAR

Mission Summary: Contacted by NMSP D-8 reported that the subject called Forest Service, stated they were lost and did not know if his wife could make the trip out with medical conditions. Spoke with subject directly. They were in good shape but he had concerns that his wife may have a medical issue if she was over exerted. He told me where he was on the trail, Junction of #25 and the Overlook trail. I called out White Mountain SAR and Chaves County. Teams were in route. Contacted subject again and they were feeling fine and had supplies, I stated to stay on the trail and head south toward the Ski Area and there were Reservation employees heading their way on a 6-wheeler and then on foot. Before leaving Las Cruces the subjects were reached and I called off the resources at or about 1730.

Mission #: 13-08-06

Date: 6/1/2013

Location: Subject used a SPOT locator. 13S 0426869 3789860

Teams Responding: None called out.

Mission Summary: Contacted by NMSP D-8, reported that the subject had crashed a glider and gave a lat/ long for the location. I could not convert or locate the location from the lat/long given. The subject used a SPOT locator (13S 0426853 3791077) and I mapped the crash and his location at near the top of the mountain at Magdalena Peak. I contacted the subject via his phone, (no injuries) I told him to head due south up the ridge to the radio towers he could see and let him know there was a road there and I stated he would be picked up by a sheriff's deputy or the NMSP. I spoke with Torrance County deputy and instructed him on how to get up the mountain from his current location. Subject called me back at 2034 to say he was at the road and the officer pulled up at that time.

Mission #: 13-08-07

Date: 7/13/2013

Location: White Sands National Monument

Teams Responding: Called Mesilla Valley SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, Dona Ana County SAR, DASMP, Atalaya SAR, BORSTAR

Mission Summary: 17-year-old on school trip to WSNM was to return to bus at 2100hrs on 7/12/13. School searched till 2300, then notified Park officials. WSNM said Border Patrol was out tracking with a dog.

Mission #: 13-08-08

Date: 7/16/2013

Location: Private citizens met up with subject at the end of Apache Trail near Fort Stanton

Teams Responding: Mesilla Valley SAR

Mission Summary: 61-year-old male horseback rider, 3 hours overdue. Vehicle and horse trailer parked at picnic area near Hwy 220 and Hwy 380.

Mission #: 13-08-09

Date: 8/1/2013

Location: Located 15 miles west of his vehicle, from Alkali Flats Trail

Teams Responding: Not specified.

Mission Summary: Subject went to White Sands National Monument at 1730 to take photos. Kept walking as sun was setting and became lost. Walked most of night toward blinking red lights.

Mission #: 13-08-10

Date: 8/20/2013

Location: Not specified.

Teams Responding: Mesilla Valley SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, Dona Ana County SAR, Atalaya SAR, White Mountain SAR, Chavez SAR, Socorro SAR, Cibola SAR, DACMP, BORSTAR, BP

Mission Summary: Second Operational Period. Arrived at the IB at 0600 on the 21st. The previous search had provided on a few questionable sightings and no clues or sign as to direction of travel. Subject had reported walked out of the nursing home at about 0230 on the 20th. The first operational period was operated under a Unified Command with local agencies and the SAR component was assigned to search the North end of Alamogordo and provide containment. Most assignments were from 1st St north to the La Luz area. This was mainly covered by vehicle patrols. Later in Operational Period #1 the SAR component took over command of management and then searches began in the foothills and adjacent area to LKP. In the second Operational Period we focused mainly on the open areas adjacent to the LKP and grid searched to obtain a high POD for a subject down. We searched under the premise that the subject was either down or in the ROW or he would have been located in the rural areas.

Mission #: 13-08-11

Date: 9/2/2013

Location: 13S 0475609 3711718 off Trail 62 in Capitan Mountains

Teams Responding: White Mountain SAR

Mission Summary: Subject hiking up Trail 64 on Boy Scout Mountain to take photos got to top of mountain, got turned around and got lost. Called wife about 1530 on 9/2/13 said he was lost. Said he was SW of a river bed.

Mission #: 13-08-12

Date: 9/7/2013

Location: 189 Ruth Rd, Nogal, NM

Teams Responding: Mesilla Valley SAR (callout), Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad (callout), Atalaya SAR (callout), Socorro SAR (callout), Dona Ana County SAR (callout)

Mission Summary: Subject was guiding a group of hunters on a scouting trip in the Loma Grande area near Hwy 37. Subject's wife was to pick up subject at 2200 at 189 Ruth Rd. Subject was not present at arranged time. Group subject was with made it out of area. LCSO deputy sent to interview scouting group, and set up passive attraction w/vehicle lights. MI sent to 189 Ruth Rd to interview wife. Approx. 0330, subject was located by MI traveling to intended point.

Mission #: 13-08-13

Date: 10/24/2013

Location: Subject located on south side of San Andres Canyon

Teams Responding: Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, Atalaya SAR, Mesilla Valley SAR, Chaves County SAR, White Mountain SAR

Mission Summary: Subject was mountain biking from Sunspot to Dog Canyon, crashed and broke both feet.

Mission #: 13-08-14

Date: 12/20/2013

Location: Subjects found at junction of trail 34 and trail 54 by Bonito VFD.

Teams Responding: White Mountain SAR, Atalaya SAR

Mission Summary: Two 22-year-old females went hiking the afternoon of 12/19/13. It got dark on them. One called her boyfriend and told him they would stay put till morning and then hike out. In the morning the subjects determined they were lost and needed help.

Mission #: 13-09-01

Date: 1/26/2013

Location: 34° 21.81' N 104° 57.99'

Teams Responding: Sandia Search Dogs, Chaves Co SAR, Cibola SAR, NM SAR Support Team, NMSAR D-2, San Miguel SAR, NM Mounted SAR, White Mountain SAR, Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, Alamogordo SAR, Bernalillo County ARES

Mission Summary: Subject walked away from ranch house 1545 1/25/2013. Family and friends searched until 0145 1/26/13. 0310, 1/26/13 NMSP called - search initiated. Subjects found at 1145, air transported to UNM Hospital.

Mission #: 13-09-02

Date: 6/27/2013

Location: 34° 26.08' N 104° 55.90' W

Teams Responding: CSAR, Sandia Search Dogs, NM SAR Support Team, Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, Chaves Co SAR, EMSAR, Atalaya SAR, NM Mounted SAR, Yeso Fire, Santa Fe SAR

Mission Summary: Alzheimer subject wandered from home in early hours of 6/27/13. Found deceased 1 mile north of residence at 1100 on 6/28/13 by NMNG Blackhawk. OMI notified and subject taken to Santa Rosa by Torrance County OMI.

Mission #: 13-09-03

Date: 12/7/2013

Location: Overturned pickup off ranch road on Peterson's ranch near Tucumcari, NM

Teams Responding: Philmont SAR, Tucumcari EMS, Quay County Sheriff's Department, State Police D-9

Mission Summary: Subject was working on his ranch checking on livestock. Pickup slid off road and overturned in creek trapping subject. Subject was able to make one call on cell phone. Subject thought back was broken. Weather below freezing with snow. Specific location on ranch not known. Used cell call to approximate location. Tucumcari EMS and Quay Sheriff Department were able to locate subject and found way to access subject and vehicle safely. Medical treatment was provided. Number of personnel and list of names for local support unknown.

Mission #: 13-11-01

Date: 2/16/2013

Location: In water by NMSP dive team directly west of IB

Teams Responding: Mesilla Valley SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, Socorro SAR, Dona Ana County SAR

Mission Summary: 19-year-old male reported missing from camp site at East side of Caballo Lake (near dam). Subject located (2nd Ops period) by NMSP Dive Team in water near LKP.

Mission #: 13-11-02

Date: 4/16/2013

Location: Hwy 32, 5 mile S of MM 18 UTM 12S 0716156 x 3770773 NAD 83

Teams Responding: Catron County SAR, Socorro SAR, Grant County SAR

Mission Summary: The subject became separated from a hunting companion late in the day of April 15 and wandered around in the forest until coming out on Hwy 32 after dark. He was then spotted by an off-duty NMSP Transportation Officer who transported the subject to the store at Apache Creek where he was left to contact his hunting companions at their camp. Unable to do so, the subject spent the night there. In the morning he was again spotted by Officer Strain and transported back up Hwy 32, where he was left with the gathering SAR team members and interviewed by the IC upon his arrival.

Mission #: 13-11-03

Date: 5/6/2013

Location: On Collins Park Road, approximate location UTM NAD 27 12S 0732602 x 3724573

Teams Responding: Catron Co. SAR, Grant Co. SAR, Socorro SAR, Cibola SAR, NM Mounted SAR, Mesilla Valley SAR, Dona Ana County SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad

Mission Summary: The subject was part of a group of three (father, son, and nephew) who were collecting elk antler sheds. They had split up for the day between 0900 and 1000 and had agreed to meet back at their vehicle at 1600 that afternoon. When the subject (father) did not return, his son and nephew used sound attraction and a road search in an attempt to find him. After spending the night in the area, they drove into Reserve the next morning to contact the Catron County Sheriff's Department, which passed it on to NMSP. A search was initiated that morning and continued into a second day without locating the subject. During this time, the subject walked approximately 10 miles to the northeast from the point last seen, spending two nights out, before being encountered on the Collins Park Road by a local rancher, some 60 hours later. The subject, who was in good condition, was then returned to Incident Base by family members.

Mission #: 13-11-04

Date: 6/1/2013

Location: Near Rattlesnake Tank about 1.5 miles from subject's residence.

Teams Responding: Not specified

Mission Summary: 12-year-old subject was given permission by parents to leave his residence but did not return. Parents reported him missing to Catron County SO, who then began an initial search and later called NMSP a few hours later when hasty search unsuccessful. Shortly after mission initiated by NMSP and IC assigned, a CCSO Officer made audio contact with subject and SAR activity was put on standby pending further update from CCSO Officer. When locating subject became imminent, CCSO Officer requested SAR to stand down and mission was closed. CCSO Officer successfully located and retrieved subject in good condition inside the Gila National Forest boundary approximately 1.5 miles from subject's residence.

Mission #: 13-11-05

Date: 6/30/2013

Location: 34° 7.967' N 108° 29.362' W Subjects were 8 feet apart

Teams Responding: Catron County SAR, Apache Creek EMS/Fire, Socorro SAR, McKinley County SAR, Grant County SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, Cibola SAR, Sandia Search Dogs, Mesilla Valley SAR, USFS, BORSTAR, CAP, NM SAR Support Team, NMSP Dive Team, Able 6, Catron County SO, Apache SAR

Mission Summary: Subjects were wading and swimming in Quemado Lake on Sunday afternoon with six other youths. Subjects were last seen in close proximity to location where found, but no one stated that they saw the subjects go under water or struggling. Searchers were unable to find tracks exiting the lake. NMSP Divers were called in and conducted sonar and visual search of lake. Search teams searched surrounding area. The subjects were found in fourth operational period by NMSP Divers.

Mission #: 13-11-06

Date: 8/18/2013

Location: UTM NAD83 12S 0727261 x 3697302

Teams Responding: Grant Co SAR, Socorro SAR, Cibola SAR, Mesilla Valley SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, Sandia Search Dogs, Able 6, White Mountain SAR, Catron Co. SAR

Mission Summary: A 44-year-old male was scouting for elk with three companions on the Iron Creek Mesa in the Gila Wilderness in advance of the elk hunting season. Having injured his back from a fall from his horse the previous day, he decided to scout for elk on foot while his companions did likewise on horseback on the afternoon of 8/17/13. When his companions returned to camp that evening and found the subject not there, they searched the area around the camp at Iron Creek Lake without success and reported the subject missing the following morning on 8/18/13. A ground search by a SAR team commenced that night with additional ground teams and a dog team starting at daylight on 8/19/13, later joined by NMSP Able 6 helicopter. The dog team had picked up subject's scent just before the subject was spotted by Able 6, which landed and evacuate the subject to a hospital. The subject was uninjured but suffered from dehydration and exposure, having spent two nights without shelter or food.

Mission #: 13-11-07

Date: 9/16/2013

Location: Subject found at UTM NAD 83 12S 0694645 x 3694865; subject's vehicle found at UTM NAD83 12S 0704086 x 3697776

Teams Responding: Mesilla Valley SAR, Grant County SAR, Socorro SAR, Silver City FD, Sandia Search Dogs, Dona Ana County SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, Santa Fe SAR, K-9 Forensics

Mission Summary: On the night of Saturday, 9/14/13, an 83-year-old male left the town of Mogollon to move his vehicle out of the way of an impending flood. On the way out of town, the vehicle was apparently overtaken by a flood that rushed down the main road and washed the subject's vehicle down into Silver Creek. The vehicle stopped about 1/4 mile down the creek from the road where it became filled with mud and debris. The subject was not found in the vehicle and was possibly buried near the vehicle or washed further down the creek by the flood surge. Over the next few days, a search was conducted in the Silver Creek and Mineral Creek drainages and surrounding area, using aircraft, ground teams, search dogs and ATV teams. The search was suspended after four days when no trace of the subject was found.

Mission #: 13-11-08

Date: 9/19/2013

Location: Subjects self-evacuated. On highway

Teams Responding: NMNG

Mission Summary: Received call about party of hunters, unknown number, who had been stranded due to weather. Initial RP was BLM rangers who subjects had called. Vehicles had become bogged down in mud. Had been stranded for 10 days but only had brought supplies for 5 days. Limited cell coverage to subjects since it was reported that their camp was in a low spot and they had to climb to get any coverage. Did receive a set of coordinates. Contacted NMNG to activate air search and rescue. By the time NMNG helo was on-scene, the subjects had managed to get unstuck when another person had happened by their camp. This information was obtained via cell phone with subject when NMNG reported that no trucks or persons were located at the coordinates.

Mission #: 13-11-09

Date: 9/30/2013

Location: 13S 289306mE x 3797835mN, 1.1 miles east of FSR 123 on hillside of Mesa Cencerro, Cibola NF, Socorro County

Teams Responding: Socorro SAR, Catron County SAR, Grant County SAR, Chavez County SAR, White Mountain SAR, Mesilla Valley SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, Dona Ana County SAR, Cibola SAR, Sandia Search Dogs

Mission Summary: Subject failed to return to his residence after driving down to his property at Abbe Springs Subdivision north of Magdalena. Socorro SO notified by RP and conducted brief search during daylight hours 9/30. SAR mission initiated and began late Monday night. Subject's vehicle and shack located and used as LKP. Subject's tracks followed on and off over next 3 Operational Periods. An unoccupied cabin located where subject believed to have attempted break-in during Operational Period 3, but no tracks at cabin. Operational Period 4 search operations focused on area 1/2 mile radius of cabin with air, ground, and dog teams. Subject's body located from air by Able 6 approximately 400 yards from cabin.

Mission #: 13-11-10

Date: 10/6/2013

Location: Springtime Campground, Cibola NF, Magdalena RD, Socorro County

Teams Responding: None called out.

Mission Summary: RP called NMSP Truth or Consequences substation approximately 1940 to say subject was overdue from group hike to summit of San Mateo Peak. NMSP initiated mission at 2110 hours based on RP phone call and then drove out to RP location for further interview with RP. While en route to Springtime Campground, RP notified NMSP dispatch at 2138 that subject returned to campground to rejoin hiking group and was uninjured and OK. Mission closed at 2145. No resources called out and all communications between NMSP and SAR took place over the phone.

Mission #: 13-11-11

Date: 10/14/2013

Location: 6.0 miles northeast of Luna New Mexico on Centerfire Road

Teams Responding: Not specified.

Mission Summary: Subject was left at vehicle by two partners who were pursuing an elk. When partners returned, subject was not there. (Subject tried to circle around to assist the two partners. He heard gun shots and walked toward them.) Subject spent night out and was found by other hunters the next morning.

Mission #: 13-11-12

Date: 10/20/2013

Location: Tracks were found departing the area at Pueblo Creek Road and US 180

Teams Responding: ART, Dona Ana County SAR, CAP, Socorro SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, NM Mounted SAR, Blue River SAR, Apache County Posse, BORSTAR, Mesilla Valley SAR

Mission Summary: Subject was reported missing at around 1000 on 10/20/13 to USFS #366. Mission was initiated and area was searched. Tracks matching subject's boots were found departing the primary search area, the family camp, and the overall search area.

Mission #: 13-11-13

Date: 12/7/2013

Location: Elephant Butte near Three Sisters area. 297774 x 3683777

Teams Responding: Not specified.

Mission Summary: Subject was reported overdue. Subject's belongings and contents of his boat were found in the Lost Canyon area. Subject was found north of Lost Canyon in the Three Sisters area.

Mission #: 13-12-02

Date: 1/19/2013

Location: UTM NAD 83 12S 071906 x 3651977

Teams Responding: Grant County SAR, Grant County SP, USFS, BORSAR, Upper Mimbres VFR

Mission Summary: A 74-year-old male with a medical history left to go woodcutting with his two dogs early Friday afternoon, January 18. Later that afternoon, his truck became stuck on a two-track road off FR 4080Y in the Gila NF when it hung up on a stump. He decided to remain with the vehicle for the night and built a fire to keep warm. In the morning, he walked back to the forest road to await a passing vehicle for assistance, but none ever came. He finally decided to leave his hat at the side of the road with an arrow pointing towards the two-track road where his vehicle was located and then returned to his truck. Late Saturday afternoon on January 19, a vehicle search team spotted the hat and arrow and went down the two-track road, where they found the subject in good shape.

Additional resources were brought in to free the subject's vehicle, and the subject was able to drive his truck to Incident Base.

Mission #: 13-12-03

Date: 3/16/2013

Location: On Continental Divide Trail at 12S 751517 x 3638082 (WGS84)

Teams Responding: Grant County SAR

Mission Summary: Subjects' intent was to take a short bike ride on the Gomez Peak trails before it got dark. Subjects had missed a trail post sign and kept riding west. When it became dark the subjects realized they did not know which way to go. Subjects only had one small flashlight and were not dressed for the cold. Subjects called 911 asking for assistance.

Mission #: 13-12-04

Date: 4/21/2013

Location: At home in Silver City

Teams Responding: Not specified

Mission Summary: Around 2100 on April 20, a USFS LEO reported that two fully outfitted horses, one for a rider, the other a pack animal, were found without riders at Woody's Corral near the Gila Cliff Dwellings. The license plate of the only truck and trailer at the corral was run, and an attempt was made to contact the owner of the vehicle without success. Assuming there might be an injured rider somewhere on the trail, the LEO and District Ranger searched the trail for about two miles south of the corral but were unable to locate the subject. Based on this information and discussion among the FC, AC and NMSP officer, a mission number was issued. Almost immediately, the NMSP officer was able to contact the owner of the truck and horses and learned that the owner's hunting companion had been injured when he was thrown from his horse. The owner then took his companion to the local hospital for treatment, apparently in another vehicle. With all parties accounted for, the mission was closed.

Mission #: 13-12-05

Date: 4/25/2013

Location: UTM NAD83 12S 0755959 x 368094

Teams Responding: Gila NF Fire Crew, Grant County SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, Mesilla Valley SAR

Mission Summary: The subject was backpacking alone in Little Bear Canyon when she fell and broke her lower right leg about 3.25 miles north of TJ's Corral. Another backpacker, who was an EMT from Utah, came across her, assessed her condition, and reported the situation at the Gila Cliff Dwellings Visitor Center. Following a conference between the Gila NF Wilderness District Ranger and IC, a fire crew was dispatched to the subject to evacuate her via a litter. Two other SAR teams were also deployed to assist with the litter carry, which was completed seven hours after the initial call out. The subject was then transported via ambulance to the Gila Regional Medical Center in Silver City for treatment.

Mission #: 13-12-07

Date: 5/25/2013

Location: Subject walked back to house.

Teams Responding: Grant County SAR

Mission Summary: A 69-year-old female with moderate dementia walked away from her house when no one was watching. Subject walked back to house as SAR teams were in route to IB.

Mission #: 13-12-08

Date: 7/29/2013

Location: Subject found in Columbus, NM

Teams Responding: Grant County SAR, LCSAR, Mesilla Valley SAR

Mission Summary: Subject was reported to family as having jumped off a railroad bridge into the Mimbres River. People told family that the subject appeared injured and other people told family that they removed his body from the river. Deming PD requested assistance in searching along river bank. As search teams worked, DPD interviewed people who had talked with the family, and those people changed their stories and said they only heard rumors. As teams were finishing their assignments the subject was located in Columbus, NM. Luna County Sheriff Department transported subject back to Deming.

Mission #: 13-12-09

Date: 8/3/2013

Location: UTM NAD83 12S 0756378 x 3668749 (approximate location on Gila River)

Teams Responding: Grant County SAR, NPS, VMSAR, Dona Ana County SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, NMNG

Mission Summary: On August 3, 2013, two males and one female in their early 20s went canoeing on the East Fork of the Gila River. Unfamiliar with the area, they inadvertently turned into the main channel of the Gila River and rapidly proceeded downstream into the Gila Wilderness. The female was a diabetic and did not have any medication with her, nor did the three have any food, water, or extra clothing beyond their T-shirts, jeans; and sneakers. After overturning their canoe several times and losing their paddles, they eventually spent the night on the river bank. Ground teams were deployed during the night to search along the river, and containment was established at the river in Cliff. A NM National Guard helicopter arrived on the morning of August 4 and quickly spotted the subjects, who were airlifted to Incident Base at the Gila Cliff Dwellings Visitor Center. They subjects were evaluated by EMS, determined not to require medical treatment and released.

Mission #: 13-12-10

Date: 8/12/2013

Location: Near trail at approx. 12S 745990 x 3635240 (NAD 27)

Teams Responding: Grant County SAR

Mission Summary: 18-year-old female went hiking with mother and friend. Subject was hiking out ahead and became separated when she missed a turn in the trail. When mother arrived back at the car she called 911. As SAR teams were being called out, subject was located by USFS employee who had responded with USFS LEO.

Mission #: 13-12-11

Date: 8/27/2013

Location: 12S 754234 3686464 (NAD 27)

Teams Responding: Grant County SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad

Mission Summary: Subjects had traveled to Gila National Forest in their RV and did not leave any trip details regarding their weekend plans. Subjects did not return home Sunday evening and missed meetings on Monday. The RV was located Tuesday morning at TJ Corral. As SAR teams were en route to IB, the subject #1 and another hiker had flagged down the State Police Officer who was en route to the RV to post a note on the RV. The subject reported that the group had hiked to Jordan Hot Springs to camp and that on Sunday morning the water levels had increased and they were not able to leave camp on Sunday. When they tried to leave Monday, they made 3 crossings before they determined it was too dangerous and made camp. SAR teams went to subjects' location and help the 6 subjects and 2 dogs cross the remaining 13 river crossings.

Mission #: 13-12-12

Date: 9/11/2013

Location: UTM NAD 83 12 S 0757735 3683310

Teams Responding: Silver City FD, Grant County SAR

Mission Summary: A backpacking group of two adults and seven students from Aldo Leopold High School became stranded on the west side of the Middle Fork of the Gila River when the river rose unexpectedly from heavy rains. They spent three nights there before a request was made by the school director to provide a rescue, after determining that two other groups from the school could not do so safely. A swift water rescue team was deployed with comms support to undertake the rescue and ferry the group across the river, which was safely accomplished. All group members were returned to Incident Base, and no group member required medical attention.

Mission #: 13-12-13

Date: 9/13/2013

Location: UTM NAD83 12 S 0754914 x 3686228 (near Jordan Hot Springs)

Teams Responding: NMNG, Grant County SAR, Mesilla Valley SAR, Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad, Dona Ana County SAR

Mission Summary: A couple with a small child left Woody's Corral for a nine-day backpacking trip in the Gila Wilderness on 9/3/13, intending to return by 9/12/13. They became stranded by high water on the Middle Fork of the Gila River on 9/10/13, where they met another couple in the same situation. When the first couple did not return as planned and was determined to most likely be stranded by high water, a mission was initiated on 9/13/13. On the morning of 9/14/13 an aerial search quickly located the subjects, along with the other couple near Jordan Hot Springs, where their camp had been washed away by the flood surge on the river. All subjects were evacuated via hoist and returned safely to Incident Base, where they were evaluated and determined not to need any medical attention.

Mission #: 13-12-14

Date: 9/14/2013

Location: UTM NAD83 12 S 0753460 x 3664823

Teams Responding: US Customs and Border Patrol

Mission Summary: Five individuals in two rafts commenced a three-day trip down the Gila River at 1100 on 9/14/13 from the Gila Hot Springs. The group was well equipped and provisioned, intending to pull out at the Gila Box Campground in Gila. Thirty minutes after group departed, an historic flood surge with a large debris field came down the river behind the rafts. The wife of one of the individuals was very concerned that the debris field may have sunk their rafts, stranding the group and possibly injuring its members in the middle of the wilderness with no way out. An aerial search was commenced on the morning of 9/15/13 to locate the subjects and determine their condition. The group was located on the river about 10 miles from Hwy 15 and was determined to be in good condition and planning to continue their trip.

Mission #: 13-20-01

Date: 3/6/2013

Location: CNM Maintenance Training Facility, 4700 Alameda Blvd, Albuquerque

Teams Responding: CAP, NM SAR Support Team, Cibola SAR (on stand-by)

Mission Summary: Ground teams DF'd 121.5 MHz signal to aircraft maintenance training facility, found ELT, shut it off, confirmed signal was gone. After the ELT was deactivated, one ground team member across town reported hearing possible carrier (no warble tone) on 121.5 MHz Continued with plans to launch CAP 3056 to sweep the area to ensure there was no other signal. CAP 3056 worked the corridor from Belen to Hwy 550 (approx. 50 miles) [there had been an ELT going off near Belen earlier in the day]. CAP 3056 found no signal (carrier or warble) then RTB'd---mission terminated.

Mission #: 13-20-02

Date: 5/18/2013

Location: Whiskey Creek Airport, Silver City, NM

Teams Responding: Grant County SAR

Mission Summary: The AFRCC received an ELT signal (121.5) from an aircraft in the Grant-Luna County area at 1100. Because the AFRCC was unable to more precisely locate the signal, two local ELT teams were deployed. These teams were able to narrow the search area to the Whiskey Creek Airport east of Silver City. Upon arrival there, the teams further narrowed the search to a large hanger where four aircraft were stored. After a search of all aircraft it was determined that a Super Piper Cub with tail number N91246 was emitting the signal. Local airport personnel disabled the ELT, which apparently had been accidentally activated by persons unknown or by a technical malfunction.

Mission #: 13-20-03

Date: 11/15/2013

Location: Not specified.

Teams Responding: Not specified.

Mission Summary: AFRCC notified SAR RO of an unregistered ELT/PLB signal. Two possible locations, one at 33° 40.2' N 107° 28.7' W and the other in Mexico. Area Commander notified. Another pass of a satellite pick up no signal.

Third pass also pick up no signal. Mission terminated.