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SAR24000001	1/3/2024	03-Jan-24	R. Overmier		Walked out on own	Report of hikers stranded on top of White Horse Mountain after dark unprepared. Need assistance getting off the mountain. Other unknown persons contacted subjects and guided them off the mountain.	1	1
SAR24000002	1/6/2024	07-Jan-24	B. Dyea	AMRC, CISAR, BCFR, BCSO, APD Open Space, AtSAR, SFSAR, LAAFB,	13S 368019E 3896826N (Approx. the five mile mark on the upper La Luz trail)	BCFD requesting NMSAR teams to assist with 3 subjects that were stuck midway up La Luz trailhead. BCFD confirmed subject(s) location via drone. Subject 1 (Male) Subject 2 (Male) Subject 3 (Female) The weather was clear, winds existed, air was extremely cold w/ trails being icy, and snow packed, making the terrain for rescue teams & extraction of subjects extremely difficult & dangerous in addition to impacting the subjects' health conditions once teams made contact. When rescuers made contact w. subjects, it was determined that all subjects needed to be treated with Hypo wraps, for frostbite and dehydration, and allowed time to warm them for walk out. During this time, rescuers determined that only 1 subject was ready to walkout, (male subject 1) but due to the severity of the other 2 remaining subjects (Male subject 2 & Female subject 3) a helicopter extraction would be needed as a life threat was imminent for female subject specifically. Ultimately, a team was formed and male subject 1 was able to walk out with rescuers making it to IB without incident. However, during this time, male subject 2's condition improved, so a determination was made to form a new team to start walking male subject 2 out also and although at a very slow pace was, male subject 2 ultimately made it to IB without further incident. Female subject 3, the most severe of the subjects, was 100% dependent on rescuers and resources, as she was not able to care for herself in any way, walk, or make any attempts to save herself due to severe frostbite, hypothermia, and overall health condition. A Helicopter was requested, but the time to extraction was unknown, forcing the rescue team to work together utilizing a sked to extract the female subject, making every attempt possible to ensure a safe rescue was provided to the subject. During the efforts of the rescue teams moving female subject 3 via sked, word was received that a helicopter was inbound and it was determined that the female subject 3, would be provided helicopter extraction. At this time, rescue teams prepared the female subject 3 to be hoisted from their current location and taken to care which ultimately was completed. When the subjects were cleared from the mountain, "return to base," for the remaining rescue personnel, and a stand down at 1159.	50	469
SAR24000003	1/13/2024	13-Jan-24	T. Gaier		Pan American Freeway, ABQ, NM	74 Year-old Male with dementia walked away from the Bear Canyon Rehabilitation Center at approximately 0830, 13 January 2024. Was last seen at or near the Horse and Angel Tavern at 1000. State police was ask by APD to assist in the search for the man. The man was located by APD on Pan American Freeway at approximately 1950.	1	2
SAR24000004	1/15/2024	15-Jan-24	M. Holmes	LAAFB, TSAR, SFSAR, ATsAR	0.75 mi West on road from stuck vehicle IPP, ~50ft off road. Coordinates: 13S 0352662E 4065505N	47 yof departed RP's house ~1700 1/14. RP drove down road searching for her ~1800 (community is gated and requires resident to remotely unlock gate, subject had not phone RP to open gate), found stuck vehicle at 13S 0353408E 4066031N (~1 mi E of RPs house). DPS response evening 1/14. SAR called 1/15, ground teams searched roads, found bottle, found footprints, followed clues, found subject deceased at 1838 1/15.	19	58
SAR24000007	1/18/2024	18-Jan-24	L. Wlosinski		The subject began walking along an unknown road/jeep trail. She was found by a hunter and transported by private vehicle to Silver City.	A long distance, charity trail running event began on the CDT near C Bar Ranch on the morning of 1/18/24. Runners were to complete a 60 mile course along the CDT and public roads/trails to Silver City in mountain winter conditions. At approximately the 8 mile mark, the runners stopped at the CDT/Jack's Peak TH on Hwy 90 for a planned rest break. One of the trail runners, subject, left the TH but immediately fell behind. The RP back tracked to the subject within a quarter mile of the TH. The subject assured the RP that she was ok and had her phone with GPS installed. The subject told the RP to continue running and that she would catch up. The trail runners stopped for a break at the Red Rock Rd junction with the CDT. The subject did not show up and her phone was discovered to be in the support vehicle. The RP and her partner contacted GCSO at approximately 1315 to report the missing runner. They were advised to wait until 1430 before requesting a search and rescue operation. The partner was unsuccessful in making phone contact with the GCSO and assumed a mission was started. The runners continued on to Silver City while the partner drove the roads searching for the subject. Subject injured while hunting 2 miles north of Texas border, repeatedly called 911, kept getting routed to Texas until he called NMSP office. Extended travel time of 3 hours to get on site, upon arrival met with BP and Game and Fish who had extracted subject. LCFD triaged subject and subject was extracted by Native Air from Las Cruces to El Paso hospital. No one was deployed in field.	1	3
SAR24000008	1/20/2024	21-Jan-24	R. Garcia	MVSAR, NMSARCOM, DACSAR, OMTRS, LCFIRE, USBP, NMGF	13S 0451342E 3543240N	Subject injured while hunting 2 miles north of Texas border, repeatedly called 911, kept getting routed to Texas until he called NMSP office. Extended travel time of 3 hours to get on site, upon arrival met with BP and Game and Fish who had extracted subject. LCFD triaged subject and subject was extracted by Native Air from Las Cruces to El Paso hospital. No one was deployed in field.	24	35

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SAR24000009	1/21/2024	21-Jan-24	M. Griffin	SF Ski Patrol	13S 0428489E 3959270N	15 YOM broke leg while skiing out of bounds near Santa Fe Ski Area. SF Ski Patrol extracted subject down to ambulance at Big Tesuque/Aspen Vista Trailhead.	10	28
SAR24000010	2/1/2024	01-Feb-24	A. Imler	GCSAR	Subject was located in the neighborhood of where she lives.	80 year old woman with advanced dementia walked away from her home. Subject was found by emerging volunteers while GCSAR members were in route but before GCSAR arrived at IB.	8	5
SAR24000011	2/3/2024	03-Feb-24	P. Dickson	Santa Fe Ski Area Ski Patrol	Tesuque Creek Trail: 25.78199, -105.79233	Three subjects became disoriented after inadvertently crossing downed out of bounds ropes at Santa Fe Ski Area. They self-reported and were located and escorted back by Ski Patrol.	6	0
SAR24000013	2/9/2024	10-Feb-24	V. Lyautey	AMRC, CISAR, La Plata SAR, ATsAR, Farmington Fire	36.74925 -107.74735	https://sartopo.com/m/CC15G Rescued him off of cliff ledge and sent to hospital.	31	105
SAR24000014	2/12/2024	13-Feb-24	M. Griffin	ATSAR, LAAFB, SFSAR	13S 0391656E 3963647N	Recovery of 16 YOM who fell off of cliff edge near Hell's Hole. LAPD, LAFD, NMSAR, and NMSP joint recovery operation	19	100
SAR24000015	2/15/2024	15-Feb-24	T. Gaier	AMRC, CISAR, BCFD, AFR, BCSO, APD	Domingo Baca Trail	New Mexico State Police received a call from Bernalillo County Dispatch of an injured female on the Domingo Baca Trail and was requesting assistance in performing a litter evacuation of the woman. Ground personnel were sent to the location of the reporting and found the woman and her husband. The woman was litter evacuated to an awaiting ambulance at the incident command post.	38	83
SAR24000017	2/17/2024	17-Feb-24	R. Imler			Subject called SP to report an issue trying to get to Animas, NM. Due to subject's remote location, SP asked if we were available to assist subject. IC called subject, who advised he just wanted a ride to Animas. Upon being advised that we would be returning to Silver City, subject advised he did not want our assistance and hung up.	1	1
SAR24000016	2/17/2024	17-Feb-24	R. Garcia	OMTRS, NMSARCOM	13S 0420528E 3627214N	Subjects hiking from Oliver Lee to Sunspot Observatory became lost and called husband to get them, husband became stuck on westside road in mud. Low for night was 27* and no wrecker would respond to them because of location.	4	10
SAR24000018	2/23/2024	23-Feb-24	R. Overmier		Roswell Airport	Subjects were recovered by a passerby before SAR arrived on scene ELT signal set off in the Roswell Airport area. United Express N433 AW, CRJ200 Aircraft in for maintenance had an accidental activation of the ELT. Maintenance crew entered the aircraft and deactivated the beacon.	1	2
SAR24000019	3/2/2024	02-Mar-24	M. Holmes	LAAFB	13S 0380047E 3975957N	Local fire department (LAFD) called to request assistance with hiker lost on local Los Alamos Guaje Ridge trail. Local SAR team called out but Classic Air helicopter extracted subject before teams reached ICP.	1	2
SAR24000020	3/12/2024	13-Mar-24	T. Gaier	AMRC, CISAR, BCFR, BCSO	La Luz Trail near Tram House	Subject were trying to hike to the crest and encountered steep, ice covered terrain. They called 911 for assistance. NMSAR resources were able find and walkout all five subjects. Albuquerque Ambulance Service assessed and released all 5 subjects.	25	67
SAR24000021	3/16/2024	17-Mar-24	M. Holmes	TSAR, SdCdN	13S 0396388E 4090646N	4 individuals aged 18-20 y.o. in stuck vehicle (stuck in snow), activated iPhone satellite SOS. Vehicle & UTV teams called out to extract. En route driving, teams encountered CO Sheriff with subjects in custody. No teams entered field.	4	20
SAR24000021	3/16/2024	17-Mar-24	Matt Holmes	TSAR, SdCdN	13S 0396388E 4090646N	4 individuals aged 18-20 y.o. in stuck vehicle (stuck in snow), activated iPhone satellite sos. Vehicle & UTV teams called out to extract. En route driving, teams encountered CO sheriff with subjects in custody. No teams entered field.	4	20
SAR24000029	3/17/2024	17-Apr-24	B. Dyea	AMRC, CISAR, BCFR, BCSO, APD Open Space	13S 0365393E 3900314N Approx. 1.5 miles up Piedra Lisa trail.	Notified by D5 dispatch to call BCFR Chris, Called Chris, BCFR is requesting for NMSAR in a possible litter evacuation of an injured hiker on the Piedra Lisa trail. Called for mission number and requested a litter team from the ORD. M.	15	22
SAR240000022	3/21/2024	22-Mar-24	Tony Gaier	CISAR, AMRC, NMMSAR, SFCSP, SCFD, SCSO, BCSO	The 66 Pit Shop (on I-40)	Litter team assembled and the staging area ready to assist in the litter haul. Subject was riding a motorbike with friends when he got separated and never returned to camp. Friends searched for the subject for several hours before calling 911 for help. Sandoval County searched through the night and NMSAR was requested help with the search the next day. 1-hour into the search on March 22nd the subject was located.	23	34
SAR240000022	3/21/2024	22-Mar-24	T. Gaier	CISAR, AMRC, NMMSAR, SFCSP, SCFD, SCSO, BCSO	The 66 Pit Stop (on I-40)	Subject was riding a motorbike with friends when he got separated and never returned to camp. Friends searched for the subject for several hours before calling 911 for help. Sandoval County searched through the night and NMSAR was requested help with the search the next day. 1-hour into the search on March 22nd the subject was located.	23	34
SAR240000023	3/25/2024	25-Mar-24	B. Baker	No volunteers activated or deployed.	35.222114°N 106.492453°W	Subject went for a short afternoon hike. During the afternoon light snow showers and cold temperatures set in. 45 minutes into her hike, she called 911 to report that she was lost. The call went to Sandoval County and was redirected to Bernalillo County. BCFD contacted NM SAR for assistance. Once on scene, BCFD Batt 6 sent BCFD and BCSO personnel up trail to the reported coordinates. The team made contact with the subject and walked her out.	1	1

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SAR240000024	3/27/2024	27-Mar-24	B. Dyea	AMRC, CISAR, BCFR, BCSO, AFR, APD Open Space, AT SAR, SFSAR	13S 0366623E 3886324N Approximately 1 mile north of Embudo trail (Off trail)	<p>Was called by District 5 dispatch to call Justin Spain of AFR. called Justin Spain, he informed me of the situation off the Embudo trail. Justin requested NMSAR assistance for a technical rescue of three injured subjects about a mile north of the Embudo trail. I called for a mission number and requested NMSAR resources to safely conduct technical rescue operations of three injured hikers.</p> <p>Working in Unified Command, AFR, BCSO, and APD Open Space had sent hasty teams to the location of the know location of the injured hikers. NMSAR resources began arriving and assigned to assist in the possible ground evacuation of the three injured subjects, IB, communicated were set up to assist in the rescue, SAR 1 radio comms used for this operation. Subject lost; no flashlight; no water; confused about location; reported himself "lost in the woods" somewhere between Aguirre Springs and Filmore/Ice Canyon, between Baylor and Dripping Springs Road, nearest intersection Baylor Canyon Road</p> <p>Called 911 for help 2024-03-29 21:45, cell battery at 2%. Original Coordinates: 32.3399, -106.5795; Phase 2 location: 32.33990, -106.57950; 13S 0351353E 3579208N.</p>	46	84
SAR240000025	3/29/2024	20-Mar-24	P. Wright	MVSAR	13S 0351356E 3579210N	<p>3 teams deployed. Subject located, extracted, released by AMR personnel.</p> <p>Subject parked at the Cuesta Colorado trailhead and hiked down to the Rio Grande with two dogs. One dog became exhausted and the subject remained overnight with the dog near the river. Family hiked down the trail overnight but were unable to locate. Subject was spotted with binoculars by SAR ICS personnel on the west rim, and Classic Air was directed to that location. The subject and both dogs were evacuated to White Rock by Classic Air.</p> <p>https://sartopo.com/m/48D1J</p>	10	27
SAR240000026	3/31/2024	31-Mar-24	P. Dickson	Classic Air, Matt Griffin (UAV)	East bank of the Rio Grande in White Rock Canyon, 35.78137, -106.20401.	<p>3 teams deployed. Subject located, extracted, released by AMR personnel.</p> <p>Subject parked at the Cuesta Colorado trailhead and hiked down to the Rio Grande with two dogs. One dog became exhausted and the subject remained overnight with the dog near the river. Family hiked down the trail overnight but were unable to locate. Subject was spotted with binoculars by SAR ICS personnel on the west rim, and Classic Air was directed to that location. The subject and both dogs were evacuated to White Rock by Classic Air.</p>	4	14
SAR240000027	4/13/2024	14-Apr-24	L. Wlosinski, A. Imler (DEP)	GCSAR, Ft Bayard VFD, Pinos Altos VFD, Upper Mimbres VFD, Lower Mimbres VFD, Whiskey Creek VFD	13s 0229224 3645005 Rabb Canyon trail #747, Gila NF	<p>A female hiker with Long Covid was hiking on the Rabb Canyon #747 trail with the RP and her husband. They hiked in approximately 3.5 miles and stopped for lunch. The subject became cold, weak and had labored breathing and thus could not resume hiking. The man with the subject was a nurse and he feared that she would go into shock. The RP hiked out while her husband remained with the subject for care and support. The RP reached her car and drove to cell service and contacted NMSP. The RP gave an approximate location of the subject. The RP then left the area with cell service and could not be reached for further information. A litter carry-out was deemed necessary and the mission initiated at 1539.</p> <p>Due to a long response time by other SAR teams, local volunteer fire department members were contacted to help provide man power for the litter extraction.</p> <p>The subject was located and given a medical evaluation by a GCSAR Wilderness First Responder. She was in medical distress with elevated HR and respiration, hypothermic and in mild shock. Team members warmed and stabilized her. A FD volunteer with EMT certification arrived and helped provide support. A litter carry was performed and the subject arrived at the ICP at approximately 2355.</p> <p>EMS from Gila Regional Medical Center evaluated the subject at the ICP and further stabilized her. The subject declined transport to the hospital.</p>	22	130
SAR240000030	4/19/2024	19-Apr-24	M. Griffin	ATSAR	13S 0395160E 3960246N	<p>Agency request from Santa Fe Sheriff's Office to help locate and extract two injured males from Side by side that had rolled in Santa Fe National Forest near Diablo Canyon/Ortiz. SFCFD and Classic Air extracted with NMSAR assisting with LZ. No field teams deployed from ICP.</p>	8	17
NMSPR2406722	5/3/2024	04-May-24	M. Holmes	LAAFB, SSD, TSAR, ATSAR, PK9		<p>Subject last seen 4/20/24 walking into search area with handguns, stated to neighbor he was going to kill himself. State SAR initiated 5/3/24, searched 5/4/24 with ground and dog teams, subject not found.</p>	26	158
NMSPR2406743	5/4/2024	04-May-24	R. Overmier	CCSAR, CISAR, SSD, NMSP, Roswell PD, CCSO, Clovis PD, Portales PD, Archangel K9, NMMSAR, MVSAR, OMTRS		<p>Called out to assist FBI for 10 month old girl. Searched the Ned Houk Municipal Park north of Clovis NM. Child missing after double homicide at the park. Unknown if child wandered away from the scene in the park. Ground teams searched all open areas, playground equipment, buildings, and tree lines. Drones flew grid searches around the area of the park. NMSP dive team searched the lake. K9 teams air scented the area, all K9s tracked to the lake area.</p>	22	56
NMSPR2406785	5/4/2024	05-May-24	T. Gaier	AMRC, CISAR, APD, BCSO	Near 10K Trail (13S 0368748E 3898732N)	<p>Subject called 911, to report herself lost. Subject was located near the "911" coordinate location and walked out by BCFD.</p>	21	14