

2017 END-OF-YEAR REVIEW AND RESCUE REPORT



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DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

Grateful. That one word describes how we feel about almost everything we do around here. We are grateful to support 38 volunteers who give everything they can to this community. We are grateful to our community for donating 578 separate gifts to our organization through Old Bill's Fun Run. We are grateful for our community partners who help spread our mission to reduce fatalities and injuries in the backcountry. And we are grateful for the incredible staff and board that we get to work with everyday.

But with this work there are also accidents, terrible days and incredible sadness. In 2017 we lost 6 lives in the backcountry of Jackson Hole. Words cannot express our sadness and sorrow for the families and community members who continue to grieve and we send our deepest condolences.

Your support of our organization - through donations at Old Bill's, by funding items on our Wish List (page 14) and by spreading the word to others - helps us respond to emergencies in the backcountry as efficiently as possible and hopefully saves more lives in the future. Your support makes our work possible. Your support saves lives. Thank you for being part of our team.

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&
TCSAR Volunteers



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**FROM
DECEMBER 1, 2016
TO NOV 30, 2017,
TCSAR VOLUNTEERS SPENT
10,268 HOURS
ON SAR RELATED ACTIVITIES.**

**RESCUES = 3,489 HOURS
TRAINING = 5,599 HOURS
COMMUNITY EVENTS = 1,180 HOURS**

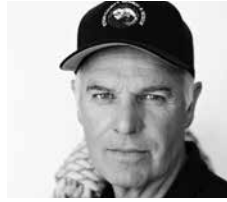
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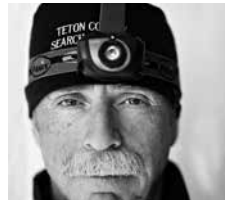
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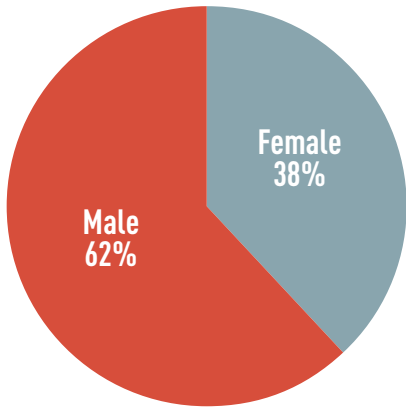


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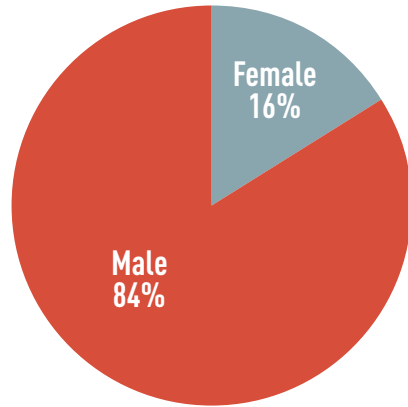
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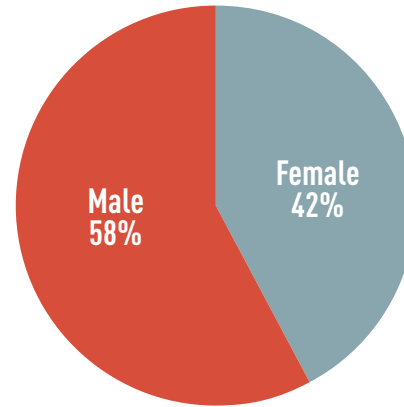
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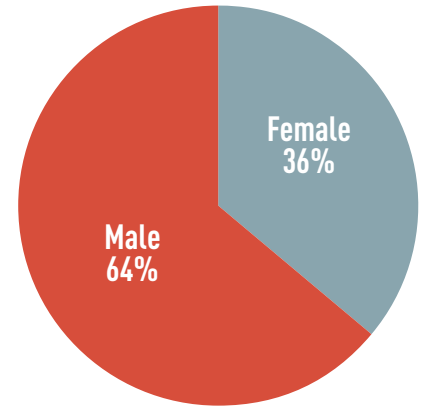
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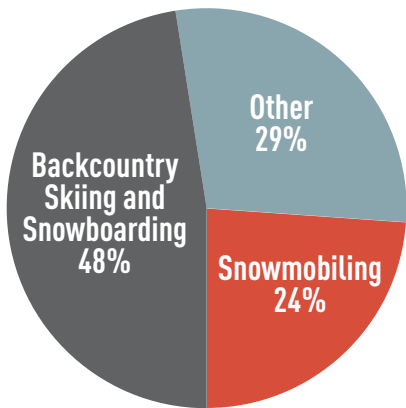


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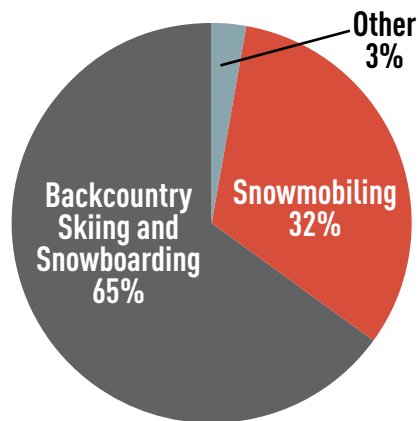


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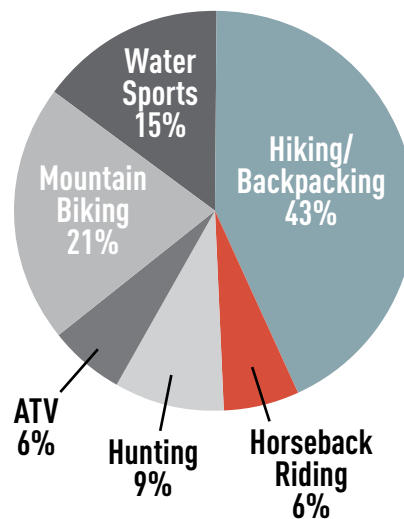
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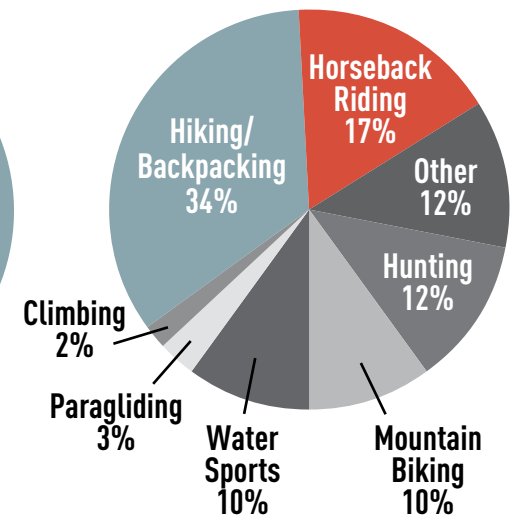
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SUMMER 2017



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SUMMER 2017 RESCUE REVIEW

» JUNE

RESCUE Overturned Canoe near Elbow Boat Ramp
DATE 6/3/17
TIME 2:08pm
DURATION 1 hour 58 minutes
ATTENDEES 4

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding an overturned canoe floating near Elbow Boat Ramp. Dispatch reported that a deputy was already headed to check it out. No people were witnessed in the water. SAR decided to wait to hear what the deputy discovered. At 3:03pm SAR received another page that there was no new information about the incident and deputies had put out the word to boaters in the area to call in if they see anyone who needs help. At 4:06pm SAR received a third page that people did fall out of the canoe, they self-rescued, and were all ok. The incident was stood down.

RESCUE Gunsight Pass ATV Crash
DATE 6/7/17
TIME 12:43pm
DURATION 3 hours 32 minutes
ATTENDEES 12

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding an ATV accident on Gunsight Pass. Two adults were involved in the crash, one complaining of shoulder pain, one or both complaining of back pain and one of the patients was not doing well and may have suffered a head injury. Air Idaho was available and would respond. SAR arrived on scene and several others were also on scene assisting. Air Idaho HEMS arrived and members from all agencies worked together to package the more critical patient and carry her to the helicopter. The other patient was loaded into the wheeled litter and transported to the two-track where an ambulance took over care and transported her to SJMC.

RESCUE Overturned Canoe near Hoback Junction
DATE 6/7/17
TIME 3:47pm
DURATION 29 minutes
ATTENDEES 4

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding an overturned canoe and one person in the water in the area of the Boy Scout Camp on S Hwy 89. Hoback Fire Department was already paged out. The SAR team was already on an ATV rescue near Gunsight Pass and dispatch reported that a deputy was in route to the scene. At 5:37pm SAR received a follow up page that all parties were ok per the USFS and the incident was stood down.

RESCUE Overturned Kayak near Granite Falls
DATE 6/12/17
TIME 12:45pm
DURATION 2 hours 45 minutes
ATTENDEES 8

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding a report of an overturned kayak at the base of Granite Creek Falls below Granite Hot Springs. Dispatch reported that a third-party reported a kayak in the water below the falls and no victims were seen. Since there is no known victim or report of a missing person, SAR could only drive down there and assess. SAR arrived at the falls and did not see a kayak, any gear, or people in need of help. There were no cars there capable of carrying a kayak. SAR decided that there was most likely no one in need of help and would stand down unless another report came in that there was a known victim or missing person. The event was stood down.

RESCUE Injured Mountain Biker on Arrow Trail
DATE 6/18/17
TIME 2:12pm
DURATION 4 hours 48 minutes
ATTENDEES 25

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding a female in her 30's who fell while mountain biking on the Phillips Ridge Trail and could no longer walk due to pain in her hip. The team was paged for a wheeled litter and ATV rescue. One team was sent in from the top via the Phillips Pass trailhead and a second team in from the bottom via the powerline access road off Fish Creek Road. Both teams would go in on ATV's. The team from the bottom would bring in the wheeled litter. The team accessed the patient and began assessment and patient care. SAR members packaged the patient in the full-body vacuum mattress and loaded her into the wheeled litter. SAR members transported the patient to Fish Creek Road and transferred the patient to a waiting ambulance.

RESCUE Overdue Hiker near Granite Creek
DATE 6/18/17
TIME 8:47pm
DURATION 1 hour 28 minutes
ATTENDEES 21

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a report of an overdue hiker in the Granite Creek/Shoal Creek/Battle Mountain area. Dispatch reported that the missing person (MP) had been mushroom hunting with a group and decided to return to the trailhead before the rest of the group. When the group returned to the trailhead, MP was nowhere to be found. The reporting party stated that MP had a lot of medical issues. Dispatch said that Sublette County Dispatch had received a 911 hang-up call from MP's phone number and a deputy from Sublette County was en route to the area. SAR believed there was enough evidence that this might be a life threat and the team was paged. At 9:47pm dispatch received word that the Sublette County deputy had located the MP about 300 yards from the patrol vehicle. The deputy said he may have trouble getting back to the vehicle with the subject and requested that SAR continue to respond. TCSAR began getting out ATV's to drive to Granite Creek. At 10:13pm dispatch reported that the deputy and subject had made it safely back to the patrol vehicle and SAR could stand down.

RESCUE Injured Horseback Rider in Pacific Creek
DATE 6/20/17
TIME 1:11pm
DURATION 3 hours 49 minutes
ATTENDEES 8

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for an injured horseback rider at Pacific Creek. Report was that a female had fallen off a horse and had been dragged and injured. The rider and guide were across Pacific Creek and to get to her would require crossing Pacific Creek. Team was paged and responded with ATVs. Initial plan was to drive to location across from rider and guide and try to get eyes on as they reported being close to river, then decided if 4 wheelers would work or if swiftwater/wheeled litter was the option. While en route SAR received word that the patient's condition was declining. The EIRMC Air Methods helicopter was requested. SAR teams went to the outfitter camp involved, just east of the patient location to meet with GTNP staff. The ship landed about 5 minutes before SAR arrived.

RESCUE Injured Hiker on Snow King
DATE 6/24/17
TIME 2:36pm
DURATION 3 hours 9 minutes
ATTENDEES 13

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a 40-year-old female with a reported compound fracture of the lower leg. Possible nurse on scene and patient reported to be four towers from the summit of Exhibition lift. Based on limited information due to a language barrier the team was paged to the hangar. One SAR member was at Snow King working and headed directly to the patient with phone but no radio, located patient and immediately assisted and treated lower ankle injury. SAR SUV drove up Snow King with wheeled litter, ALS, BLS equipment. Patient was located by team, reassessed, packaged and the team wheel littered the patient to the SUV. Patient was driven down Snow King and transferred to a waiting ambulance.

RESCUE Injured Hiker on Snow King
DATE 6/25/17
TIME 2:15pm
DURATION 2 hours 45 minutes
ATTENDEES 8

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a 70-year-old female who was reported to have severe knee injury. The team was paged directly to the Snow King ball field. One SAR member was dispatched up the main chair to assess and locate the patient. Medic 10 was transported via 4-wheeler to patient. SAR drove the Tahoe to the top for patient transport. Two additional SAR members took the chair to the top with the wheeled litter strapped to the chair. Patient was assessed and packaged by Medic 10 and SAR. Patient transported via SUV to waiting ambulance.

RESCUE Goodwin Peak Rescue
DATE 6/25/17
TIME 4:03pm
DURATION 4 hours 57 minutes
ATTENDEES 13

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page of a female yelling for help and requesting SAR near the Goodwin Lake area. The team was paged to the hangar to determine options. A team was sent to a forward location to stage. Remainder of responders stayed at the hangar and put together options to either fly or respond via ground options. Dispatch contacted GTNP and GTNP sent

a team via Heli to do a recon. Helicopter recon found a person waiving and landed. GTNP Ranger was inserted to location to meet patient. Ranger walked patient down off snow to lower location and SAR team met the party and hiked them out.

RESCUE Injured Mountain Biker on Putt-Putt Trail
DATE 6/28/17
TIME 7:46pm
DURATION 1 hour 14 minutes
ATTENDEES 6

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a report of a male mountain biker on Putt-Putt trail with a broken wrist. Dispatch advised that the cyclist was fading in an out of consciousness, had an injured wrist and had lost consciousness twice. During the call one SAR member could see the reporting party and injured cyclist thru a spotting scope from his home. SAR volunteer immediately drove to the Cache Creek parking lot to locate the party. SAR member reached the patient and dispatch contacted Medic 10 to meet them at the parking lot. SAR volunteer walked the patient to the parking lot. Medic 10 arrived and assessed the cyclist.

» JULY

RESCUE Injured Hiker at JHMR
DATE 7/2/17
TIME 9:27pm
DURATION 2 hours 48 minutes
ATTENDEES 14

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for an injured hiker somewhere on R Trail at JHMR. Dispatch reported that a female had a knee injury and was on the trail/road and could no longer hike down. Team dispatched to the Mountain Operations Building at JHMR. Injured party was believed to be located on the main road between the top of tram and top of gondola and was hobbling slowly downhill to try to make progress towards the top of the gondola. ATV team drove up the road to try and locate the party from the bottom up. Wheeled litter team rode up the gondola to try and locate the party. Both teams arrived at the patient at about the same time. The patient was located about 150 yards downhill from the top of the gondola. The patient was assessed and SAR members loaded the patient onto an ATV and drove her to the top of the gondola. SAR members rode down the gondola with her and transferred her to an ambulance.

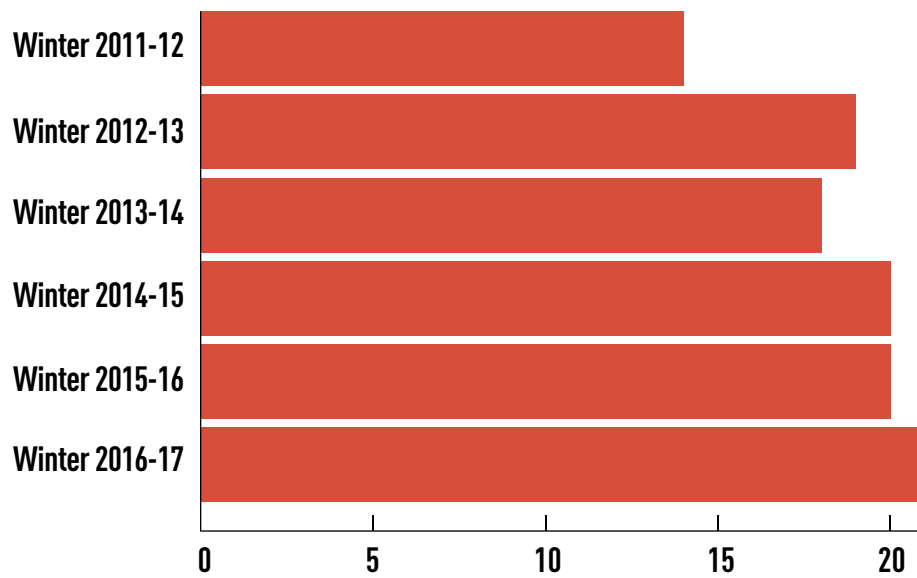
RESCUE Missing Boater on Snake River
DATE 7/4/17 – 7/10/17
TIME 7:51pm
DURATION 38 hours 25 minutes
ATTENDEES 54

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR was paged with a report of flipped raft in the Snake River near Astoria. Possibly 2 boaters in the river. The team was paged to the hangar for a river search. Teams performed Jet boat sweeps from Astoria North to King's Wave area. Confirmed that 6 boaters went in the river and 5 got out or were picked up. One remained missing. Last seen point just below King's Wave. Missing boater was not found. Team stood down at 21:37 due to darkness and returned to hangar. On second day 7 hasty teams were sent into the field. Teams included 2 jet boat teams, 2 cataraft dog teams, 2 rafts, jetskis and inflatable kayaks. At 11:30am a Lincoln County team found a dry bag just south of Astoria. At 1:16pm another team found a blue and yellow Leisure Sports paddle. Teams were off the river at 4:30pm. Day 3 SAR deployed Jet boat, Zodiac, two catarafts, two dog teams, forward repeater and shuttle drivers. Additional resources included BTNF river rangers and Lincoln County SAR. TCSAR continued searching with Tip Top SAR's sonar from the jet boat and completed the section between Astoria and King's Wave. On Sunday evening 7/9/17, Lincoln County requested TCSAR help continue the search in Lincoln County after a report came in that a witness had seen what looked like a body floating in Taco Hole. At 8:30am on 7/10/17, TCSAR took the cataraft and Jet boat down the Snake River between Taco Hole and Sheep's Gulch. They did not find any clues or the subject. That evening, Lincoln County sent dog teams to search the area around Taco Hole. The dogs signaled a lot but did not find the subject. The body of the missing boater was discovered by a kayaker near Alpine on 7/12/17.

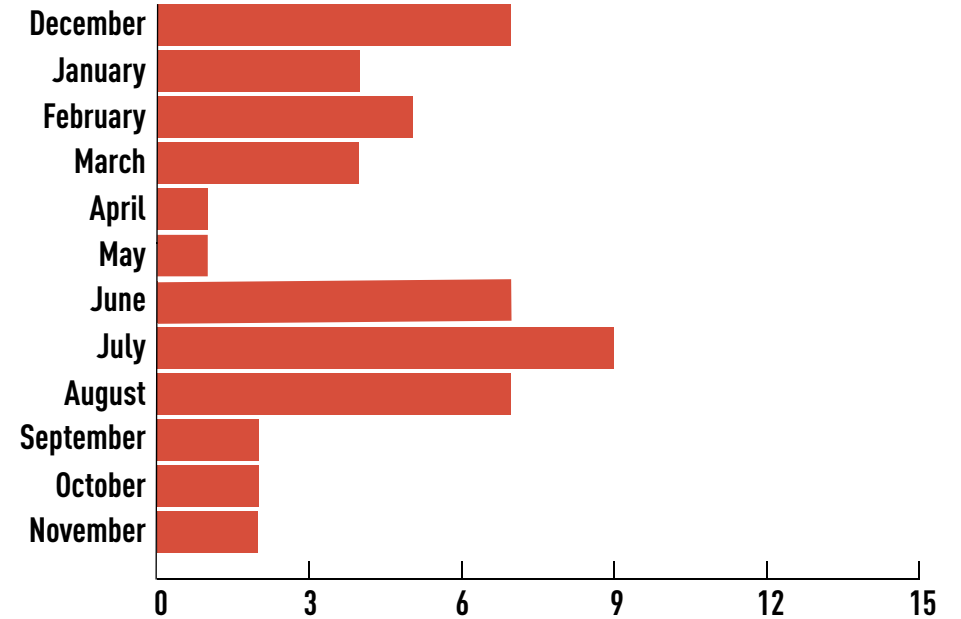
RESCUE Lost Hikers near Summit at JHMR
DATE 7/5/17
TIME 2:31pm
DURATION 40 minutes
ATTENDEES 3

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for 2 subjects hiking and in distress. The subjects were on top of a rock hill and could see the back of Rendezvous Peak. Dispatch reported that the subjects hiked from Teton Pass and intended on hiking to the top of the tram. They were out of water, lost their bear spray and lost the trail. SAR decided to call the subjects to try and determine where they were and if they could talk them back

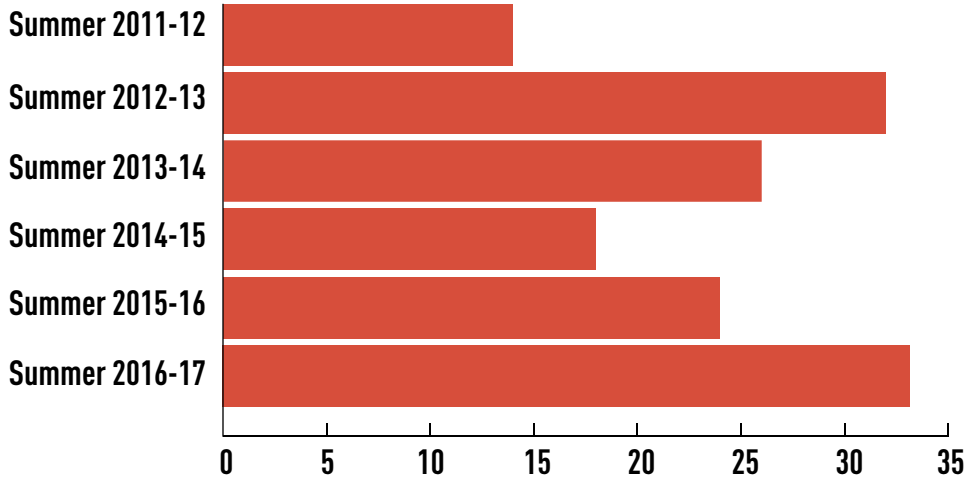
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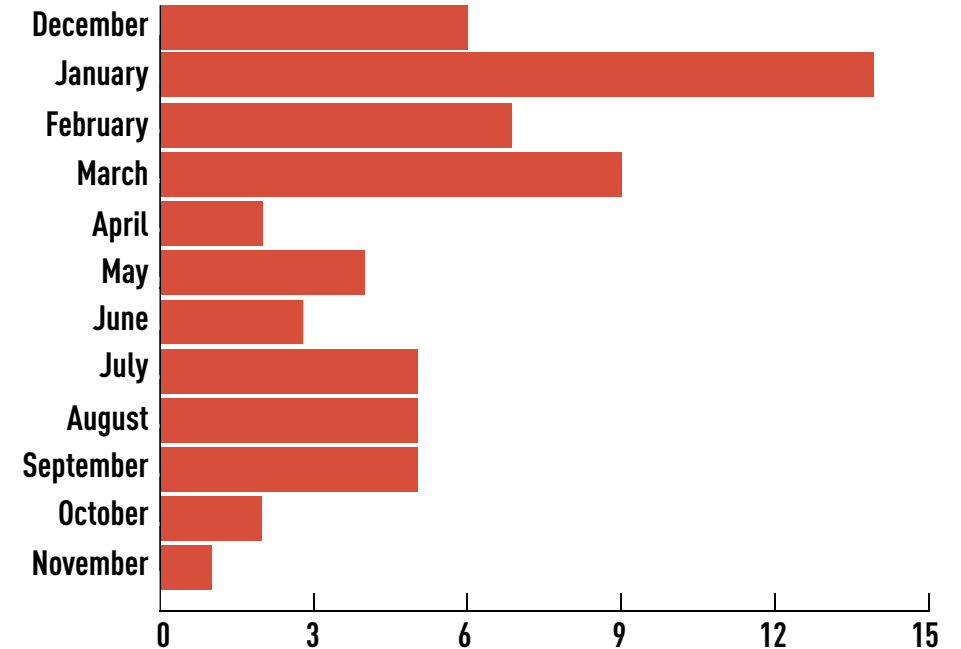
INCIDENTS BY MONTH 2016/2017



ACTIVE SAR INCIDENTS PER SUMMER



10 YEAR AVERAGE BY MONTH



ACTIVE SEARCH AND RESCUE LOCATIONS - DECEMBER 1, 2016 - NOV 30, 2017



to a place they knew. After talking with the subjects, SAR determined that the party was in GTNP. Dispatch passed the call onto GTNP and they handled the situation. SAR stood down.

RESCUE Injured Horseback Rider near Enos Lake
DATE 7/11/17
TIME 2:49am
DURATION 4 hours 11 minutes
ATTENDEES 8

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page 2:49am for a report of a 60-year-old male who was injured as the result of a horseback incident. Patient was injured at 7:00pm and reporting party rode 5 hours out to obtain cell service. Injuries reported to be possible head, concussion, spine and he was in and out of consciousness but not bleeding. The injured party was somewhere near the intersection on the trail to Hawks Nest and Two Ocean Pass. No coordinates. SAR members worked on SARTOPO and Google Earth to try to get a better location. SAR held a second conference call at 3:20am and after more discussion it was decided to call Life Flight to fly with Night-Vision Goggles and search for the parties. Life Flight was confirmed to fly, and a SAR member went to hangar to monitor frequencies. Life Flight flew and located the injured party at 6:00am and landed, assessed patient and transported to EIRMC.

RESCUE Buffalo Fork Kayaker Rescue
DATE 7/12/17
TIME 12:29pm
DURATION 5 hours 47 minutes
ATTENDEES 8

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a report of woman kayaking on the Buffalo Fork who had swam and was stuck on the side of the river opposite the road. Team was paged to respond to the hangar to pick up the Cataracts. When SAR team arrived on scene they were able to locate a small side channel near the road and dispatched two team members on the Cataract to float to the scene. Team was able to eddy out behind the strainer that the patient had been stuck in and locate her and her husband on shore. After ensuring that they were uninjured team loaded them and one kayak on the Cataract and ferried across the river. Team members with the vehicles located a suitable take out approximately 2 miles down stream.

RESCUE Flipped Canoe at King's Wave
DATE 7/13/17

TIME 2:00pm
DURATION 1 hour
ATTENDEES 3

WHAT HAPPENED? While using the sonar equipment to search for a missing boater, TCSAR and Tip Top SAR rescued 2 boys who fell out of their canoe after it capsized in King's Wave. TCSAR threw them throw bags, the team pulled them into the jet boat and drove them to shore.

RESCUE Broken Ankle on Mount Glory
DATE 7/26/17
TIME 12:14pm
DURATION 5 hours
ATTENDEES 9

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call regarding a possible broken ankle on Glory Mountain. The reporting party was a SAR team member. While hiking the SAR member saw the 41-year-old female hiker stumble and hurt her right ankle. They were located about 3/4 of the way up Glory just below the microwave panel. She stated that she could not hike down by herself so SAR member offered to call for assistance. SAR sent a team with the extremity vacuum splint to quickly hike up to the patient and provide patient care. After more SAR members arrived at the hangar, a hasty team was sent in with the wheeled litter, BLS bag and ALS bag. Once on scene, the patient was splinted and packaged into the wheeled litter. Using an anchored belay system, the SAR team belayed the wheeled litter down the trail. SAR transferred the patient to an ambulance to the top of Teton Pass.

RESCUE Medical Evacuation near Coyote Meadows
DATE 7/28/17
TIME 4:00pm
DURATION 1 hour
ATTENDEES 13

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a sick male hiker in the Grizzly Creek area. The reporting party was a SAR team member who reported the patient was in a sleeping bag, had difficulty breathing and was shivering. Blood pressure was dropping but pulse ok. Team was paged to hangar and medical control was contacted. EIRMC HEMS was requested through dispatch and was sent to location. SAR member on site would manage the landing zone. SAR monitored TCSO dispatch for updates and team remained on standby. HEMS landed and transported patient to SJMC.

RESCUE Fisherman Overboard on Snake River
DATE 7/30/17

TIME 1:38pm
DURATION 3 hours 22 minutes
ATTENDEES 10

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call for a 62-year-old male who had gone into the Snake River 10 minutes prior south of Wilson from a boat and had not resurfaced. Team paged to the hangar for a swiftwater rescue. Jet boat and Zodiac boat teams sent to South Park Snake River put-in. Jet boat was equipped with ALS equipment. They immediately went upstream and met second reporting party and River guides who had pulled the patient from the river onto a small gravel island. Four guides had performed CPR on the patient with AED. Patient was immediately transferred to Jet Boat 1, continued CPR en route, and was transported downstream. After approximately 45 minutes of treatment, resuscitation and intervention from JHFEMS and TCSAR treatment was discontinued and the County Coroner was called to the scene. The patient could not be revived.

RESCUE Runaway Juvenile in Teton Canyon
DATE 7/30/17
TIME 10:03pm
DURATION 7 minutes
ATTENDEES 2

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding a missing runaway juvenile in the Teton Canyon area. The subject was last seen about 6 hours prior and would be on foot likely headed to Driggs. SAR called Dispatch to determine if this was a SAR call or a law enforcement call. Since there was no evidence the subject was in the backcountry, SAR was stood down.

» AUGUST

RESCUE Overdue Mountain Biker
DATE 8/4/17
TIME 7:07pm
DURATION 7 minutes
ATTENDEES 5

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding a 14-year-old mountain biker last seen in city limits riding Josie's Ridge. The subject could have ended up in the county on the bike trails. Dispatch reported that a police officer called asking to talk with SAR about the incident. Before the conference call was done and prior to paging the team, the subject showed up and was ok. The incident was stood down.

RESCUE Broken Leg at Flat Creek
DATE 8/9/17
TIME 3:12pm
DURATION 4 hours 33 minutes
ATTENDEES 23

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding a patient complaining of a broken tib/fib on an unmarked trail just above Flat Creek Ranch. The team was paged and prepared the ATV's and gear for the field. Three teams left the hangar and reached the patient. Patient was splinted, packaged and transferred to a wheeled litter for transport to Flat Creek Ranch.

RESCUE Broken Ankle on Jimmy's Mom Trail
DATE 8/12/17
TIME 12:20pm
DURATION 1 hour 55 minutes
ATTENDEES 7

WHAT HAPPENED? While SAR team training in the Ice/Wind Caves was occurring, SAR was paged with a report of a broken ankle on Jimmy's Mom trail on Teton Pass. Available SAR team members responded to the hangar and were sent into the field with ATVs. Patient was contacted and an assessment was done. A vacuum splint was applied to the extremity and the patient was transferred to Incident Command Post. Patient transferred to ambulance.

RESCUE Bear Encounter in Buffalo Valley
DATE 8/17/17
TIME 7:19pm
DURATION 1 hour 45 minutes
ATTENDEES 19

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding a near bear attack near Turpin Meadows. The man had discharged bear spray and escaped up a tree. He was too scared to come down because the bear was still in the area. Dispatch reported that the cell ping was not accurate and plotted in Jensen Canyon. SAR called the reporting party to get more info and called the USFS to see if anyone could help respond. It was discovered that the mother-in-law was the reporting party and the subject had hiked up a trail directly behind the house on Buffalo Valley Road. He was about 2 miles up the trail and she sent a group of neighbors up the trail to help find him. The team was paged to the hangar and gathered necessary equipment and sent 2 teams to the location. Dispatch then reported that the subject had been found by the group of neighbors and was ok. They would hike out together. SAR was stood down.

RESCUE Stranded Hikers on Table Mountain
DATE 8/17/17
TIME 9:27pm
DURATION 1 hour 23 minutes
ATTENDEES 7

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for possible stranded hikers on Table Mountain. Dispatch reported that reporting party (RP) had passed two hikers, one male and one female, who might be stranded. The male was reported to be using crutches and had a prosthetic leg. SAR called the RP for more info. He suspected the party would not be able to make it down the trail. They were approximately 4 miles up the Long Trail when he passed them. They only had a daypack and no light but no injuries. Since there was no report of missing or overdue hikers or injured hikers it was determined to send a person to monitor the trailhead. A SAR member went to the trailhead at approximately 8:00pm and waited to see if the hikers arrived and would report back. At 8:50pm the SAR member located the party and they were ok.

RESCUE Overdue Hiker near JHMR
DATE 8/19/17
TIME 6:20pm
DURATION 2 hours 7 minutes
ATTENDEES 15

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding an overdue hiker southwest of JHMR. Dispatch reported the subject became separated from his hiking party and was now 2 hours overdue. The reporting party (RP) was hiking with the subject but did not have his phone number. SAR asked dispatch to notify GTNP and JHMR since the subject may end up in their jurisdictions and SAR called the RP to get more info. In the meantime the subject was reported to be at the top of the tram. SAR was stood down.

RESCUE ATV Accident near Rapid Creek
DATE 8/20/17
TIME 1:13pm
DURATION 3 hours 47 minutes
ATTENDEES 13

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call from Dispatch indicating an ATV accident occurred and CPR was in progress. TCSAR responded with two teams with ATVs. TCSAR contacted GTNP to inquire if a helicopter was available. Teton County Idaho Search and Rescue was authorized by the Teton County Idaho Sheriff to support the incident. TCISAR mobilized ATVs and a wheeled litter. A paramedic from Teton County Idaho FEMS was on scene

at 1:45pm. The patient was pronounced dead at 1:50pm. TCSAR and TCISAR transported the patient out of the field.

RESCUE Lost Hiker near Goodwin Lake
DATE 8/20/17
TIME 4:09pm
DURATION 3 hours 11 minutes
ATTENDEES 13

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a hiker lost returning from Goodwin Lake. SAR was attempting to talk her out back to road over the phone. In the meantime a team was en route to Goodwin Lake trailhead. The team in the field make contact with the subject and walked her out to the trailhead.

RESCUE Lost Hiker near Camp Loll
DATE 8/20/17
TIME 9:31pm
DURATION 12 hours 59 minutes
ATTENDEES 11

WHAT HAPPENED? Dispatch received a call from Fremont County's dispatch center regarding a call they received from the wife of a 66-year-old man who had become lost while hiking near Lake of the Woods. He had hiked from Camp Loll to the north/northwest and become lost. He only had his cell phone with him (no food, water, headlamp, or other equipment). He is type 1 diabetic and alone. The team was paged to the hangar. SAR called the man to get an update on his condition and get his coordinates from his phone. The subject was a bit confused, possibly due his worsening diabetic condition, and struggled to provide the coordinates. Two teams were dispatched. The first team would hike in quickly to locate, assess, and treat the subject. The second team would hike in with the wheeled litter. SAR made contact with the subject and reported he was in pretty good shape after eating some food, drinking water and warming up. The SAR team hiked out with the subject as the terrain was too rough and full of deadfall for the litter. At about 6:33am the SAR teams and subject made it to Camp Loll. The subject's son had arrived at the trailhead to meet him. The patient was transferred to an ambulance.

RESCUE Lost Hikers near Tepee Creek
DATE 8/22/17
TIME 9:03am
DURATION 7 hours 57 minutes
ATTENDEES 5

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding 2 lost hikers



near Tepee Creek near the border of Sublette County. The call first went to SCSO dispatch so Tip Top SAR was beginning the search. Tip Top had been able to text with one of the missing persons and had coordinates for his location. The other missing person's location was unknown and they could not contact him. Tip Top asked TCSAR if Tip Top could continue with the mission and TCSAR agreed since they were already working on it. One of the subjects hiked out and was ok. He and a friend were going to hike in to find the other subject. They were going to text Tip Top SAR when they found the subject and when they were back at the trailhead. All members arrived safely back at the trailhead and both SAR teams were stood down.

RESCUE Injured Mountain Biker on Jimmy's Mom Trail
DATE 8/27/17
TIME 5:11pm
DURATION 4 hours 42 minutes
ATTENDEES 13

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call for an injured mountain biker. The initial call was that the biker might be able to walk out. A second call to dispatch was that the biker had a 4-minute loss of consciousness. The team was paged to hangar for a wheeled litter rescue. One team came down from the Phillips parking lot with wheeled litter and medical gear. The second team came up from Old Pass road with additional medical gear. Patient was assessed to have a shoulder injury

and was not completely oriented. Life flight was called to transfer patient to EIRMC. Patient was wheel littered out to a waiting ambulance and transported to the Stilson lot and then on to Life Flight.

RESCUE Unresponsive 69-Year-Old Male
DATE 8/28/17
TIME 6:01pm
DURATION 2 hours 29 minutes
ATTENDEES 7

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding a 69-year-old old male who was unresponsive at the lower end of Upper Crystal Creek Meadow. BOA held two conference calls. Dispatch was requested to contact Air Idaho for immediate response due to location and time delay since the outfitter rode out to the Goosewing ranch to call dispatch. SAR asked Dispatch to request Air Idaho. Air Idaho arrived on scene and determined that the patient was deceased. Air Idaho transported the patient to SAR hangar and he was transferred to Teton County Coroner.

RESCUE Male with Abdominal Pain near Alaska Basin
DATE 8/31/17
TIME 11:54am
DURATION 2 hours 11 minutes
ATTENDEES 7

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding a 52-year-old male experiencing severe abdominal pain. The patient was hiking near Alaska Basin and was at a campsite in the middle of the Basin Lakes. After plotting the patient's location, SAR determined the location was in Teton County and not in GTNP. Given the patient's medical condition, the Board decided to request Air Idaho HEMS to complete the rescue. Air Idaho HEMS accepted the mission and was 15 minutes out. Air Idaho transported the patient to SJMC.

» SEPTEMBER

RESCUE Injured Mountain Biker on Jimmy's Mom Trail
DATE 9/2/17
TIME 12:21pm
DURATION 9 minutes
ATTENDEES 4

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call for a person injured in a mountain bike accident at the end of Jimmy's Mom trail. During the SAR call it was determined that the cyclist could walk out. The incident was stood down.

RESCUE Injured Hikers on Rock Springs Loop
DATE 9/2/17
TIME 1:27pm
DURATION 1 hour 33 minutes
ATTENDEES 10

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call for a rescue above JHMR. Two hikers were lost for 1 hour off trail and had fallen and could no longer walk. SAR team was paged to the hangar for a rescue off of the Rock Springs Loop. Hikers did not speak English so a French-speaking team member was called to interpret. In the meantime JHMR summer patrol rescued the hikers and the SAR team was stood down.

RESCUE Injured Mountain Biker on Jimmy's Mom Trail
DATE 9/3/17
TIME 1:01pm
DURATION 3 hours 59 minutes
ATTENDEES 6

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call for a male patient with a head injury at the bottom of Jimmy's Mom trail close to the road but unable to walk. The team was paged to the hangar for a wheeled litter rescue. The patient was located and assessed with a spinal/neck injury and was transported to incident command post. The rider was then transferred to SJMC.



RESCUE Injured Horse Rider on McCoy Road
DATE 9/3/17
TIME 2:22pm
DURATION 2 hours 38 minutes
ATTENDEES 7

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a report of an injured horseback rider. Call came in via SPOT beacon. The team was paged to the hangar for an ATV and wheeled litter rescue. The team located the patient and assessed her condition. The patient was transported via wheeled litter and then transferred to an ambulance.

RESCUE Injured Mountain Biker on Fuzzy Bunny Trail
DATE 9/12/17
TIME 1:21pm
DURATION 3 hours 5 minutes
ATTENDEES 14

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a 30-year-old male mountain biker with a possible broken femur located on the Fuzzy Bunny Trail. Dispatch reported that the patient was located about 100 yards off the Old Pass Road. The team was paged to the hangar, gathered equipment and drove to the Trail Creek trailhead. The SAR team arrived on scene, packaged the patient into the suck bag and wheeled litter, and transported the patient to the Old Pass Road where an ambulance was waiting.

RESCUE Injured Hiker in Butler Creek
DATE 9/17/17
TIME 12:58pm
DURATION 4 hours 2 minutes
ATTENDEES 13

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for an injured hiker at the top of Butler Creek approximately 1 km off the road. The team was paged to the hangar for a wheeled litter rescue and for a trail crew with chain saw to clear the trail for the litter. The patient was located, assessed, treated, packaged and transferred out via wheeled litter to a waiting ambulance.

RESCUE Injured Mountain Biker on Power Line Jumps
DATE 9/18/17
TIME 2:23pm
DURATION 1 hour 57 minutes
ATTENDEES 13

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page about an injured mountain biker on the Power Line Jump Trail. The team was

paged to the hangar and made a plan to drive up to Crater Lake to stage for a possible wheel out. SAR loaded the wheeled litter in to the SUV and drove to the patient on the double-track across from Crater Lake. The team arrived at the patient and assessed his injuries. SAR transported the patient to Old Pass road to meet the ambulance.

RESCUE Bear Attack in Pacific Creek
DATE 9/25/17
TIME 10:44am
DURATION 5 hours 56 minutes
ATTENDEES 14

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call for a SPOT device activation in the BTNF just west of Gravel Lake. The SPOT owner is a 33-year-old male with a hunting group. The team was paged to the hangar for a helicopter rescue with ground rescue as backup. SAR gathered updated information from reporting party's family. SAR continued contact with SPOT for updated coordinates and it was determined that the SPOT unit was on the move at a fast pace towards the trailhead. Update was three hunters with 6 horses. Updated coordinates were relayed to Dispatch and then to helicopter in the air. HELITAC transported SAR team to the field. While searching they received a patient update over the radio of a bear attack and significant bleeding. Team continued to search for and ultimately located the patient, who was traveling by horseback, from the air and landed. Patient was able to walk to landing zone from the trail and was assessed and transported from Pacific Creek trail to Pacific Creek trailhead. Patient was then transferred to GTNP ambulance where the paramedics transferred to Air Idaho Life Flight and transported to EIRMC.

» OCTOBER

RESCUE SPOT Activation in Soda Fork
DATE 10/2/17
TIME 12:00pm
DURATION 5 hours
ATTENDEES 22

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call of a SPOT activation. Team was paged to the hangar. One team was sent to Moran and a second team was sent to depart from the Turpin Meadows trailhead on horseback. At 4:12pm the horse team located the group. The activation was false alarm.

RESCUE Vehicle in Snake River
DATE 10/20/17
TIME 1:30pm
DURATION 3 hours 30 minutes
ATTENDEES 11

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page about a vehicle in the Snake River 3/4 mile south of Hoback Junction. Passenger self extricated and was picked up by local fly-fishing boat and taken to Astoria take-out. She was met by EMS and taken to the hospital. SAR responded to the scene and accessed the car still in the river by swimming in with dry suits. The driver was determined to be deceased and prepared for extraction. Jet boat team responded direct to scene and determined only 2 people had been in the vehicle. Deceased driver extricated directly from the car with the jet boat and taken to nearby boat ramp and turned over to coroner. SAR members participated in recovery and assisted removal of car from river with local tow company by placing tow straps.

» NOVEMBER

RESCUE Overdue Hikers in Ice Caves
DATE 11/11/17
TIME 6:09pm
DURATION 13 minutes
ATTENDEES 8

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for two overdue hikers/cavers. Dispatch informed that one 21-year-old male and one female had left at 7:00am to go thru the ice cave to the wind cave. They reported to the reporting party (RP) that they planned to be out by 1:00pm. Both are experienced hikers and the male had been in the cave before. All calls to overdue cavers went to voicemail. During planning and additional attempts to reach the missing party, the RP received a call from the overdue party. They were ok and SAR was stood down.

RESCUE Moose Creek Recovery
DATE 11/28/17
TIME 11:03am
DURATION 5 hours 57 minutes
ATTENDEES 17

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a request from TCISAR for helicopter recovery (long-line). A male in his late 50's died of a medical emergency while hunting in steep terrain in Moose Creek. The team was paged to the hangar for helicopter recovery. The helicopter recovery was successful.

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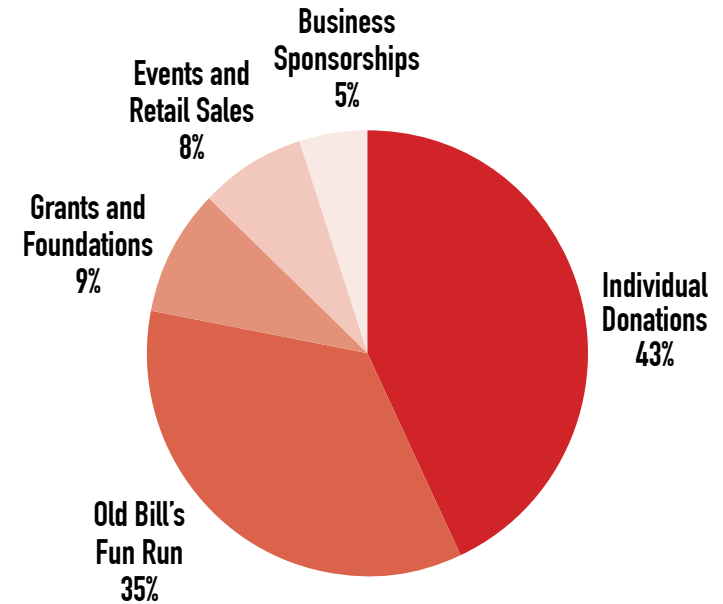
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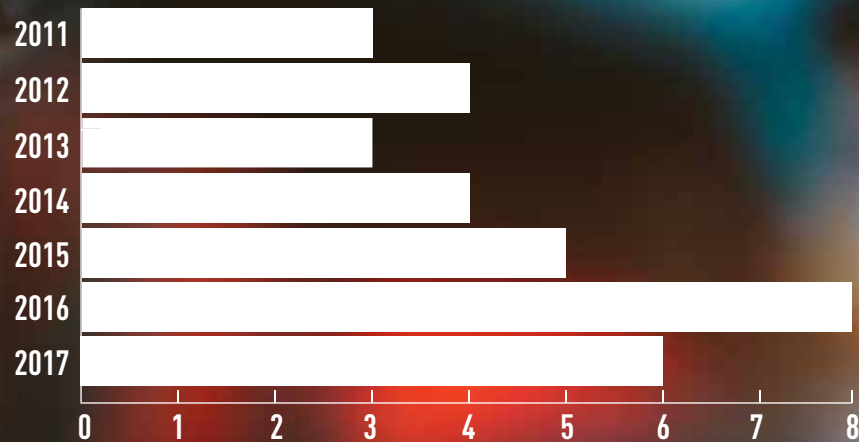


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