



# 2017 MID-YEAR REVIEW AND RESCUE REPORT



# DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

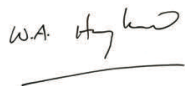
**Forty-nine call outs this winter. Two lives lost. Three lives saved thanks to our** volunteers and our helicopter. These numbers are part of the story, but they are not the only stories. We have stories of men spending multiple nights out alone in brutal temperatures and surviving, knee and leg injuries, dislocated hips and a semi that rolled off Teton Pass. We even have a story of a man brought back to life by early response CPR and an AED. These pages are filled with people's worst nightmares, their unforgettable days and the rescues they will never forget. Imagine how these stories would be different if there were no Search and Rescue.

I have had the privilege of being Chair of the Board of the Teton County Search & Rescue Foundation for the past two years and having been a founding board member of the Foundation. Our mission is simple: provide direct support to our Search and Rescue volunteers and educate our community so there is less likelihood of our volunteers being called out. This is the most selfless group of individuals you will ever meet. They give hundreds of hours a year to train, rescue and educate. The stories that I hear are incredible, fascinating and very humbling. You honestly could not make this stuff up. As an avid skier myself and a father of avid backcountry skiers, I can see myself in so many of their stories and am incredibly proud to support a team that gives 200% to bring everyone home.

These are also the volunteers that spend countless hours providing Prevention Search and Rescue. They spend evenings teaching What's in Your Pack classes, sitting on committees deciding on next year's WYSAW speakers, and heading into the mountains to teach beacon skills to new skiers. They train ski patrollers and snowmobile guides on how to assist with the helicopter if necessary and what to do when SAR is needed. They teach backcountry enthusiasts, beginners and even your children. They are everywhere, doing everything they can, to save lives.

It has been one of my greatest honors to be part of this organization as a board member, a donor and friend. I invite you to join me in supporting this mission and this team. Read these stories, engage with the volunteers, and donate to support our neighbors, friends and community members.

Bill Hoglund



Board Chair, Teton County Search & Rescue Foundation

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**FROM  
DECEMBER 1, 2016  
TO MAY 31, 2017,  
TCSAR VOLUNTEERS SPENT  
8,896 HOURS  
ON SAR RELATED ACTIVITIES.**

**RESCUES - 3,389 HOURS  
TRAINING = 4,782 HOURS  
COMMUNITY EVENTS = 725 HOURS**

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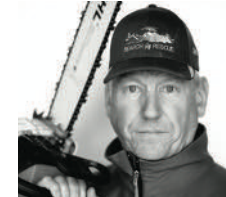
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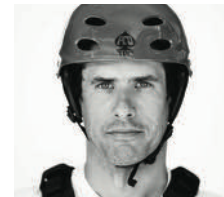
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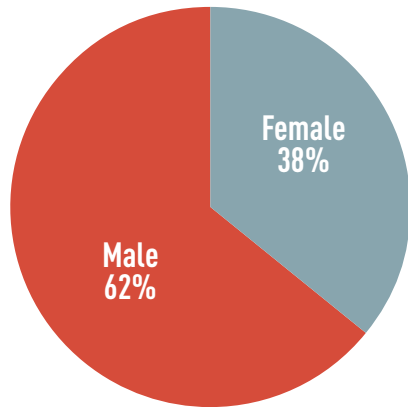
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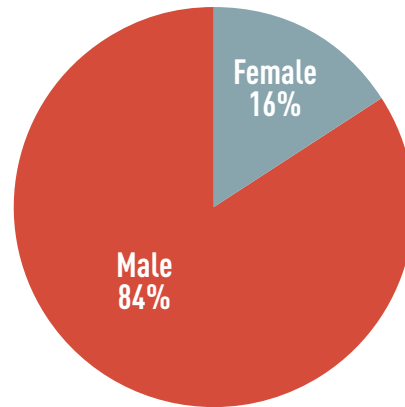


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WINTER 2016/17

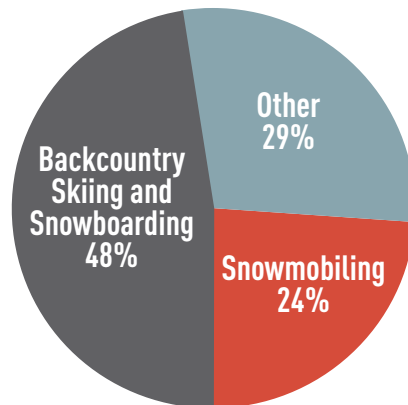


WINTER 10 YEAR AVERAGE

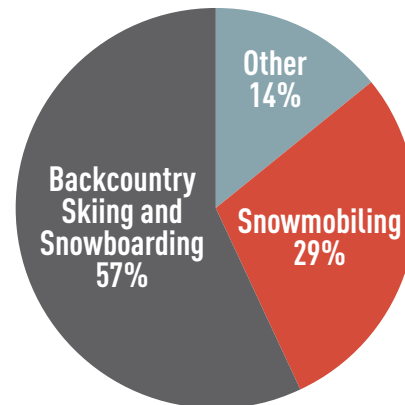


## INCIDENTS BY ACTIVITY

WINTER 2016/17



WINTER 10 YEAR AVERAGE





# WINTER 2016/17 RESCUE REVIEW

## » DECEMBER

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**RESCUE** Overdue Snowmobilers near Togwotee Pass  
**DATE** 12/11/16  
**TIME** 6:05pm  
**DURATION** 59 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 6

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR board received a page for 6 overdue snowmobilers near Togwotee Pass. The reporting party (RP) did not know where they were, but did know that they were expected back at Togwotee Mountain Lodge by 4:30pm. At 6:42pm the board received a second page to call in for an update. The IC reported that the RP would like SAR to put a team together for the next morning. At 7:04pm the Board received a third page to stand down as all members in the party had returned and were okay.

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**RESCUE** Activated Spot/InReach near Glory  
**DATE** 12/14/16  
**TIME** 3:08am  
**DURATION** 12 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 6

**WHAT HAPPENED?** Jackson Dispatch was notified of a Spot/InReach activation by an alert center. Dispatch had attempted to contact the subject and there was no response, and the alert center sent a message to the device to confirm the emergency, also with no response. The subject's mother was contacted and she indicated that the subject was going to meet up with his girlfriend. A deputy on the Pass located the girlfriend's car, and met up with the subject and girlfriend soon after. Therefore the incident was stood down.

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**RESCUE** Avalanche on Twin Slides  
**DATE** 12/15/16  
**TIME** 5:04pm  
**DURATION** 3 hours 16 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 25

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR received a call about an avalanche on Twin Slides that was 15 feet deep and had crossed the highway with possible buried car(s) and/or skier(s). The slide was skier triggered, witnessed, and reported. Bystanders performed a beacon and

probe search of the debris. One reported vehicle was caught in the slide, one occupant escaped the vehicle, and there were no other known vehicles or individuals caught in the avalanche. Hasty team 1 departed the hangar in IC2 followed by other team members with six snowmobiles. All SAR units were staged at the Wilson firehouse. Safety and Operations personnel put together two possible plans, one for a known burial and one for an unknown burial. The six snowmobiles were to be used as a secondary resource for access; this crew was also tasked to position the litter, vacuum mattress, BLS/ALS, and AED for possible implementation. The team returned to the hangar around 7:53pm after WYDOT and TCSO Deputies cleared the Pass and below Glory Bowl.

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**RESCUE** Possible Avalanche on Pyramid  
**DATE** 12/18/16  
**TIME** 12:56pm  
**DURATION** 44 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 4

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board was paged for a possible avalanche on the Pyramid. SAR asked dispatch to send a deputy to check the trailhead. At 1:22pm the deputy reported that the whole mountain was visible with no indication of an avalanche. The incident was stood down.

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**RESCUE** Semi Rollover on Teton Pass  
**DATE** 12/21/16  
**TIME** 8:07pm  
**DURATION** 2 hours 53 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 16

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board members were paged for a semi-truck crash on Teton Pass. The truck left the highway and had gone down a steep embankment. The team was paged to the hangar to prepare for a high angle rescue. SAR members set a fixed line from a fire engine anchor, sent extrication equipment, and personnel down to crash site. Team members packaged the patient into a litter and raised her out of the embankment to an awaiting ambulance.

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**RESCUE** Overdue Backcountry Skier from Targhee, Operational Periods 1-5  
**DATE** 12/22, 24, 26, 27, 29  
**TIME** 4:16pm  
**DURATION** 60 hours 59 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 21

**WHAT HAPPENED?** The missing person's (MP) pass was scanned at 10:23am up the Dream Catcher lift, his cell phone and

avalanche gear were found in his apartment, and he was reported to be on a regular snowboard. Two hasty teams were sent out on snowmobiles, hasty 1 went up Teton Canyon and hasty 2 went up Leigh Canyon. IC received a report that the MP was headed to the "Nitwitts" zone of the backcountry. At the end of day 1, IC communicated through dispatch for hasty 1 to back up hasty 2 going down towards the trailhead and the hangar. Day 2: Hasty teams 1 and 2 to continue searching up Teton and Leigh Canyons, IC-1 will stay at mouth of Teton Canyon to monitor hasty teams via InReach. Day 3: Continued search for missing snowboarder. Day 4: The weather forecast and predicted avalanche danger for the areas to be searched would be too risky for team members to be deployed into the field. Thus no active field operations were conducted today. Team members plan to resume searching when the conditions become safer. Day 5: Searchers spotted a snowboard sticking out of the snow at the base of a 500 ft. cliff. The helicopter dropped off a team of spotters and explosives used for avalanche mitigation to clear the area. Search dogs quickly located his body. Victim died after a cornice broke triggering a slide on a hanging snowfield and a subsequent fall over the cliff.

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**RESCUE** Lost Skiers in Rock Springs  
**DATE** 12/24/16  
**TIME** 6:47pm  
**DURATION** 12 hours  
**ATTENDEES** 6

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received a page for lost skiers in Rock Springs, dispatch reported that the reporting party (RP) was the wife of the MP, and the MP was an experienced backcountry skier. Before the MP's phone died, he sent a text to a JHMR employee saying that he was lost off the back of the upper mountain and exited the resort out of the upper gates. The Board called GTNP because the MP may have ended up in Granite Canyon. At 10:25pm a GTNP ranger had made contact with the subjects (party of 3) and reported that they were going to stay put for the night. Around 9:30am the following morning, two JHMR ski patrollers skied out of the gate, located the party at 9:45am, all subjects in the party were okay, and all skied out together.

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**RESCUE** Lost Skier in Rock Springs  
**DATE** 12/25/16  
**TIME** 2:21pm  
**DURATION** 12 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received an informational page from JHMR ski patrol, which said that they were



responding to a lost skier in Rock Springs. At 2:33pm the Board got a second page saying that the skier had been found and all were heading back in bounds.

**RESCUE** Overdue Snowmobilers on Togwotee Pass  
**DATE** 12/31/16  
**TIME** 5:20pm  
**DURATION** 9 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 4

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received a page for 5 overdue snowmobilers near Togwotee Mtn. Lodge. A board member left the conference call to call the reporting party. At 5:28pm, the board member called back and reported that everyone in the party was had returned and was safe. The incident was stood down.

## » JANUARY

**RESCUE** Injured Skier in Rock Springs  
**DATE** 1/1/17  
**TIME** 12:54pm  
**DURATION** 1 hour 59 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received a page that JHMR ski patrol was responding to an injured skier in Rock Springs. At 2:53pm the Board received a second page that ski patrol had completed the rescue and the patient was on their way to the hospital.

**RESCUE** Overdue Snowmobilers on Togwotee Pass  
**DATE** 1/1/17  
**TIME** 5:33pm  
**DURATION** 50 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 4

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received a page for 5 overdue snowmobilers near Togwotee. The Board decided to give the party a little while to see if they returned on their own. At about 6:22pm the party had returned to the lodge and all were okay.

**RESCUE** Missing Snowmobilers, Sublette County  
**DATE** 1/2/17  
**TIME** 7:06am  
**DURATION** 9 hours 54 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 6

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received a page from Sublette

County's Tip Top SAR for a helicopter resource request in the search for two missing snowmobilers. At 8:54am a pilot and two TCSAR members took off from the hangar and flew toward Horse Creek just outside of Daniel. The missing party was not found and the team returned around 3:42pm. The following morning around 9:17am, the team received a stand down page because the missing party had been found alive and okay.

**RESCUE** Cluffed Out Skiers near Zero Space  
**DATE** 1/4/17  
**TIME** 11:40am  
**DURATION** 40 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR Board received a page from JHMR ski patrol that was responding to a couple of cluffed out skiers in the area of Zero Space. The Board got a second page that ski patrol had finished the mission.

**RESCUE** Avalanche in No Name Canyon  
**DATE** 1/12/17  
**TIME** 2:26pm  
**DURATION** 4 hours 4 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 19

**WHAT HAPPENED?** At about 2:26pm the SAR team was paged to the hangar regarding a victim that was in an avalanche in No Name Canyon, who was out of the avalanche, but was injured. All members in the party were wearing transceivers and were reporting the presence of additional avalanche activity around them. Due to the location, time of day, and serious nature of the injury, the primary plan was to use the helicopter with short haulers to rescue to the patient. IC and LZ for the helicopter were moved to Fish Creek Rd due to the location of the incident. At about 3:33pm, the helicopter short hauled two members to the scene to begin patient care and packaging. Around 4:23pm the helicopter placed the short haul crew on the ground and SAR members assisted the ambulance crew in transferring the patient to the ambulance. Around 4:45pm the SAR team packed up the LZ and drove back to the hangar.

**RESCUE** Overdue Snowmobilers near the North Fork of Fall Creek  
**DATE** 1/21/17  
**TIME** 8:20pm  
**DURATION** 45 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 6

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR Board received a page for two missing

snowmobilers near Red Top or the North Fork of Fall Creek Rd. Both members of the missing party were male and in their early twenties. SAR asked Dispatch to send a deputy to the residence for more information. The Board received a second page, which said when law enforcement got to the house all members of the party were there and okay.

**RESCUE** Cluffed Out Skier near Ralphps Slide  
**DATE** 1/25/17  
**TIME** 10:35am  
**DURATION** 3 hours 13 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR Board received a page that JHMR ski patrol was responding to a cluffed out skier above Ralphps Slide. The Board got a second page that the mission was finished and everyone was back in bounds.

**RESCUE** PLB Activation near Togwotee Pass  
**DATE** 1/27/17  
**TIME** 11:58am  
**DURATION** 3 hours  
**ATTENDEES** 14

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO Communications Centers received a call from a lieutenant with the Air Force Joint Operations Center (JOC) who reported that he had received a PLB activation near Black Rock Ranger Station. The SAR short haul team was training at JHMR and was requested back at the hangar to reconfigure the helicopter for a search and medical mission. Around 1:00pm the Air Force JOC called with an updated coordinate, which was in a known avalanche path. IC asked the helicopter to fly over the area and SAR team members did not see an avalanche or anyone in need of help. The PLB activation was most likely an accident and IC requested the helicopter return to the hangar.

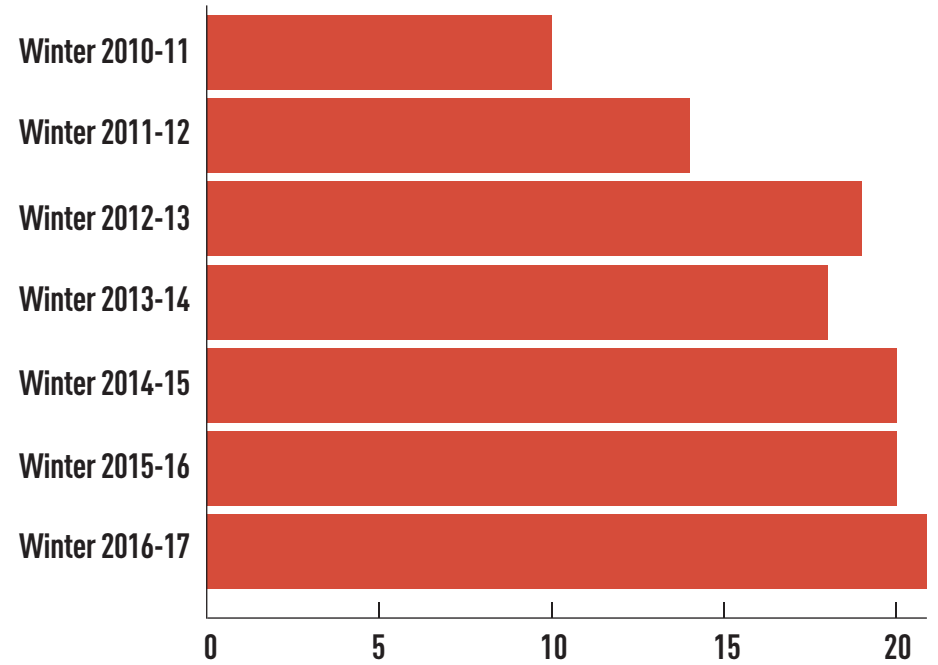
**RESCUE** Injured Skier in Teton Canyon  
**DATE** 1/27/17  
**TIME** 4:31pm  
**DURATION** 1 hour 8 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 11

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received a page for an injured 63 year-old female skier. She was in a party of 6; they had food and were warm. The team was paged for a snowmobile rescue, just after team members left the hangar, dispatch received word that the injured woman was in the hospital and had been rescued by a citizen snowmobiler. The incident was stood down.

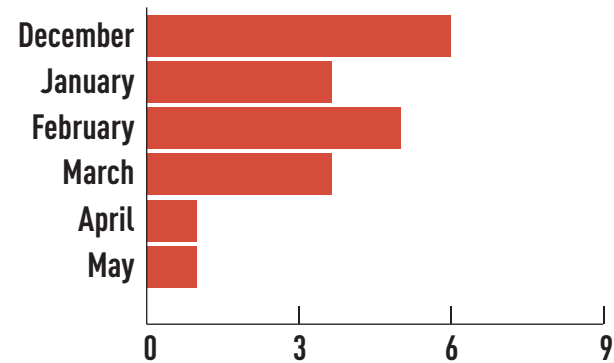




## ACTIVE SAR INCIDENTS PER WINTER



## INCIDENTS BY MONTH 2016/2017





# SEARCH AND RESCUE LOCATIONS - DECEMBER 1, 2016 - MAY 31, 2017





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## » FEBRUARY

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**RESCUE**      **Avalanche, Highway 89**  
**DATE**            2/1/17  
**TIME**            1:20am  
**DURATION**      20 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**    4

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received an informational page about an avalanche that crossed north highway 89. The debris was approximately 12 feet tall at the highest point. Dispatch reported that no cars were caught in the slide, and the incident was stood down.

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**RESCUE**      **Injured Skier in Granite Canyon**  
**DATE**            2/7/17  
**TIME**            1:51pm  
**DURATION**      3 hours 52 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**    0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received an informational page regarding an injured skier in Granite Canyon. JHMR ski patrol and GTNP rangers responded and rescued the patient.

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**RESCUE**      **Overdue Snowmobiler on Togwotee Pass**  
**DATE**            2/13/17  
**TIME**            8:59pm  
**DURATION**      4 hours 16 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**    14

**WHAT HAPPENED?** 39 year-old male was reported overdue at 7:30pm. The missing person had water, possibly a cell phone, and no avy or survival gear. Three hasty teams were sent out at various trailheads. Hasty 3 found the MP on the side of the road near the summit of the Pass, and the patient was okay.

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**RESCUE**      **Injured Skier on Amore Vida, South Teton**  
**DATE**            2/15/17  
**TIME**            11:16am  
**DURATION**      5 hours 59 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**    5

**WHAT HAPPENED?** The hangar received a call from GTNP rangers requesting the helicopter with short haul equipment. Two team members were asked to fly to a Moose-Wilson LZ, to land, and shut down. IC sent a team to an LZ near the accident, when they arrived they assessed the patient and determined he was deceased from a long fall in the couloir. The skier was long lined

to the Moose-Wilson LZ and the field team skied out.

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**RESCUE**      **Injured Snowmobiler on Togwotee Pass**  
**DATE**            2/17/17  
**TIME**            10:51am  
**DURATION**      6 hours 9 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**    13

**WHAT HAPPENED?** A call came in for a 51 year-old male with low back pain after he hit a tree while snowmobiling. Due to the location and nature of the injuries, the decision was made to evacuate the patient using the SAR helicopter. Helicopter arrived on scene around noon; the patient was assessed and transported back to the helicopter via the suck bag, and up to the top of the Pass.

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**RESCUE**      **Hip Dislocation at Turpin Meadows**  
**DATE**            2/17/17  
**TIME**            1:58pm  
**DURATION**      3 hours 2 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**    13

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding a 60 year-old female who was skiing, fell, and dislocated her hip. A snowmobile team was near by at Togwotee completing another mission, was able to meet up with a paramedic on their way to the scene. The medic and SAR packaged the patient and SAR transported the patient in the snowmobile toboggan to a waiting ambulance.

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**RESCUE**      **Cliffed Out Skier above Ralph's Slide**  
**DATE**            2/18/17  
**TIME**            12:46pm  
**DURATION**      2 hours 54 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**    0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR Board received a page that JHMR ski patrol was responding to a cliffed out skier above Ralph's Slide. Around 3:40pm patrol had completed the mission and was back in bounds.

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**RESCUE**      **Knee Injury in Rock Springs**  
**DATE**            2/19/17  
**TIME**            12:40pm  
**DURATION**      1 hour 20 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**    0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR Board received a page that JHMR ski patrol was responding to a knee injury in Rock Springs. Around

2:00pm patrol had transported the skier to the clinic and the mission was complete.

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**RESCUE**      **Injured Snowmobiler on Togwotee Pass**  
**DATE**            2/20/17  
**TIME**            11:01am  
**DURATION**      2 hours 5 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**    0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR Board received a page that the Togwotee Mountain Guides were responding to an injured snowmobiler near Togwotee Mountain Lodge. Around 12:18pm the Board got a second page that the Guides had completed the mission and the patient was being transported to SJMC.

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**RESCUE**      **Avalanche near Four Pines**  
**DATE**            2/20/17  
**TIME**            12:52pm  
**DURATION**      1 hour 23 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**    0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR Board received a page from JHMR ski patrol that they were responding to a skier in an avalanche near Four Pines in Rock Springs Canyon. Around 2:15pm the Board got a second page that ski patrol had completed the mission.

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**RESCUE**      **Injured Snowmobiler near Bacon and Trunk Creeks**  
**DATE**            2/20/17  
**TIME**            4:36pm  
**DURATION**      10 hours 24 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**    19

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received a page for an injured snowmobiler in the area of Bacon and Trunk Creeks. It took awhile to determine an approximate location of the person, when a possible coordinate was plotted it ended up near the intersection of Teton/Fremont/Sublette Counties. The Board determined the location was most easily accessed from Sublette County and asked Tip Top SAR to take the mission. IC stood down the TCSAR team, and around 2:34am IC received a text from TTSAR that they had rescued the patient who was now at the Pinedale Clinic.

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**RESCUE**      **Lost Skiers in Granite Canyon**  
**DATE**            2/20/17  
**TIME**            7:09pm  
**DURATION**      1 day 17 hours 51 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**    8

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding an overdue party out of bounds at JHMR, the Board also notified GTNP rangers because the party may have ended up in Granite Canyon. The Board did not send anyone into the field that night due to poor weather conditions and avalanche hazards. They also sent a page out to the Team for a possible search the following morning, and around 2:19am the Board received a page that one subject had hiked to the top of the tram, but the other was still hiking out. At about 10:12am, GTNP requested the TCSAR helicopter for an aerial search, unfortunately the weather was stormy and the helicopter could not fly, and the avalanche hazard was so bad that rescuers could not perform a ground-based search. On the morning of 2/22, a team of patrollers/rangers searched from the top of the tram, and a helicopter team flew from the hangar. Shortly after the search began, the subject was found, cold and tired, but otherwise okay.

**RESCUE** Leg Injury in Rock Springs Canyon  
**DATE** 2/24/17  
**TIME** 10:31am  
**DURATION** 1 hour  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** JHMR ski patrol rescued a 9 year-old female with a leg injury in Rock Springs Canyon.

**RESCUE** Clifed out Snowboarder near M&M  
**DATE** 2/24/17  
**TIME** 1:25pm  
**DURATION** 1 hour 8 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** JHMR ski patrol rescued a clifed out snowboarder near the M&M area of Rock Springs.

**RESCUE** Leg Injury in Rock Springs Canyon  
**DATE** 2/25/17  
**TIME** 10:25am  
**DURATION** 59 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** JHMR ski patrol rescued a 42 year-old male with a lower leg injury from Rock Springs.

**RESCUE** Lost Skier in Granite Canyon  
**DATE** 2/26/17  
**TIME** 3:12pm  
**DURATION** 24 minutes

**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** JHMR ski patrol rescued a lost skier in the Granite Canyon area.

**RESCUE** Lost Skiers in Granite  
**DATE** 2/27/17  
**TIME** 7:27pm  
**DURATION** 12 hours 54 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** GTNP rangers rescued 2 lost skiers in Granite Canyon. The skiers exited a gate from JHMR, and spent the night out. GTNP rangers skied into them in the morning and helped them find their way out.

## » MARCH

**RESCUE** Knee Injury in Rock Springs  
**DATE** 3/3/17  
**TIME** 10:57am  
**DURATION** 1 hour 3 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received an informational page that JHMR ski patrol had a rescue in progress for a knee injury in Rock Springs.

**RESCUE** Short Haul Assist for Cardiac Arrest on Maverick  
**DATE** 3/3/17  
**TIME** 3:12pm  
**DURATION** 3 hours 31 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 11

**WHAT HAPPENED?** GTNP rangers requested a short haul assist for a 61 year-old male experiencing chest pain. A short haul team was dispatched to a LZ on Moose-Wilson Road, and the helicopter was rigged for a short haul rescue. The pilot, short haul crew, and spotter flew over the patient, found that CPR had already begun, and dropped off the short haul crew with ALS and an AED. The AED showed a shockable rhythm, they shocked him, and when the second short haul team arrived on scene the patient was talking. The patient was short hauled to the LZ and flown by air ambulance to Idaho Falls.

**RESCUE** Stranded Snowboarder  
**DATE** 3/7/17

**TIME** 12:54pm  
**DURATION** 1 hour 12 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** JHMR ski patrol rescued a stranded snowboarder near Upper Ships Prow.

**RESCUE** Injured Skier in KB Ridge area  
**DATE** 3/7/17  
**TIME** 1:32pm  
**DURATION** 3 hours 28 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 17

**WHAT HAPPENED?** A 24 year-old male was skiing and hit a tree. The Team was paged to the hangar, the plan was to send 2 teams to the Old Pass Road trailhead, and 1 snowmobile team up the Old Pass Road skin track. The snowmobile team encountered the patient and RP, and the patient was immobilized and transported back to the road and waiting ambulance.

**RESCUE** Lost Snowmobiler in Darby Canyon  
**DATE** 3/9/17  
**TIME** 6:38pm  
**DURATION** 25 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 8

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR Board received a call for a missing snowboarder in the Pinnacles area of Darby Canyon. It was reported that the rider was familiar with the area, and had just gotten separated from the rest of the party. The Board sent team members to get the Alta sleds, then the RP was contacted and reported the missing party was okay.

**RESCUE** Lost Skier near Little Tuckerman's  
**DATE** 3/10/17  
**TIME** 3:49pm  
**DURATION** 2 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR Board received a page for a male skier that got separated from his party. Two minutes later the Board got a second page that the individual had been located and was okay.

**RESCUE** Leg Injury in Rock Springs  
**DATE** 3/11/17  
**TIME** 10:13am  
**DURATION** 42 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0



## » Spotlight: Maverick Rescue

An ideal ski day on March 3, 2017 turned into an epic rescue and stunning revival on Maverick Peak in Grand Teton National Park.

Mike Connolly, a Victor and Idaho Falls, Idaho resident, has been skiing in the Teton backcountry since the winter of 1982. At 61 years old, Mike is very fit and stays active 6 days per week biking, hiking, and skiing. March 3rd was his 43rd day of skiing this winter, about 18 of those in the backcountry. It was a beautiful sunny day and Mike was out with his wife and 2 other ski partners.

A few hours into their tour, the group stopped for a snack and Mike began to feel slight chest pains. A few switchbacks later the group decided to switch over their gear and head down. As Mike bent over to buckle his boots, he got light headed and started experiencing severe chest pain. Mike instructed his wife to call for help. Shortly after that Mike passed out and went into cardiac arrest. He was not breathing, had no pulse, his eyes rolled back in his head and foam was coming out of his mouth. His ski companions immediately started CPR chest compressions.

Meanwhile Scott Guenther, chief Jenny Lake Ranger, and Will Smith, MD., Medical Director for TCSAR and GTNP, were in route via helicopter to perform a short haul extraction. Their plan was to put Mike in a screamer suit and short haul him out as quickly as possible. When flying overhead they saw CPR in progress and their plan changed immediately.

As soon as they landed via short haul Dr. Smith ran to Mike with the AED. Analysis said a shock was advised so they proceeded with one shock and resumed CPR immediately - after 10 minutes Mike's pulse returned. Scott called for additional resources to help short haul Mike out with a backboard and litter. After approximately 30 minutes, Mike woke up and was fairly alert and coherent. He was short-hauled out with Dr. Smith and was subsequently flown to the Idaho Falls hospital.

Mike is making an incredible recovery and is enjoying riding his bike in the Tetons this summer.



Listen to the full story on The Fine Line podcast, available on iTunes and SoundCloud or at [www.backcountryzero.com/podcast](http://www.backcountryzero.com/podcast).



THE GROUP FROM THE MAVERICK RESCUE GATHERED TO RECORD THEIR STORY FOR THE FINE LINE PODCAST THIS SPRING. PICTURED L TO R: SCOTT GUENTHER, JULIE CONNOLLY, MIKE CONNOLLY, WILL SMITH, JON COOK.



PREPARING FOR THE SHORT HAUL EXTRACTION.

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received a page that JHMR ski patrol was responding to a female skier with a lower leg injury in Rock Springs. Around 10:55am the Board got a second page that patrol had finished the rescue.

<b>RESCUE</b>	<b>Flares Witnessed near Baldy Mountain</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>3/11/17</b>
<b>TIME</b>	<b>10:18pm</b>
<b>DURATION</b>	<b>54 minutes</b>
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<b>5</b>

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received a page from Teton County, ID about the sighting of flares near Baldy Mountain on the west side of the Tetons. Dispatch sent a deputy to the trailhead where no vehicles were found. After talking to witnesses in Idaho and Wyoming, the Board decided that the sighting was of fireworks and not flares.

<b>RESCUE</b>	<b>Overdue Snowmobilers in Granite Creek</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>3/11/17</b>
<b>TIME</b>	<b>11:50pm</b>
<b>DURATION</b>	<b>47 minutes</b>
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<b>5</b>

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding 4 missing snowmobilers in the Granite Creek area. A deputy was sent to the trailhead to locate vehicles. If there were cars in the parking lot and no sleds, then the Board would send a small snowmobile team to search the road to the hot springs, but not into the Canyon at night. Around 12:46am the party returned and all were okay, and the mission was stood down.

<b>RESCUE</b>	<b>Woman Slid down Ice at Teton Pass</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>3/15/17</b>
<b>TIME</b>	<b>7:59am</b>
<b>DURATION</b>	<b>27 minutes</b>
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<b>15</b>

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received a page for a female who fell 300-400 feet near the summit of the Pass. She was uninjured, but unable to get back up to the top on her own. The Team was paged to the hangar for a rescue. Around 8:20am IC received a call from Dispatch that WYHP had walked down to the subject and helped her hike back up. She was okay and did not need any more help, thus the Team received a stand down page.

<b>RESCUE</b>	<b>Skier Fall on Once is Enough</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>3/17/17</b>

**TIME** 11:04am  
**DURATION** 1 hour 26 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 7

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR received a page from JHMR regarding a skier that fell on Once is Enough ski run on Cody Peak, the skier may have had rib and back injuries, and was trying to self evacuate. At 11:04am ski patrol was requesting assistance for evacuating the patient, and the SAR Board decided to utilize the helicopter. After two flyovers the helicopter landed at the base of Cody Peak, and the patient was transferred to a ski patroller at JHMR who took her to the Village Clinic for further assessment.

**RESCUE** Head Injury near Togwotee Mountain Lodge  
**DATE** 3/20/17  
**TIME** 1:42pm  
**DURATION** 2 hours 19 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 4

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR Board received a page for a male with a head injury in the Togwotee Mountain Lodge area. EMS was already at the Lodge and was requesting the SAR helicopter to be on standby because the patient was not out of the backcountry yet. Around 2:00pm the incident was stood down because the patient had arrived at the Lodge and was being transferred to Air Idaho.

**RESCUE** Overdue Party on Teton Pass  
**DATE** 3/20/17  
**TIME** 3:46pm  
**DURATION** 1 hour 47 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 4

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR Board received a page regarding an overdue party on Teton Pass in the Phillips Canyon area. One member was supposed to ski out and go to work, but his car was still on the Pass. IC tried to call and text the subject with no results. Later the RP called and reported to be in contact with the missing person. They said they would call 911 again at 5pm with an update. IC received a text from the subject who said he was okay and was following the power lines down Phillips Ridge. At 5:33pm the Board got a page that all parties were out of the backcountry and were okay.

**RESCUE** Broken Arm near the North Fork of Spread Creek  
**DATE** 3/21/17  
**TIME** 2:42pm

**DURATION** 2 hours 18 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 16

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received a call from Heart Six Ranch due to an InReach activation from a guided snowmobile tour that reported a guest who had broken her arm and was unable to ride out. A snowmobile team was on route when the guide called in and reported that the patient was going into shock. With this new information, the Board decided to utilize the helicopter with BLS and ALS rescuers. Helicopter located the patient in the field, landed on the scene, stabilized and transferred the patient to Black Rock Ranger Station and the waiting ambulance.

**RESCUE** Lost Hiker on Old Pass Road  
**DATE** 3/24/17  
**TIME** 9:12pm  
**DURATION** 9 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 4

**WHAT HAPPENED?** 72 year-old female got separated from her group while hiking on Old Pass Road. She left the group early but never found the trailhead. Her phone was pinged about half a mile from the trailhead by Dispatch, and a deputy was sent to meet the woman who turned out to be okay.

**RESCUE** Knee Injury in Four Pines  
**DATE** 3/25/17  
**TIME** 11:33am  
**DURATION** 1 hour 28 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 0

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR Board received an informational page that JHMR ski patrol was responding to a knee injury in Four Pines. No assistance was needed as patrol was back in bounds with the patient.

**RESCUE** Overdue Snowmobiler outside of Grand Targhee  
**DATE** 3/27/17  
**TIME** 4:37pm  
**DURATION** 17 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 5

**WHAT HAPPENED?** A 16 year-old male snowboarder was last seen at the bottom of Crazy Horse near Grand Targhee Resort. Grand Targhee Ski Patrol was sweeping the area for tracks, found the snowboarder in Mill Creek, and they were walking him out, thus the incident was stood down.

## » APRIL

**RESCUE** Skier Fell in Central Chute  
**DATE** 4/8/17  
**TIME** 11:38am  
**DURATION** 2 hours 22 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 3

**WHAT HAPPENED?** TCSO SAR Board received an informational page that JHMR ski patrol was responding to a male skier who suffered possible head, rib, and chest injuries after falling in Central Chute on Cody Peak. Dispatch reported that the patient was going in and out of consciousness, so EMS requested Air Idaho HEMS who unfortunately couldn't fly due to bad weather. The SAR helicopter departed the hangar with pilot and a paramedic, and landed at the base of Cody Bowl. The SAR paramedic assisted ski patrol with patient assessment, packaging, and transport to the helicopter. Helicopter landed in the Ranch Lot and transferred patient to EMS.

**RESCUE** Skier Avalanche in Air Force Chutes  
**DATE** 4/9/17  
**TIME** 12:02pm  
**DURATION** 1 hour 18 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 11

**WHAT HAPPENED?** GTNP rangers requested a helicopter assist for an avalanche victim with back and chest injuries in Granite Canyon. SAR Board paged the short haul team, and a ranger requested a spotter, short hauler, and heli manager, whom landed at the scene. Ski patrol and two rangers loaded the patient into the helicopter and flew back to the LZ and waiting ambulance.

## » MAY

**RESCUE** Horseback Rider Injury near Spring Creek Ranch  
**DATE** 5/18/17  
**TIME** 11:51am  
**DURATION** 1 hour 9 minutes  
**ATTENDEES** 18

**WHAT HAPPENED?** Report of a 67 year-old female who fell off a horse near Spring Creek Ranch, and her chief complaint was rib pain. IC requested SAR with a wheeled litter. Patient was assessed, packaged in a vacuum mattress, and transported half a mile back to the trailhead and EMS.



# WISH LIST

TCSAR Foundation raises money to support SAR volunteers with equipment, personal support and advanced training. If you are interested in funding one of our “Wish List” items for 2017, please contact us.

## Direct Support

- Building Renovations: **\$15,000**
- Snowmobile: **\$13,500**
- Rigging for Rescue Course: **\$14,400**
- Helicopter Training and Contract: **\$44,400**
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- Avalanche Education: **\$9,000**

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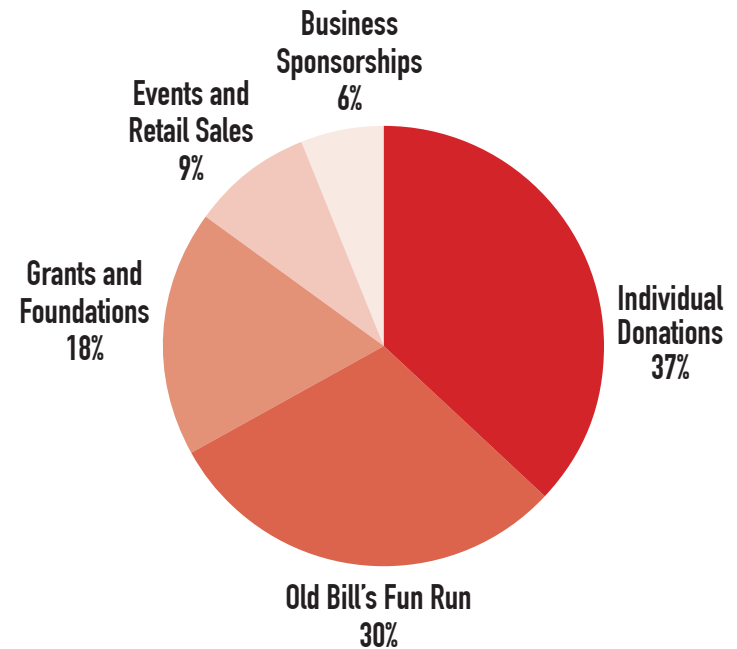
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The Shriver Society was created in memory of Ray to ensure that the unpaid team of specialized, volunteer rescuers will be financially supported for the life of the TCSAR organization.

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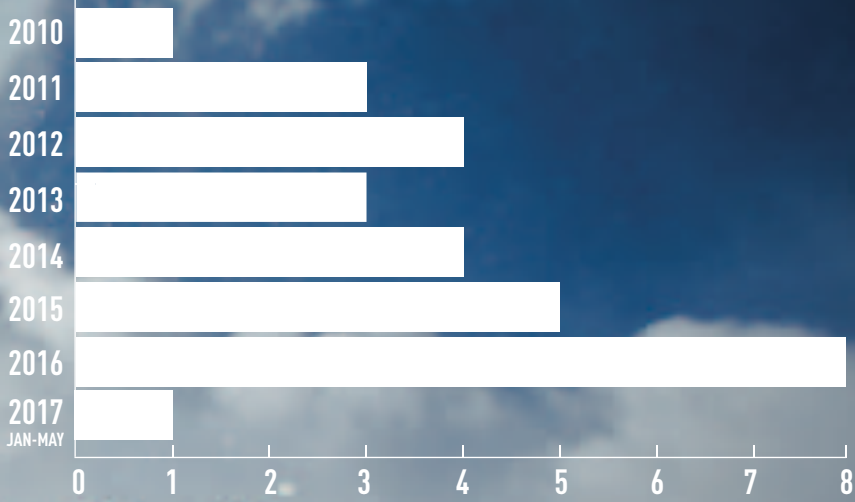
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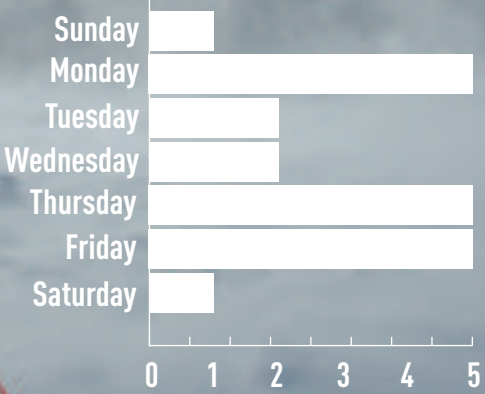
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# INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK WINTER 2016/2017



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## HOW WILL THE FUNDS BE USED?

- Extend our helicopter contract to cover critical spring months in the Tetons.
- Enable a universal short haul team between GTNP & TCSAR.
- Increase the frequency and diversity of training.
- Ensure that 12 volunteers are short haul certified.



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