

TETON COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE'S

RESCUE REPORT

DECEMBER 2014 – MAY 2015



IN MEMORY OF STEPHEN ADAMSON

We dedicate this rescue report to Stephen's family: Sara, Elizabeth and Margaret. Stephen was an incredible board member, supporter and SAR friend. We will all miss him greatly.



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DEAR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND SUPPORTERS

As summer arrives in the Tetons and I approach the end of my term as President of the board of directors, I wanted to take a moment to thank the many people who have contributed to our organization's success over the years and have helped established a solid foundation for the future.

First of all, none of what we do would matter at all, without the unbelievable dedication of our volunteers. To each and every one of you, thank you for your time and dedication, expertise and passion, sacrifice and generosity. Our community is blessed to count you among our ranks and is a better place to live as a result of your service.

To the board of county commissioners, our donors and supporting organizations, thank you for your continued commitment to TCSAR and our volunteers. Teton County Search and Rescue is a great example of what can be accomplished when local government and private enterprise come together, united by a common vision. None of this would be possible without the support of our local elected officials and the financial contributions provided by community members and organizations. With your help, in the past 6 months, the organization was able to:

- Spend 1200 hours rescuing people in the backcountry
- Spend 2000 hours training
- Spend 500 hours participating in community education and outreach

Finally, I would like to thank all of my fellow board members for their leadership and dedication, and offer my condolences to the family of Stephen Adamson, who was killed this spring in a mountaineering accident on Mount Moran. While Stephen had only been on the TCSAR foundation board for six months, his positive contributions were immediate, and he and his wife Sara have been long time supporters of the organization. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but remembered for his enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism.

Brian Cousins



RESCUE REPORT

DECEMBER 2014

RESCUE Missing Snowboarders Near Grand Targhee

DATE / TIME 12/06/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 5:03pm
- **DURATION:** 1 hour 4 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 21
- **OTHER RESOURCES INVOLVED:** Grand Targhee Ski Patrol
- **WEATHER:** Night, Cold, Clear

At 5:03pm TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding two skiers who never returned from out of bounds at Grand Targhee resort. GTSP was already involved, sending two teams: one behind the snowboarders tracks and the other on the access road to the Cold Springs pullout. GTSP reported to SAR that patrollers were about 10-15 minutes to reaching the snowboarders, providing care, but needed SAR to evacuate the snowboarders. SAR prepared snowmobiles and skiers. Shortly after, IC was informed that GTSP had reached the snowboarders and were able to hike to the road. At 6:07pm the incident was resolved.

RESCUE Skier with Tachycardia on Teton Pass

DATE / TIME 12/21/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 10:54am
- **DURATION:** 1 hour 6 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 19
- **EQUIPMENT:** Snowmobiles, AEDs, Skis, Transport Gear
- **WEATHER:** Windy, Snow/Rain, Fog

At 10:54am SAR received a page regarding a 40 year old male experiencing Tachycardia on Shivers Ridge near Teton Pass. Dispatch reported the man had a history of cardiac problems, tingling within his extremities, and becoming extremely cold. SAR responded to Teton Pass with snowmobiles, AED, skis, and transport gear. The helicopter was not an option that day due to the cloudy and snowy weather day. An ambulance would be waiting for the patient at the Trail Creek trailhead, while SAR would go in from the top with snowmobiles and a toboggan, while a second team would go in from the bottom. At 12:00pm, while SAR was en route to Teton Pass, Dispatch reported to IC that the patient had skied out on his own. The search was called off and all SAR members returned to ICP.

RESCUE JHMR Knee Injury in Rock Springs

DATE / TIME 12/22/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 11:43am
- **DURATION:** 2 hours 4 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** JHMR Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Skis, PT packaging
- **WEATHER:** Mostly cloudy, 22.5 degrees Fahrenheit

At 11:43am SAR was advised that JHSP was responding to a person with a knee injury in Rock Springs area. Ski Patrol evacuated the patient at 1:47pm.

RESCUE JHMR M&M Avalanche, Stand Down

DATE / TIME 12/23/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 1:12pm
- **DURATION:** 4 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** JHMR Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Skis
- **WEATHER:** Clear, 18.6 degrees Fahrenheit

At 1:12pm TCSO SAR Board received a page indicating that JHSP was responding to reports of an avalanche in M&M Couloir in Rock Springs. At 1:16pm, the Board was confirmed by ski patrol that no one was buried in the avalanche. SAR was stood down.

RESCUE Lost Skier near Grand Targhee

DATE / TIME 12/27/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 3:21pm
- **DURATION:** 17 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 6
- **OTHER RESOURCES INVOLVED:** Grand Targhee Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Skis

At 3:21pm SAR was paged in regards to a lost skier out of bounds from Grand Targhee Resort. As SAR was making a plan of action, Dispatch reported that ski patrol had made contact with the lost skier and was okay, requiring no further assistance. At 3:38pm the incident was resolved.

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JANUARY 2015

RESCUE Lost Skiers in Black Hole on Teton Pass

DATE / TIME 12/27/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 3:47pm
- **DURATION:** 5 hours 21 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 16
- **EQUIPMENT:** Helicopter, Skis
- **WEATHER:** Cloudy, Winter storm warning, Fog, 8 degrees Fahrenheit

At 3:47pm, SAR received a page regarding a lost party, south of Teton Pass. With coordinates from one of their cell phones, the Board made a plan to fly with the last remaining daylight and to send skiers in from the top of the Pass. At 4:44pm the SAR Helicopter spotted a single skier skinning up the ridge toward Mt. Elly, along with many other ski tracks. SAR Team 1 on skis, made contact with the party and aided the lost party back to the Pass at 8:42pm. SAR returned to the hangar at 8:54pm.

RESCUE JHMR: Avalanche Near Zero G Rock Springs

DATE / TIME 12/28/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 1:19pm
- **DURATION:** 1 hour 54 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** JHMR Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Skis
- **WEATHER:** Cloudy, Light snow, Fair visibility, 15 degrees Fahrenheit

At 1:19pm TCSO SAR Board received a page that JHSP was responding to one subject that was involved in an avalanche in Rock Springs Canyon. Ski Patrol assisted the subject back into bounds. At 3:13pm, IC followed up with Dispatch to confirm that Ski Patrol and subject were back in bounds.

RESCUE JHMR: Incident at M&M Coulior Rock Springs

DATE / TIME 12/30/2014

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 3:35pm
- **DURATION:** 1 hour 51 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** JHMR Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Skis
- **WEATHER:** Very cold, Sunny, Good visibility

At 3:35pm TCSO SAR Board was advised that JHSP was retrieving skiers in M&M Coulior in Rock Springs. By the time Ski Patrol arrived at M&M, the skiers had resolved their issue and were gone. Ski Patrol was back in bounds at 5:26pm

RESCUE XC Skiers Near Granite Hot Springs

DATE / TIME 01/01/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 4:30pm
- **DURATION:** 2 hours 5 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 7
- **EQUIPMENT:** Snowmobile
- **WEATHER:** Very cold, clear, Good visibility

At 4:30pm SAR Board was paged regarding an evacuation requested from a group of cross-country skiers at Granite Hot Springs. Paged at 4:40pm, the team arrived at Granite Creek trailhead with snowmobiles. Shortly after, IC was advised that the group rode back out to the trailhead and back in town. The search was called off.

RESCUE Leg Injury Near Togwotee Pass

DATE / TIME 01/02/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 1:06pm
- **DURATION:** 2 hours 57 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 11
- **EQUIPMENT:** Helicopter, snowmobile, Patient packaging, Medical BLS
- **WEATHER:** Cloudy, light snow, Good visibility

At 1:06pm TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding a snowmobiler with a possible broken leg near Togwotee Pass. SAR team was paged at 1:15pm to assist with the helicopter to evacuate the patient and the snowmobiles as backup. Togwotee guides packaged the patient for transport and moved him to the helicopter to transport to Medic 1 close by. The mission was complete at 4:03pm.

RESCUE JHMR: Clipped Out Snowboarder in Rock Springs

DATE / TIME 01/02/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 3:06pm
- **DURATION:** 56 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** JHMR Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Skis
- **WEATHER:** Cloudy, light snow, Good visibility

At 3:06pm SAR was advised from Dispatch that JHSP was responding to a snowboarder, clipped out in the Rock Springs Canyon, with no backcountry gear. At 4:02pm, SAR received a second page indicating that ski patrol had safely retrieved the snowboarder and on their way back in bounds.

RESCUE REPORT

JANUARY 2015 / CONT.

RESCUE Snowmobilers Stuck Near Sleepy Hollow

DATE / TIME 01/02/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 5:21pm
- **DURATION:** 18 hours 54 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 16
- **EQUIPMENT:** Helicopter, Snowmobile
- **WEATHER:** Cold, Light snow, Good visibility

At 5:21pm TCSO SAR Board received a page advising of 2 lost snowmobilers near Mosquito Creek. Late in the day and very cold weather, the Board decided to send in the team via snowmobiles, resuming via helicopter in the morning if need be. At 6:51pm, SAR Team 1 was sent on snowmobiles to the Mosquito Creek trailhead to search South toward Sleepy Hollow. Team 1 searched, without finding the lost party and at 10:16pm returned to the trailhead to head back to the SAR hangar. Because the lost party was uninjured and able to stay warm overnight with proper equipment, the search was suspended for the night and would resume at 7:00am the next day. The snowmobile teams departed the hangar at 8:00am and, shortly after, the helicopter departed. At 9:14am the helicopter spotted smoke from a fire, locating the lost party, 2 miles south of Mosquito Creek. This area was not snowmobile accessible and there was no proper landing zone for the helicopter, so the SAR team decided the safest and most effective way to evacuate the party was to short haul. At 9:50am the 2 snowmobilers were short hauled from the scene to the snowmobile teams, to evacuate them back to the trailhead. All SAR units were out of the field and back to the hangar by 12:15pm.

RESCUE Overdue Snow-Bikes Near Granite Creek

DATE / TIME 01/02/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 6:53pm
- **DURATION:** 1 hour 25 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 8
- **OTHER RESOURCES USED:** Sublette County Dispatch
- **EQUIPMENT:** Snowmobile
- **WEATHER:** Light Snow, Good visibility, 10.2 degrees Fahrenheit

SAR Team was on a search in Mosquito Creek area when the second call came in at 6:35pm, regarding 2 overdue snowbikers, in the Granite Canyon area. Dispatch indicated that the overdue persons were not familiar with the backcountry, no lights, or food and water, requesting for SAR services. Team members were paged and en route. Soon after, Dispatch advised SAR that the party had made it out to the trailhead and needed no further assistance. All units returned to the hangar.

RESCUE Hiker Stuck on High School Butte, Stand Down

DATE / TIME 01/04/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 5:23pm
- **DURATION:** 1 day
- **ATTENDEES:** 8
- **WEATHER:** Snowing, Dark, Fog

At 5:23pm, TCSO SAR Board was paged regarding a man that had hiked High School Butte and may require assistance getting down. The Board decided to advise SAR Team to respond. At 5:31pm, the Board received a second page that the hiker made it down safely. The incident was stood down.

RESCUE JHMR: Broken Leg on Cody Traverse

DATE / TIME 01/17/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 2:52pm
- **DURATION:** 32 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** JHMR Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Skis, Medical BLS, Patient packaging

At 2:52pm SAR Board received a page that JHSP was responding to a female with a possible broken leg in the Cody Traverse area right outside the resort boundaries. At 3:24pm, the Board was advised that Ski Patrol was back in-bounds with the patient. The rescue was complete.

RESCUE Overdue Snowmobiler Near Phillips Canyon

DATE / TIME 01/18/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 5:55pm
- **DURATION:** 37 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 7
- **OTHER RESOURCES USED:** Snowmobile

At 5:55pm, TCSO SAR Board was paged regarding an overdue snowmobiler near Phillips Canyon. SAR Board decided to page the Team to begin a search near Phillips Canyon. Shortly after, the Board was advised that Brines had safely made it out on his own. The incident was stood down at 6:32pm.

RESCUE REPORT

FEBRUARY 2015

RESCUE Paraglider Crash at JHMR

DATE / TIME 01/21/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 1:50pm
- **DURATION:** 1 hour 31 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 6
- **OTHER RESOURCES USED:** JHMR Ski Patrol

At 1:50pm, TCSO SAR Board was advised from JHMR that there was a serious accident in-bounds of the ski resort, in need of an immediate helicopter. The board learned shortly after that a paraglider had crashed into a cliff in bounds. Ski Patrol was providing care to the patient and would transport to a nearby landing zone. At 2:25pm SAR Helicopter arrived on scene, loaded the patient, and departed at 2:32pm to St. John's Medical Center to be transferred to definitive care. The helicopter and SAR members returned to SAR hangar at 3:21pm.

RESCUE Granite Creek Abandoned Snowmobile

DATE / TIME 01/27/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 2:39pm
- **DURATION:** 2 hour 21 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 5
- **EQUIPMENT:** Snowmobile, skis
- **WEATHER:** Partly Cloudy, Good visibility, 31.2 degrees Fahrenheit

3rd party report of an abandoned snowmobile in Granite Creek. RP noted that Snowmobile was left by 3 individuals in Cross Country ski gear the day prior and was still sitting in same area. RP was concerned for individuals but did not know them. RP did not think that the skiers had any survival gear. Board decision was to observe Snowmobile and obtain VIN information. At 3:48pm caretaker at Granite Hot springs made contact with the owner of the snowmobile and noted all parties were "fine".

RESCUE Injured Skier Near Two Ocean Mountain, Stand down

DATE / TIME 01/30/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 1:36pm
- **DURATION:** 1 hour 22 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 13
- **EQUIPMENT:** Helicopter

At 1:36pm, TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding an injured skier near the Teton-Fremont County line. With alarm of the patients known injuries, the Board paged the SAR Team at 1:50pm to respond with a helicopter and snowmobiles. At 2:04pm, Dispatch was advised that paramedics from Fremont County were on scene providing care, with an EMS helicopter en route to transfer the patient. At 3pm the SAR Team was stood down.

RESCUE Hip Injury Near Powder Reserves

DATE / TIME 01/31/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 2:14pm
- **DURATION:** 3 hour 42 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 20
- **EQUIPMENT:** Helicopter, Snowmobile, Skis
- **WEATHER:** Mostly cloudy, Good visibility, 22.7 degrees Fahrenheit

At 2:11pm, TCSO SAR Board was advised regarding a skier with apparent hip dislocation on Teton Pass. SAR Team was paged and a ground response was sent to the top of Teton Pass while a helicopter team was organized from above. At 3:28pm, the helicopter flew over the location of the patient, determining that a short haul operation was appropriate because there was no landing zone near by. A simultaneous ground response was en route on skis. Once the patient was loaded on the short haul line, SAR Team flew back to the Lower parking lot of the Teton Pass, where ambulance was on scene ready to transfer. The helicopter and SAR members returned to the hangar at 4:30pm.

RESCUE Overdue Skiers/Snowboarders in Black Hole

DATE / TIME 02/03/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 9:04pm
- **DURATION:** 4 hour 43 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 18
- **EQUIPMENT:** Snowmobile, Skis
- **WEATHER:** Snowing with Avalanche Danger, Poor visibility, Powder

At TCSO SAR Board was paged regarding four overdue skiers. With the limited information regarding the possible locations of the party, SAR decided to send 3 teams to search the high probability areas in Teton Pass. The Teams departed at 10:50pm. At 11:46pm, SAR Team located the party skiing out of Mosquito Creek and assisted the parties evacuation via snowmobiles.

RESCUE Overdue Snowshoer Near Beard's Mountain, Stand Down

DATE / TIME 02/04/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 9:20pm
- **DURATION:** 20 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 0

At 9:20pm, TCSO SAR Board was advised that there was an overdue/lost snowshoer headed towards Beard's Mountain. At 9:40pm, the Board was informed that the missing snowshoer had been located and was safe. SAR Team was stood down.

RESCUE REPORT

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RESCUE JHMR: Injured skier near Drew's Slide

DATE / TIME 02/07/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 1:20pm
- **DURATION:** 1 hour 58 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** JHMR Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Medical BLS, PT packaging, Skis

At 1:20pm, TCSO SAR Board received a page that JHMR Ski Patrol was responding to an injured skier in Rock Springs. At 3:18pm, the SAR Board received a second page indicating that Ski Patrol had rescued the skier and all parties were safely back in-bounds. The incident was complete.

RESCUE JHMR: 3 Cluffed Out Skiers in Rock Springs

DATE / TIME 02/10/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 12:47pm
- **DURATION:** 58 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** JHMR Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Skis

At 12:47, TCSO SAR Board received a page that JHMR Ski Patrol was responding to 3 cluffed out skiers in Rock Springs. At 1:45pm, the Board received another page that Ski Patrol had rescued the skiers and all parties were safely back in bounds. The incident was complete.

RESCUE JHMR: Missing Person in Rock Springs

DATE / TIME 02/10/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 5:14pm
- **DURATION:** 28 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** JHMR Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Skis

At 5:14pm, TCSO SAR Board received a page that JHMR Ski Patrol was responding to a lost skier in Rock Springs, where he was last seen. At 5:42pm, the Board received another page indicating that Ski Patrol had located the skier and all parties were safely back in-bounds.

RESCUE Cornice Break Near GTR

DATE / TIME 02/12/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 2:51pm
- **DURATION:** 3 hours 28 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 17
- **EQUIPMENT:** Helicopter, Skis
- **WEATHER:** Sunny, Good visibility, 36 degrees Fahrenheit

At 2:51pm, TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding an individual who was caught in a cornice break avalanche beyond the rope boundary of Grand Targhee Resort. Grand Targhee Ski Patrol could see the man responsive, and moving. Two Ski Patrollers were en-route to access the patient and set up a landing zone, while waiting for further teams to arrive. At 3:07pm, SAR Team was dispatched, deciding to fly to the scene with medical and short haul equipment. GTMR Ski Patrol had packaged him and transported him to a nearby landing zone ready for when SAR helicopter and Team arrived. Once landed, SAR Team loaded the patient, and transported him to the base of Grand Targhee Resort where an ambulance overtook patient care. The mission was complete at 6:19pm.

RESCUE Snowmobile Accident Near Togwotee Pass

DATE / TIME 02/13/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 1:18pm
- **DURATION:** 4 hours 2 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 13
- **EQUIPMENT:** Helicopter, Snowmobile
- **WEATHER:** Sunny, Good visibility

At 1:18pm, TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding an unresponsive individual, near Togwotee Pass. Reported from those on scene that it was a snowmobile crash, SAR Board decided to use the helicopter and evacuate. At 2:07pm, SAR Team and the helicopter departed from the hangar, landing on scene at 2:24pm. SAR Medical members determined the individual deceased. At 2:55pm, the Teton County Sheriff's office took over the mission and SAR Team and Helicopter departed the scene. All SAR units returned to the hangar by 4:51pm.

RESCUE REPORT

MARCH 2015

FEBRUARY 2015 / CONT.

RESCUE Overdue Snowmobilers Near Rammel Mountain

DATE / TIME 02/16/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 3:22am
- **DURATION:** 3 hours 4 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 5
- **EQUIPMENT:** Snowmobile
- **WEATHER:** Night time, Cold

At 3:22am TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding lost snowmobilers in the Rammel Mountain area. A reporting party advised SAR that the lost party were prepared for the weather and had started a fire. A deputy was en route to the trailhead to look for their vehicles. At 4:54am, it was reported that the Deputy had checked the trailheads and roads that access the Rammel Mountain area and that there were no trucks that matched the description of the lost party. At 6:25am, SAR's IC was advised that the lost party had been found the prior night. By 6:26am, the mission was complete.

RESCUE JHMR: Cliffed Out Skier Near No Name

DATE / TIME 02/24/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 3:44pm
- **DURATION:** 1 hour 10 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 2
- **OTHER RESOURCES USED:** JHMR Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Skis
- **WEATHER:** Sunny, Cold, Good visibility

At 3:44pm, TCSO SAR Board received a page that JHMR Ski Patrol was responding to a cliffed out skier near No Name Peak. Patrol would call SAR for further assistance. At 4:54pm, the Board received a second page indicating that patrol had rescued the cliffed out skier and all parties were okay

RESCUE JHMR: Cliffed Out Skier Near Cody Bowl

DATE / TIME 02/26/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 10:00am
- **DURATION:** 54 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** JHMR Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Skis

At 10:00am the TCSO SAR was advised that JHMR Ski Patrol was responding to a group of skiers that were cliffed out near Cody Bowl. Ski Patrol rescued the skiers and brought them safely back in-bounds. The rescue was completed at 10:54am.

RESCUE JHMR: Injured Snowboarder Near Rock Springs

DATE / TIME 03/03/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 10:57am
- **DURATION:** 1 hour 11 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** JHMR Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Skis

At 10:57am, TCSO SAR received a page that JHMR Ski Patrol was responding to Rock Springs area for an injured snowboarder. Ski Patrol rescued the snowboarder and transported him back in-bounds. The rescue was complete at 12:08pm.

RESCUE JHMR: Cliffed Out Skier Near Rock Springs

DATE / TIME 03/04/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 2:56pm
- **DURATION:** 1 hour 34 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** JHMR Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Skis

At 2:56pm, the TCSO SAR received a page that JHMR Ski Patrol was responding to a cliffed out skier near Zero G in Rock Springs. Ski Patrol rescued the skier and returned safely back in-bounds. The rescue was completed at 4:30pm.

RESCUE JHMR: Injured Skier Near Zero G

DATE / TIME 03/08/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 11:43am
- **DURATION:** 1 hour 18 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** JHMR Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Skis

On 11:43am, TCSO SAR Board was advised that JHMR Ski Patrol was responding to an injured skier in Rock Springs Canyon. At 1:01pm, the Board received a second page indicating that Ski Patrol had packaged and transported the injured skier down the mountain.

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RESCUE JHMR: Cliffed Out Skier Near Zero Space

DATE / TIME 03/08/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 12:15pm
- **DURATION:** 40 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** JHMR Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Skis

At 12:15, TCSO SAR Board received a page that JHMR Ski Patrol was responding to a cliffed out skier in Rock Springs Canyon, with possible assistance required of the SAR Helicopter. At 12:55, the Board received a second page indicating that Ski Patrol had rescued the cliffed out skier and did not need further assistance.

RESCUE JHMR: Cliffed Out Subject Near Zero G/Sp

DATE / TIME 03/09/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 12:50pm
- **DURATION:** 1 hour 10 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** JHMR Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Skis

At 12:50, TCSO SAR Board received a page that JHMR Ski Patrol was responding to a cliffed out person in Rock Springs Canyon. At 2:00pm, the Board received a second page indicating that Ski Patrol had rescued the person and all parties were safely back in-bounds.

RESCUE TTTSAR: PLB Activation Green River Lakes

DATE / TIME 03/11/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 3:46pm
- **DURATION:** 3 hours 3 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 6
- **OTHER RESOURCES USED:** Sublette County Search & Rescue
- **EQUIPMENT:** Helicopter
- **WEATHER:** Good visibility

At 3:49pm, TCSO SAR Board received a page that Sublette County SAR was requesting TCSAR Helicopter for a search and rescue above Green River Lakes. They requested for the TCSAR Team to do an aerial search and rescue of the area, departing at 4:36pm. At 5:24pm, the helicopter arrived and immediately saw the missing individual. At 5:47pm TCSAR Team and Helicopter landed, dropping off SAR Team members. An ambulance was en route to take over patient care. The mission was complete at 6:49pm.

RESCUE Injured Woman No Name Peak

DATE / TIME 03/13/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 2:08pm
- **DURATION:** 1 hour 20 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 13 and JHMR Ski Patrol
- **EQUIPMENT:** Helicopter, Skis
- **WEATHER:** Sunny, Warm, Good visibility

At 2:08pm, TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding an injured skier, near No Name Peak, with request of Helicopter. At 2:55pm, SAR Helicopter and Team landed on scene. At 3:00pm, SAR Team assessed and transported the patient to the helicopter. They then landed at the maintenance lot of JHMR where Ski Patrol staff transferred the patient to further care. The mission was complete at 3:28pm.

RESCUE Car Over Edge Near Camp Creek, Stand Down

DATE / TIME 03/17/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 11:21pm
- **DURATION:** 16 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 25
- **EQUIPMENT:** Fire EMS

At 11:21 pm, TCSO SAR Board was paged regarding a vehicle off the road on S Hwy 191 near Camp Creek. The Board decided to page the SAR team for a high-angle rescue. At 11:25pm, Dispatch reported that there was only 1 occupant in the car and that he was climbing up the embankment. At 11:37pm, Dispatch asked SAR Team to stand down.

RESCUE Injured Snowmobiler Near Elk Creek

DATE / TIME 03/20/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 1:53pm
- **DURATION:** 2 hours 7 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 11
- **EQUIPMENT:** Helicopter, Snowmobile
- **WEATHER:** Good visibility

At 1:53pm, TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding an injured snowmobiler in the Southwest Region of Teton County. Given the late time of day, difficult terrain via snowmobiles, and injured patient, the Board planned for a helicopter evacuation. At 3:11pm, the Helicopter team located the party from the air and landed near the scene. SAR members assessed, packaged, and transported the patient to be departed. SAR members and patient arrived at the hangar at 4:00pm, where an ambulance was waiting for further care. The mission was then complete.

RESCUE REPORT

MAY 2015

MARCH 2015 / CONT.

RESCUE Injured Skier Near Plummer Yurt

DATE / TIME 03/21/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 3:32pm
- **DURATION:** 1 hour 46 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** 8
- **EQUIPMENT:** Helicopter
- **WEATHER:** Good visibility

At 3:32pm, TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding an injured skier near Plummer Yurt. Due to the remote, difficult location and possible serious injury, SAR Board decided to use the Helicopter for evacuation. At 4:45pm, the helicopter departed the hangar, landing at 4:58pm. SAR members packaged the patient and assisted him into the helicopter, landing back at the hangar at 5:18pm, where he was transferred to an ambulance for further care.



Photo: Andy Bardon

RESCUE Stranded Motorist on Rim Trail Road

DATE / TIME 05/16/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 10:08 pm
- **DURATION:** 4 hours 11 minutes
- **ATTENDEES:** Fremont County SAR

At 22:08 on Saturday, May 16, 2015 the TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding a stranded motorist on Rim Trail Road near FS road 809. Dispatch reported that a female driver was driving on the Rim Trail Rd from Yellowstone and her vehicle got stuck in the mud. She had plenty of water and gas. The 911 call had gone to Fremont County and their SAR team was on standby because access to the scene was from Fremont County. The Board informed Dispatch that because the female was on a road in her vehicle, this was not a SAR, and TCSO patrol should be notified. The SAR incident was stood down. At the approval of TCSO, Fremont County SAR responded to retrieve the subject. At 2:19am on 5/17/15 the subject was out and the incident was complete.

RESCUE GTNP: Avalanche in Sickle Couloir

DATE / TIME 05/17/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 9:30 am
- **DURATION:** 6 hours 34 minutes

On Sunday, May 17, 2015 the TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding a short haul request from Grand Teton National Park. Jackson Dispatch reported that 4 people had been involved in an avalanche in the Sickle Couloir on Mount Moran. One patient did not have a pulse and was not breathing and his companions were performing CPR. A second patient had a pulse, was breathing, but was unresponsive. A third patient possibly had a broken leg. The fourth person, the reporting party, was uninjured. The party was at about 9800 ft and the cloud ceiling was just above them. The Board asked Dispatch to page the short haul team to respond to the hangar.

At 10:41am the helicopter (7BL), the pilot and 4 SAR members, was en route to the Jenny Lake rescue cache at Lupine Meadows. 7BL landed at Lupine at 10:50am.

The accident occurred at about 9:20am. Jackson Dispatch received the 911 call at 9:30am. Safety concerns included poor weather for flying 7BL (low clouds, snowing, near-freezing temperatures), continuing avalanches at the scene, steep terrain, high altitude flying.

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At 11:19am, IC requested Air Idaho to transfer the unresponsive patient to definitive care. Due to the low cloud cover, HEMS was unable to respond. A fixed wing aircraft was dispatched to the Jackson Hole airport and an ambulance was dispatched to Lupine Meadows to transfer the patient to the airport.

At 11:24am 7BL flew to an LZ (8800 ft) near the scene and dropped off 3 GTNP rangers to provide medical care and package the unresponsive patient for the short haul. 7BL returned to Lupine and landed at 11:42am.

At 11:44am 7BL departed Lupine en route to the LZ. 3 more GTNP rangers were on board and were dropped off at the LZ to provide additional help with patient care.

At 12:00pm 7BL landed back at Lupine. The short haul equipment was set up on the helicopter. At 12:19pm the crew in the field reported that the patient was packaged in the Bauman bag and was ready to go. At 12:22pm 7BL was en route to the scene. Due to safety concerns regarding the poor weather, only one SAR member was short hauled. At 12:34pm the patient was hooked up to the short haul line (a "hot hook up" was performed meaning that, once on the ground, the short hauler did not unhook from the line and the patient was immediately added to the system.) The crew at the scene began moving the other 2 patients to the LZ.

At 12:47pm 7BL placed the shorthauler and the patient on the ground. The patient was carried into the rescue cache where Dr. Will Smith and multiple paramedics and EMTs provided emergency medical care. At 1:05pm the patient was loaded into the ambulance, which transported him to the fixed wing air ambulance at the airport.

At this point, IC gathered the rescuers and briefed them on the plan to rescue the remaining patients. The 2 remaining patients and 2 rangers would be transported first. The fourth patient had been declared deceased and would be transported second. The last helicopter trip would be to transport the 4 remaining GTNP rangers back to Lupine.

The rescuers debriefed the mission. Several rescuers indicated that the joint short haul training between GTNP and TCSO SAR had been very beneficial to the success of the mission. At 3:44pm 7BL departed Lupine and landed back at the hangar at 3:58pm. All units were clear by 4:04pm.

RESCUE Injured Biker on Parallel Trail

DATE / TIME 05/24/2015

WHAT HAPPENED?

- **TIME:** 7:20pm
- **DURATION:** 1 hour 11 minutes

On Sunday, May 24, 2015 at 7:20pm the TCSO SAR Board received a page regarding a 30 year-old male biker on the Parallel Trail on Teton Pass. The male was experiencing back pain. Dispatch reported that the male had fallen after going off a jump on his mountain bike. His tailbone hurt and he was experiencing tingling down his left leg. The Board made a plan to evacuate the male by wheeled litter. The team was paged at 7:26pm.

The SAR team responded to the Old Pass Road trailhead and hiked up the Parallel trail. The patient was located at 8:02pm. A patient medical assessment was completed. The patient's chief complaint was lower back pain and tingling whenever he tried to move. The SAR team loaded him into the wheeled litter and transported him down the trail to the parking lot. The patient was transferred to an ambulance at 8:31pm.



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DECEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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JANUARY 2015

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MARCH 2015

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 TRAINING EXERCISE
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APRIL 2015

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MAY 2015

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A GROUP OF DEDICATED SUPPORTERS OF TETON COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE WHO MAKE A LONG TERM, SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE VOLUNTEER TEAM.

- + **RAY SHRIVER** served on the Teton County Search and Rescue team from its inception in 1993 until his death in 2012. His dedication to training and education was unmatched in the search and rescue community — during his 19 years, Ray volunteered more hours to rescue and training than anyone else in Teton County history. Shriver specialized in training canines, and his search dogs were renowned. His sincere and passionate commitment to Jackson Hole and the area continues to be respected and honored today. Ray was killed in February 2012 in a helicopter crash while on a search and rescue mission.
- + 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.
- + By making a long term and significant contribution to the TCSAR Foundation, you become a key stakeholder in the future of the local volunteer team. Your contribution augments training, equipment, and other ancillary support, directly impacting our mission: “to provide vital search and rescue services for Teton County and the surrounding areas in need.”

2014/15 WISH LIST

TCSAR Foundation raises money to support the volunteers with equipment, personal support and advanced training. If you are interested in funding one of our “wish list” items for 2014–2015, please get in touch:

SNOWMOBILE

\$15,000

ADVANCED TRAINING

\$25,000

CLASSROOM COMPUTER

\$3,000

HELICOPTER

\$30,000

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

\$25,000

SNOW AND AVY SEMINAR

\$5,000

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- + DONATE THROUGH OLD BILL'S FUN RUN
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RESOURCES FOR A SINGLE SEARCH + RESCUE

OVERDUE SNOWMOBILER SEARCH ON TOGWOTEE PASS

FEBRUARY 11, 2014 – FEBRUARY 12, 2014

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MISSING PERSONS



WEATHER:
POOR VISIBILITY, HIGH
AVALANCHE DANGER,
10MPH WINDS, SNOW



SKILLS NECESSARY:
AVALANCHE, SNOW-
MOBILE, NAVIGATION,
LOST PERSON INCIDENT

OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED: BTNF
(BRIDGER TETON NATIONAL FOREST),
FREMONT COUNTY SAR, GTNP RANGERS,
SUBLETTE COUNTY SAR, TOGWOTEE
SNOWMOBILE GUIDES, TETON COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

OUTCOME: FOUND, COLD AND HUNGRY BUT FINE



TIME

TEAM

21
RESCUE HOURS

20
TCSAR VOLUNTEERS

26
SNOWMOBILES

15
VEHICLES
PARK ROAD CLOSED DUE TO
WEATHER SPECIAL PERMIS-
SION TO TRAVEL FOR SEARCH

192
MILES DRIVEN
PER VEHICLE

9
SEARCH
AREAS
MAPPED
OUT

2 HELI
FLIGHT
HOURS

THREE
RESCUE DOGS ON STANDBY

8 RESCUE
TRAILERS

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