

## **SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 20 January to 26 January 2012.**

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking System Rescues, One. In addition one rescue was found in the review of the 2011 fourth quarter.

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On 23 January 2012 at 0559 UTC a person who was in the Island Park Reservoir area in Idaho made a cell phone call to the Fremont County Sheriff to report he was lost. The sheriff told him to activate his PLB so his location could be determined. At 0614 UTC, the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHZ PLB distress signal at 44 23.8N, 111 30.1W, 6 miles southwest of Island Park, ID. The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center contacted the Fremont County Search and Rescue team which used the SARSAT coordinates to locate and rescue the PLB's owner in good condition. **1 SARSAT RESCUE**

### **----- From 2011 Fourth Quarter Reporting**

On December 21, 2011 at 0400 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a registered 406 MHz PLB distress signal at 20 45.00 N, 156 45.00 W, near Malele Bay, Lanai, Hawaii. Coast Guard District 14(D14) received the alert and confirmed with the registered owner that their son and friend were kayaking from Maui to Lanai. Coast Guard D14 diverted a helicopter and launched a Station Maui small boat. The helicopter was on the scene within 20 minutes, located one kayaker in the water, deployed a rescue swimmer, and was able to hoist the kayaker to the helicopter. The second kayaker was located ashore and was safe. The rescued kayaker was transported to Kahului, Maui and was reported to be in good condition. **1 SARSAT Rescue**

Total number of rescues for FY 12: 62\*

\* This number has been adjusted.

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2011: 208

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 5

*Significance:* The SARSAT system protects life and property in support of the nation's commerce and transportation systems.