

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 30 December 2011 to 5 January 5, 2012.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking System Rescues, One.

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On 29 December 2011 at 23:10 UTC, the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHZ PLB distress signal at 70 45.3N 158 04.7W, approximately 25 miles northwest of Atkasuk, Alaska. An individual traveling on a snow machine to Wainwright, AK activated his PLB after he became disoriented. After receiving the SARSAT alert, Alaska Rescue Coordination Center contacted the North Slope Borough (NSB). NSB launched a helicopter to the SARSAT location and located the individual, who declined assistance. After the helicopter departed the PLB was activated again and the individual was rescued by the SAR group from Wainwright. No injuries reported. **1 SARSAT RESCUE**

Total number of rescues for FY 12: 58

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2011: 207

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 0

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