

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 17 August to 23 August 2012.

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

Incident 1:

Beacon ID: ADCC400B5C00315

On 17 August 2012 at 0800 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz ELT at 57 50.4N 133 35.0W, 50 SE east of Juneau, AK in the Tracy Arm River. An experimental float plane, with two people on board, struck a wave while taking off and lost one of its pontoons. The Coast Guard District 17 (CGD17) received the SARSAT alert, issued an urgent marine information broadcast (UMIB), and launched a helicopter and boat. A nearby cruise ship responded to the UMIB and launched a safety vessel to assist the damaged aircraft. The pilot remained with the aircraft until the Coast Guard arrived.

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Incident 2:

Beacon ID: 2DCE65CE52FFBFF

On 19 August 2012 at 1735 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 37 06.6 N 118 30.4 W, in the Sierra Nevada Mountains 60 NM northeast of Fresno, CA. The PLB was activated by a hiker who came upon an injured hiker who required medical attention. The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) received the SARSAT alert and contacted the California Emergency Management Agency (CEMA). AFRCC provided CEMA with the SARSAT data, and CEMA forwarded SARSAT data to the Inyo County Sherriff's Department. Inyo County dispatched a helicopter to the SARSAT position and rescued the injured hiker.

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Incident 3:

Beacon ID: AE26499C401FAF1

On 20 August 2012 at 1727 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz ELT at 45 20.3N, 115 43.1W, 108 NM northeast of Boise, ID. A Cessna Skylane (N735KV) with 2

people on board crashed near Warren Creek in the Payette National Forest, ID. The pilot notified the Idaho State EMS Communications Center about the crash by radio. The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) received the SARSAT alert, and soon after, the Idaho State EMS Communications Center requested AFRCC to help locate the downed aircraft. AFRCC provided the SARSAT position to the Idaho National Guard (ING). ING dispatched a helicopter that located the downed aircraft and hoisted both survivors to safety.

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Incident 5:

Beacon ID: 2DD6F971BF81FE0

On 22 August 2012 at 1515 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 28 27.5N, 82 41.1W, 2 NM west of Hernando Beach, FL. A Piper Turbo Arrow, with one person on board, crashed in the Gulf of Mexico near the Florida coast. After the pilot called 911, emergency response authorities contacted Coast Guard Sector Saint Petersburg (Sector St. Pete). Sector St. Pete called the Coast Guard District 7 Rescue Coordination Center (CGD7). During the phone call, CGD7 received the SARSAT alert and provided Sector St. Pete with the SARSAT position. Sector St. Pete launched an H-60 helicopter to the SARSAT position. The helicopter located the pilot on a small island and transported him to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, FL.

1 SARSAT RESCUE

Total number of rescues for FY 12: 225

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 168

Significance: The SARSAT system protects life and property in support of the nation's commerce and transportation systems. (Steve Roark 301-817-3896)