

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 27 July to 2 August 2012.

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

Incident 1:

Beacon ID: 2DCE5AE164FFBFF

On 28 July at 1607 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 24 30.6N 80 44.7W, 18 NM SE of Marathon, FL. The Coast Guard District 7 Rescue Coordination Center (CGD07) received the SARSAT alert, launched an aircraft and boat, and issued an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast. The Coast Guard located a 29 foot cabin cruiser, with four persons on board, that was disabled due to engine failure. The Coast Guard boat helped to contact a commercial towing company and remained alongside the cabin cruiser until the tow boat arrived. The Cabin Cruiser was towed into port in Hawks Cay, FL.

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Incident 2:

Beacon ID: 2DCE6354A6FFBFF

On 29 July 2012 at 1524 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 47 34.3N 112 54.7 W, 69 NM northwest of Helena, MT. The PLB was activated when the PLB owner broke her hip while horseback riding. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) received the SARSAT alert and contacted Montana Disaster and Emergency Services (MDES). MDES forwarded SARSAT coordinates from AFRCC to the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department dispatched a ground team which located the injured rider. The rider was then flown by helicopter to a hospital in Great Falls, MT.

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Incident 3:

Beacon ID: 2DCE6D98F2FFBFF

On 30 July 2012 at 0155 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 34 59.8N 116 11.1W, 41 NM east of Barstow, CA. The PLB was activated by two people whose plane would not start at a remote private airstrip. Air

Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) received the SARSAT alert and provided the SARSAT position to the California Emergency Management Agency (CALEMA). CALEMA forwarded the SARSAT position to the San Bernadino Sheriff's Department, which dispatched a helicopter to the SARSAT position. The helicopter located and rescued the stranded aviators.

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Incident 4:

Beacon ID: 2DCE5DED78FFBFF

On 29 July 2012 at 1928 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 68 19.1N 152 35.2W, 225 NM southeast of Barrow, AK. An ATV rider, in a group of four, activated the PLB when his ATV engine failed. The Alaska Rescue Coordination Center received the SARSAT alert, and forwarded the information, including the SARSAT coordinates, to North Slope Borough Search and Rescue, who located and rescued the stranded rider.

1 SARSAT RESCUE

Total number of rescues for FY 12: 206

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 149

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