

## SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 3 August to 9 August 2012.

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

### Incident 1:

Beacon ID: 2DCE6CD1EAFFBFF

On 4 August 2012 at 0153 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 33 11.4N, 111 14.9W, 42 NM east of Phoenix, AZ. The PLB was activated by a hiker whose truck became stuck in a remote area of the Arizona desert. The hiker attempted to communicate with his wife via cell phone, but activated the PLB when he began feeling ill from heat exhaustion. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) received the SARSAT alert and contacted the PLB owner's wife. The wife reported receiving text messages from her husband, who was requesting help. AFRCC then contacted The Pinal County Sheriff's department, and relayed SARSAT coordinates to them. Pinal County officers used the SARSAT data to locate the hiker, and helped him free his vehicle. The hiker was able to drive home, and did not require medical attention.

#### **1 SARSAT RESCUE**

### Incident 2:

Beacon ID: ADCD0232B943001

On 5 August 2012 at 2332 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 28 20.2N 90 23.6W, 95 NM south of New Orleans, LA. The Fishing Vessel Vuboyz, with 7 people on board, became disabled and adrift. The Captain of the Vuboyz radioed Coast Guard Station Grand Isle, and then manually activated the vessel's EPIRB. Coast Guard District 8 (CGD8) received the SARSAT alert, learned that Station Grand Isle had been contacted, and provided them with SARSAT data. Station Grand Isle launched a medium response boat to the SARSAT position and located the Vuboyz. The Coast Guard boat waited with the Vuboyz until a tow boat arrived to take it into Port Fourchon.

#### **7 SARSAT RESCUES**

\*Due to a typo in last week's Rescue Report, the total number of rescues for FY 2012 and calendar year 2012 have been have adjusted by one.\*

Total number of rescues for FY 12: 213

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 156

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