

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 6 July to 12 July 2012.

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

Incident 1:

Beacon ID: 2DD601463F81FE0

On 6 July 2012 at 0503 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 62 43.42N 148 02.48W, near Watana Lake, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, AK. The pilot of a float plane activated his PLB when one of the plane's floats began taking on water. Alaska Rescue Coordination Center received the SARSAT alert and contacted Alaska State Troopers. The Alaska State Troopers launched a helicopter, which located the pilot and 1 passenger, and transported them to Wolf Lake.

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Incident 2:

Beacon ID: 2DCE63182EFFBFF

On 9 July 2012 at 0057 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 21 36.9N 158 06.7W, 1 NM north northwest of Puaena Point Beach Park, Oahu, Hawaii. A jet skier activated his PLB when his jet ski malfunctioned and he became stranded in the water. Coast Guard District 14 Rescue Coordination Center (CGD14) received the SARSAT alert, issued a UMIB, and launched an H65 helicopter. CGD14 then telephoned the jet skier's girl friend, who confirmed that he was on a jet ski in the vicinity of the alert. CGD14 called the Ocean Safety Life Guard Station and the Haleiwa Fire Department (HFD). HFD gave the SARSAT position to the Haleiwa lifeguard station. The lifeguard station launched a small boat that located the jet skier and towed him to shore. The Coast Guard helicopter arrived on scene, but did not participate in the rescue.

1 SARSAT RESCUE

Total number of rescues for FY 12: 193

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 136

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