

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 16 March to 22 March 2012.

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

Incident 1:

**Beacon ID - 2DCE6D87FEFFBFF**

On 16 March 2012 at 2018 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 34 06.1N 111 30.6W, approximately 23 NM northeast of Phoenix, AZ in the Mazatzal Wilderness Area of the Tonto National Forest. A hiker activated the PLB after becoming lost. The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) received the alert and contacted the Department Emergency Management (DEM). DEM had received a call from the hiker and requested cell phone forensics to triangulate the position. DEM launched search teams from Maricopa County as well as the Arizona Department of Public Safety. AFRCC provided the SARSAT coordinates to the Arizona Department of Public Safety to locate the hiker. Arizona Department of Public Safety rescued the lost hiker.

**1 SARSAT RESCUE**

Incident 2:

**Beacon ID - ADCD021D9541801**

On 21 March 2012 at 2039 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 35 34.2N 075 08.9W, approximately 28 NM northeast of Cape Hatteras, NC. Coast Guard District 5 received the alert and contacted nearby Sector Station Oregon Inlet. Station Oregon Inlet contacted with Big Tahuna on VHF radio. The Big Tahuna reported that it was disabled and adrift with seven people on board. The Sector launched a 47' vessel and towed the Big Tahuna to port.

**7 SARSAT RESCUES**

Total number of rescues for FY 12: 99

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 42

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