

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 4 May to 10 May 2012.

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

Incident 1:

Beacon ID - 2DD79DA43F81FE0

On 4 May 2012 at 1435 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 41 06.0N 113 02.0W, 49 NM northwest of Salt Lake City Utah. An F-16 of the 388th Fighter Wing at Hill Air Force Base (AFB) crashed in a remote area of the Utah desert. The pilot was able to radio Hill AFB before safely ejecting. The PLB was automatically activated upon the pilot's ejection. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) received the SARSAT alert and contacted Hill AFB. Hill AFB correlated the crash with the alert. AFRCC provided Hill AFB with SARSAT coordinates. Hill AFB dispatched a helicopter to the SARSAT coordinates. The helicopter located and rescued the pilot.

1 SARSAT RESCUE

Total number of rescues for FY 12: 139

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 82

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