

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 5 October to 11 October 2012.

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

Incident 1:

Beacon ID: 2DCE6827E2FFBFF

On 07 October 2012 at 0026 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 37 48.00N 118 50.17W, about 75 NM northeast of Fresno, CA. A group of motorcyclists were driving through Yosemite National Park when one of the drivers crashed. A member of the group activated the PLB after being unable to contact 911 via cell phone. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center received the SARSAT alert and contacted the California Emergency Management Agency, which forwarded the SARSAT position to local EMS. An EMS helicopter located the injured person and flew him to a local hospital.

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Incident 2:

Beacon ID: 2DCE65DA48FFBFF

On 9 October 2012 at 2233 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 46 57.3N 121 52.2W, 15 NM southeast of Tacoma, WA on the northwestern face of Mt. Rainier. A hiker activated the PLB, after experiencing chest pains. The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) received the SARSAT alert, and forwarded the SARSAT position to Mt. Rainier National Park Rangers. The Park Rangers used the SARSAT data to locate the hiker, and carried the hiker down the mountain so that he could receive medical attention.

1 SARSAT RESCUE

Incident 4 of last week's report has since been deemed a "non-rescue. The totals for FY 12 and calendar year 2012 have been altered by two.

Total number of rescues for FY 12: 270

Total number of rescues for FY 13: 2

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 215