

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 4 January to 10 January 2013.

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

Incident 1:

Beacon ID: 2DCE4E0D44FFBFF

On 4 January 2013 at 0406 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) at 70 05.3N 159 11.5W, about 35 NM southeast of Wainwright, AK. A snowmobiler activated his PLB when his snowmobile broke down and he became stranded. The Alaska Rescue Coordination Center (AKRCC) received the SARSAT alert and contacted North Slope Borough (NSB). NSB launched a helicopter to the SARSAT location. The helicopter located the snowmobiler and transported him to a nearby hospital in Wainwright, AK.

1 SARSAT RESCUE

Total number of rescues for FY 13: 50

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2013: 1

Significance: The SARSAT system protects life and property in support of the nation's commerce and transportation systems. (LTJG Timothy Siquefield, 301-817-4757)

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