

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period ending September 29, 2011.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking System Rescues-Three. The three rescues were in two incidents.

The first incident occurred on September 26 when the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB distress signal 112 miles west of Rawlins, Wyoming. The PLB was activated by an individual who crashed his All Terrain Vehicle. The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center received the SARSAT alert and provided the SARSAT location to the Sweetwater County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's office located the individual, who was in critical condition with a chest injury, and transported him to a local hospital. One SARSAT Rescue.

The second incident occurred on September 27 when the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz ELT distress about 75 NM east of Anchorage, Alaska. The ELT automatically activated when a small aircraft crashed. The Alaska Rescue Coordination Center (AKRCC) received an unlocated SARSAT alert. A few minutes later, AKRCC was notified about the crash by the Kenai FAA office, which was notified by the pilot of the crashed aircraft by a SAT phone. After the pilot requested assistance, the Kenai office forwarded the request to AKRCC, which dispatched a fixed wing aircraft and a helicopter to the scene. The pilot and one passenger were taken to Providence Hospital in Anchorage. Two SARSAT Rescues.

Total number of rescues for FY 11: 223

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2011: 148

Significance: The SARSAT system protects life and property in support of the nation's commerce and transportation systems.