

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 22 June to 28 June 2012.

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

Incident 1:

Beacon ID: AE2C409BC4002CD

On 22 June 2012 at 1737 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz ELT at 41 43.2N 109 29.8W, 117 NM north east of Salt Lake City, Utah. N4972M crashed in Rock Springs, WY automatically activating the aircraft's ELT. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) received the SARSAT alert and learned from an emergency contact that the aircraft was scheduled to fly that day. AFRCC called the plane's departure airport and learned that the plane had taken off. AFRCC contacted local search and rescue forces, and provided them SARSAT data. AFRCC contacted the pilot via cell phone. The pilot confirmed that she had crashed. The Rock Springs Sheriffs Department located her and took her to a local medical facility.

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Incident 2:

Beacon ID: 2DCE6872AEFFBFF

On 25 June 2012 at 1453 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 29 36.1N 085 04.1W, approximately 7 NM south of Apalachicola, FL. A lone kayaker stranded in Tropical Storm Debby texted his wife to tell her he was in danger. The kayaker's wife then notified the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FFWC). FFWC contacted the kayaker, who activated his PLB and forwarded its GPS coordinates to FFWC. FFWC located the kayaker and brought him back to port. Coast Guard District 8 (CGD8) received the SARSAT alert and contacted the kayaker to find out that he had been rescued.

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Total number of rescues for FY 12: 188

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 131

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