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2010 Mission Summary

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The Mono County Sheriff Search and Rescue (SAR) Team is an all-volunteer organization that, in 2010, responded to 45 calls from the Sheriff in aid of 60 subjects, 49 of whom were non-residents.

26 of the missions were searches, 32 were rescues, and 13 were both a search and a rescue. 17 calls were snow related. 20 missions involved injuries, with 5 fatalities.

Of the 60 subjects, there were 37 hikers and backpackers, 8 snowmobilers, 3 climbers, 3 stranded motorists, 3 snowboarders, 3 fliers, 1 snowshoer, and 1 skier.

The team volunteers were in the field for 388 hours, contributing a total of 2,642 man hours.

As with all first responders, the team spends a lot of personal time just being ready, through training, practice, equipment care, and personal fitness. In 2010, formal training sessions alone totaled 3,534 man hours.

The team was first organized in 1966 and has no employees or payroll but does have significant expenses that are largely met through donations.

The major project now is to acquire a building to house the team's vehicles and equipment, that for so many years has been out in the weather as well as provide space for meetings and trainings. The team currently has the use of a temporary structure, thanks to the Sheriff's Department, which must be vacated soon. Plans are currently in the permitting process and the team hopes to be housed in a new steel building by the time the snow flies in the fall of 2011.

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