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COCHISE COUNTY SHERIFF SEARCH AND RESCUE

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Special points of interest:

- 10.1.15 Training and Meeting
- 10.3.15 Tech Training—suspended
- 10.3.15 Rescue Mission Montezuma Pass, Crest Trail
- 10.12.15 Follow Up Rusler Park
- 10.16 to 10.18 2015 Overnighter with Requals, E Stronghold
- 10.19.15 Follow up Rusler Park
- 10.24.15 PR Boy Scouts Ft. Huachuca

10.3.2015 From Tech Training to Rescue Mission

Well, our intentions for this particular training would have been the focus on “self-rescue.” It does not matter what the situation is, we always have to keep in mind something could go wrong, and it more than likely will. Each individual on the rescue team should be prepared and ready if something does go wrong, the rescuer should be able to extricate him/herself. Each one of us must be mentally, and physically prepared for the self-rescue and carry on his/her person the necessary equipment to conduct the same; carabiners, slings, ascenders/ descenders, as well as an assortment of prusik loops.

Not only should a rescuer be able to get him/herself out of a predicament via extrication, it is also important for a rescuer to extricate a fellow rescuer (Jim by Eric) who might have gotten into trouble.

We all have experienced a lapse of some sort, therefore it is important for all of us to pay crucial attention. We cannot complete any technical rescue operation by ourselves, we have to work as a team. The more inconvenient our training areas are, the better we become.

Okay, we never got to this point. By the time we were ready to set up the ropes, David activated the team for a rescue mission on the crest trail, about two miles (as the crow flies) from the trail head.

Here we are, packed up every-

thing and headed out.

While en-route we contacted DPS Air Rescue to possibly assist with the rescue. We arrived around 1130 or so hours and a few minutes before DPS ranger arrived. Medical personnel and some SAR personnel on scene hiked to the subject, while Scott (R74) was manning the command post.



We stripped the ship and attempted to conduct the rescue, unfortunately the wind turbulence around the ridge line were so bad, it did not allow a safe operation and we had to abort the mission. A CBP helo then attempted the operation, also with negative results. And last David called for the 305th, and they also were not able to conduct the extraction.

Brian, the DPS pilot was watching the wind, and ones it somewhat died down, it was decided to



try it again. The ship was completely unloaded at that time.

Brian found an area where he could land and the team transported the subject to their location. From there he was loaded, flown to SV Airport and transferred to the Air force, who then flew him to UMC. From changeover to surgery was not even 30 minutes. This was one lucky subject.



Brian was able to “back” the helo into a depression in order to wait for the team with the subject.

Montezuma mission continued

David is discussing the options



with Troy, DPS Air Rescue Medic. They were able to find a

This rescue was quite the multi-agency approach. Palominas Fire, Fry, DPS, BP, Forest Service and us. One can never have enough people during a



rescue operation. It does not matter if we utilized rope systems, or just the stokes and wheel, which in itself is very labor intensive. Being a brake

ship. This was a job well done by everyone.



location, where they could land and wait for the rescue team to get to their location, which was still about 1.8 miles away.

Yvonne and I hiked toward the group, since they had asked for more personnel, but in the end, there were plenty. Brian and Troy are waiting for the team/



Thank you team!



patient to arrive at their location.

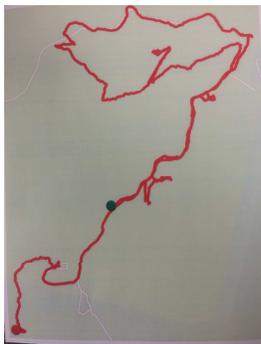
man in the rear, at least four to six people on the sides, one in the front calling out obstacles. The challenge is to keep the patient as level as possible, keeping your footing etc. We set up a cross cabin strap for stokes tie-in and security. The patient was transported to the Sierra Vista Airport, where he was transferred to the Air Force Helo for further transport to Tucson. Scott in the meantime transported all the DPS gear to the airport as well and helped re-configure the



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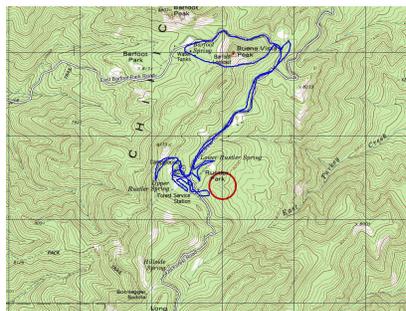
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Follow up Rustler Park 10.12.2015



On 10.12.2015 Walter, Roxy and I conducted a follow up search regarding our second missing person. L. Kosden. Not knowing where he might have gone to, we checked the immediate area around the campground, down to the cabins and the road to Barfoot. From there we went to the Barfoot Look-out and then took the trail to Barfoot Rd. We walked back to the campground and then hiked up to the area of the upper Rustler Spring. All with negative contact in locating L. Kosden. We came across a hiking party and inquired with

them. They also did not see anything in the area. We hiked a total of about 9 miles that day and we did not find a hint of him.



“It is literally true that you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed.”
Napoleon Hill

Overnighter E Stronghold 10.16 to 10-18.2015

Our overnighter for the end of the year was a touch of wet. We had quite the storm move through Friday night into early Saturday morning. However, the weather cleared up and we ended up with some great training. From the helo requals, to ATV training and individual rock climbing, as well as canine training. And, for the Saturday evening meal we prepared steaks as a thank you for all the hard work during the past several months. Whomever did

not show missed a great meal and some great training. Since our last helo training was somewhat cut short due to the swift water mission, we covered both, the rappels and short haul. After an extensive lunch, David gave an ATV class while others went to some of the cliffs for rock climbing. Our canine folks used the helo requals as training aid for their dogs, getting them used to the noise. Overall great training.



Walter enjoying the All American Beef Stew

Your business tag line here.



Friday after dinner relaxing prior to the storm setting in.



We almost didn't have coffee if it would not have been for our generator. Power was out till passed 830 Saturday morning.



Checking out our new ATV. Sure is pretty.



Waiting for their turn



Rappel with pack.



Hitting the ground with a pack is a challenge in itself.



Waiting for the helo to return after refueling to complete the short haul.



Melanie and Jim on the short haul



Bill and Tom



Putting it all back together.



Missing a couple folks.



Lunch break.



Daisy received some noise training upon the helo leaving.





Getting ready for the ATV class. While Bill is lead climbing to set up the rock climbing class. (below)



Eric (R7) is trying out the "grunt" route. This sure was a difficult climb with only a few hand and footholds



Bill went up the same route, a little quicker, but also with some "grunting"



Scott on the little easier route, but still challenging.



Jim went up the "grunt" route like nothing and made it look so easy.



Scott made it to the top.

Deuce working on his section of climb. Was not easy either

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Dominic tried his luck as well on the "grunt" route, no luck, he had to give up.



Waiting for dinner.



The "Chef" David at work, one should not let me BBQ steaks, they would be burned to crisp.



Dinner

Follow up Rustler Park 10.19.2015

On Monday 10.19.2015, we conducted yet another follow up search / hike at Rustler Park. This time we hiked the Ida Peak trail. Marked as 3.5 miles, in lengths. This must have been like the crow flies, we did shy of six miles over huge downed trees, slippery and rocky trails. This was for sure not an easy hike, and again, we did not come across any sign of L. Kosden. One cannot believe how many bear scats we check for anything resembling something unnatural. Jim leading the way. While

Bill was waiting for Walter. In the same area, I took a slip and the kid of slick/wet trail area.



Bill is the area to see where the trail is leading to. This was one of the more difficult trails, since

On top of one of the ridge lines. Had to look for the trail again, since the area was totally burnt out. Our



we always had to check our location. We did come across several trail

markers, making it a little easier to find the trail amongst the tall vegetation. It took us about 5plus hours to complete the hike.



lunch break area. A great view, but still a couple of miles to go before we reached FS42.



Afterward, we were looking on the "trail map" of what areas to check next. This is worse than looking for a needle in a haystack.



Dr. Scuba Corner

“Respect your fellow human being, treat them fairly, disagree with them honestly, enjoy their friendships, explore your thoughts about one another candidly, work together for a common goal and help one another achieve it.”

Bill Bradley

Some Anchor 101

Here in our area it is sometimes impossible to find the “bombproof” anchor point. Meaning an anchor strong enough to withstand any force placed upon it by the high angle system. We might have to use multiple anchor points for one system. Life tree vs dead tree. Anchor at the base of tree vs higher up on the tree creating more stress. One Manzanita bush vs several, since the root system of said tree is rather “shallow.”

We also have to take the direc-

tion of pull on the anchor. Always, if possible, set up the anchor in line with the direction of pull. If that is not possible might have to look for a change of direction to avoid weakening of the anchor or even having the anchor fail, if the pull is not in the direction of the anchor.

In “ideal” situations, we should set up the anchor point directly above our subject. Not always possible in our area and or due to the terrain, falling rocks, etc. We always have to take into

consideration, when we set up a high angle system, that our chosen anchor might fail. We can never be 100% sure how strong the anchor is, and we subsequently have to back tie the anchor.

Safety is first, and everyone is a safety officer. Check the anchor set up, are the knots tied correctly, are all the carabiner gates locked and facing down, preventing loosening during the operation. Are there any damages to the equipment. Does the terrain, sharp edges, cause

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November 2015

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22	23	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30					

- ### November Schedule of Events
- 11.5.15 training and meeting Foothills station 1730
 - 11.7.15 Tech Training Personal Skills, Pick-Offs etc
 - 11.8.15 possible follow up search Rustler Park
 - 11.16 to 11.20.15 ISM training class Tucson for new coordinators
 - 11.21.2015 Search exercise for our High Knoll Missing Person.

Anchor 101

possible abrasion to the rope and or webbing. Let's check and double check for all of it—Lives are at stake if we don't pay attention to these possible issue.

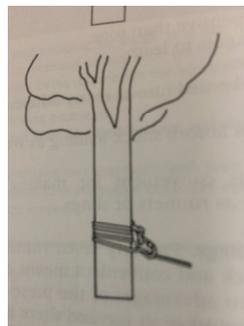
We also need to look for separate anchor points for each, the main line and the belay line. The purpose of the belay line is to take over, just in case something happens to the main line. It also acts as the safety during reset. Anyone working the

belay line must pay 100% attention.

An anchor is a secure (bombproof) tie-in point for attaching a line.

We use either webbing or rope to tie and anchor point. Using webbing we normally wrap three and pull two. Using anchor rope we can tie a tensionless hitch, The friction of the wrap takes the load, and with enough friction , all the

force is applied to the object the rope is wrapped around.



DECEMBER 2015

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 12.3.2015 Christmas Party set up around 1700 to 1730. Let me know what you guys want to bring for foot. I'll be making the slushed ham as usual. Send me your potluck dish via e-mail so I can keep track of it.
- 12.5.2015 Christmas Parade in SV not sure if this will be a night time one or day time. Would like volunteers for this.
- 12.17.2015 Coordinator training at Foothills station. 1000 hrs.