

2022 END-OF-YEAR REVIEW +

RESCUE REPORT



DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

We are pleased to reach out to you with the annual report for the Santa Barbara County Search and Rescue (SBCSAR) team, highlighting our endeavors and accomplishments throughout the year 2022. As we reflect on our efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of our community, we recognize the vital role that your support plays in enabling us to carry out our mission.

In 2022, our dedicated SBCSAR volunteers devoted a remarkable 12,960 unpaid volunteer hours to Search & Rescue (SAR) related activities. These hours encompassed: 2,900 hours of rescues, 8,434 hours of training to enhance our skills, and 1,126 hours participating in community events to promote backcountry safety awareness.

Our commitment to serving the community is unwavering, and your support is crucial in helping us carry out our life-saving work. As we strive to meet the growing demands placed upon us, we rely on the generosity of donors like you to provide the necessary resources and equipment to effectively respond to emergencies.

We invite you to review this report and witness the extraordinary achievements and challenges faced by the SBCSAR team in 2022. Together, we can build a stronger, safer community by ensuring that our rescuers remain well-equipped and prepared to respond swiftly and effectively.

Thank you for considering a donation to the Santa Barbara County Search and Rescue team. Your support will enable us to continue our life-saving work and make a positive impact on the lives of those we serve.

With Gratitude,



[Russell Berger](#)

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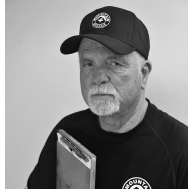
Santa Barbara County Search and Rescue Team is a professional all-volunteer, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, serving law enforcement, fire rescue, and emergency services in Santa Barbara County and the surrounding counties by mutual aid request. As a public service, the Search and Rescue Team provides trained SAR members to search, locate and rescue lost, missing, or injured persons upon the request of any official agency. We are on call 24/7, 365 days a year and respond in all terrain and conditions.

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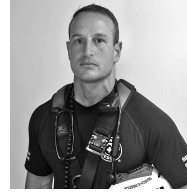
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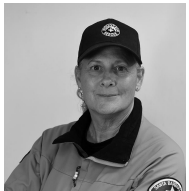
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By the Numbers

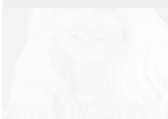
The Team consists of 46 dedicated members who devoted a total of 2,896 hours to incident responses in 2022. Their commitment to training is evident through the significant investment of 7,810 hours in honing their skills and knowledge. Additionally, SBCSAR allocated 1,126 hours to in First Responder preparation ensuring the smooth functioning of their operations. These numbers reflect the team's dedication to serving the Santa Barbara community and their commitment to being prepared for emergency situations.

Volunteer Hours

Incident Hours	2,896
Training Hours	7,810
Admin Hours	1,126
Total Volunteer Hours	12,960

Emergency Calls

Calls for Service	96
Average Call Duration	3.5 Hours
Total # of Subjects	74

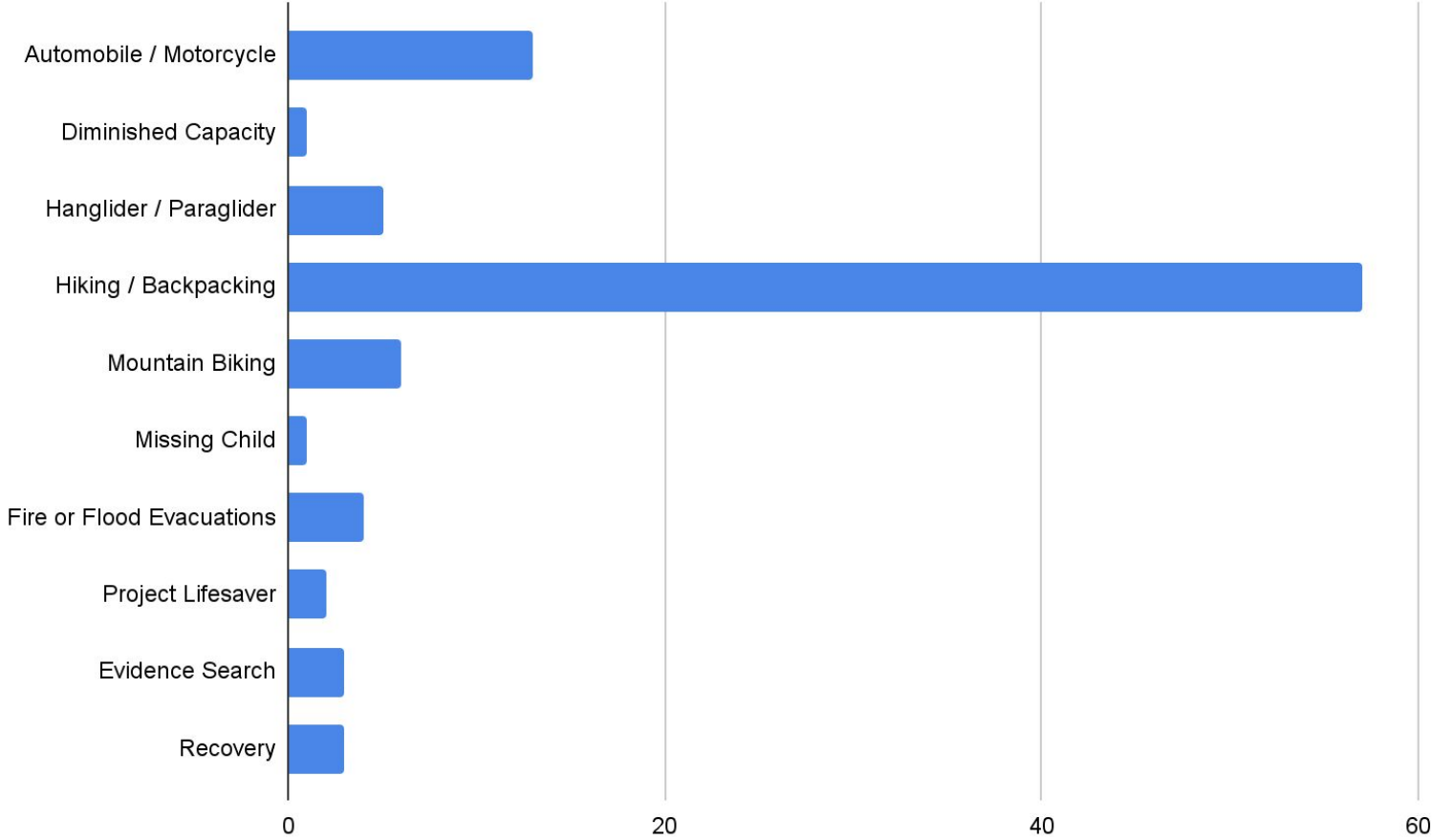


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Activities Resulting in Calls for Service

In 2022 the Team received a variety of emergency calls, including incidents related to hiking/backpacking, automobile/motorcycle accidents, hanglider/paraglider emergencies, mountain biking, and various other situations. Their dedicated response showcased their versatility and commitment to ensuring the safety of the community.



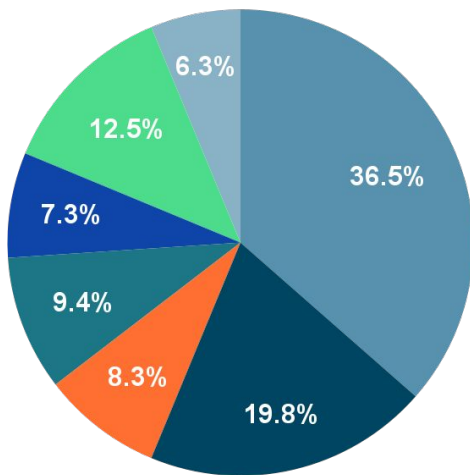
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Call Days and Seasons

Santa Barbara Search and Rescue shows activity throughout the week, with Saturdays being the busiest, recording 35 incidents, followed by Thursdays with 12 incidents. Sundays and Tuesdays had 19 and 9 incidents, respectively. The remaining weekdays saw lower call volumes, ranging from 6 to 8 incidents.

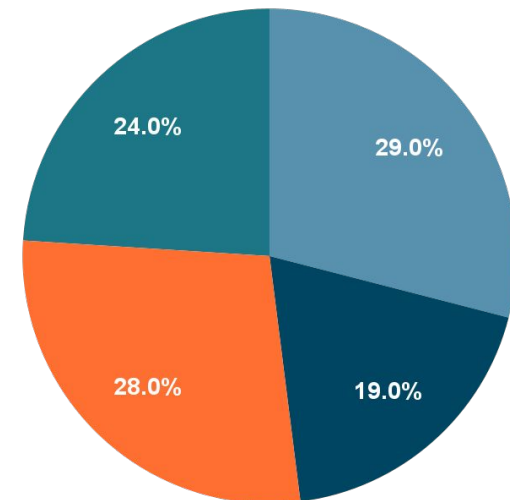
In terms of seasonal activity, fall saw the highest number of incidents with 29, followed closely by summer with 28 incidents. Spring and winter recorded 19 and 24 incidents, respectively. These numbers indicate that SBCSAR is regularly engaged throughout the year, with a slightly higher demand during fall and summer seasons.

Days of the Week



● Saturday ● Sunday ● Monday ● Tuesday ● Wednesday
● Thursday ● Friday

Seasons



● Fall ● Spring ● Summer ● Winter

SB County Search & Rescue Locations - 2022



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY COVERS 3,789 SQUARE MILES & HAS OVER 456,000 RESIDENTS.

SANTA BARBARA SERVES ROUGHLY 7.2M TOURISTS ANUALLY DUE TO THE FAVORABLE YEAR ROUND WEATHER.

RESCUE REVIEW

Rescue: PROJECT LIFESAVER

Date: 1/1/2022
Time: 04:15 AM
Duration: 4 hours, 57 minutes
Attendees: 10 Team Members
Location: North SB County

What Happened? The Santa Maria Police Department (SMPD) requested Search and Rescue's (SAR) assistance in locating a local Project Lifesaver client. SAR located the subject, provided an initial medical assessment and transferred care to EMS.

Rescue: MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT

Date: 1/1/2022
Time: 08:00 AM
Duration: 0 hours, 20 minutes
Attendees: 4 Team Members
Location: Hwy 101

What Happened? During their return from a search in Santa Maria, two Search and Rescue teams heard radio traffic about a potential motorcycle accident on Hwy 101. Upon arrival at the scene, SAR discovered a motorcycle lying between the lanes with no other responders present. They searched for any possible injured persons but found none. The frost on the bike seat indicated that it had been there overnight. Once the SBCo Fire department arrived, SAR continued their return to the SAR stations.

Rescue: EXHAUSTED CYCLIST

Date: 1/4/2022
Time: 04:00 PM
Duration: 0 hours, 19 minutes
Attendees: 1 Team Member
Location: Happy Canyon

What Happened? A cyclist riding a road bicycle up Happy Canyon Road contacted Dispatch requesting assistance due to exhaustion after the climb. SAR spoke with the cyclist and coordinated close support with Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Deputies.

Rescue: INJURED HIKER

Date: 1/15/2022
Time: 01:01 PM
Duration: 1 hour, 16 minutes
Attendees: 14 Team Members
Location: Hot Springs Trail

What Happened? At 1301H, dispatch issued a SAR All page for an injured hiker located up the Hot Springs Trail. SAR responded immediately with four teams, in conjunction with Montecito Fire. Upon contact with the hiker, it was determined that the hiker had an isolated lower leg injury. The patient was packaged and transported to AMR for further medical attention.

We are grateful to the partners and allied agencies with whom we work. Thank you to Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and Dispatch, Los Padres Rangers, Montecito Fire, Santa Barbara County Fire, Santa Barbara County Lifeguards, California Highway Patrol, the California Department of Transportation, and all those we work with to serve our community.

Rescue: LOST HIKER

Date: 1/16/2022
Time: 05:36 PM
Duration: 1 hour, 46 minutes
Attendees: 13 Team Members
Location: Hot Springs Trail

What Happened? The hiker, had turned around and become disoriented due to darkness and a lack of proper flashlight. Although her cell phone had 80% battery left, she was in distress as she was unable to see the trail ahead and did not know the area. The hiker was contacted and directed to stay in place. Using cell phone locations services and a link to the SAR mapping software, the hikers location was confirmed and SAR teams made their way into the field to provide support. While awaiting the arrival of the rescue team, a second hiker came across the subject and assisted them in getting back to a known location, where SAR met the hiker and transported the her back to her vehicle.

Rescue: OVERDUE CYCLIST

Date: 1/29/2022
Time: 05:53 PM
Duration: 4 hours, 40 minutes
Attendees: 13 Team Members
Location: Romero Saddle

What Happened? The reporting party, one cyclist's father had not heard from the cyclists in over two hours and had been tracking their progress on the Find My Friends app - and noticed progress was extremely slow, they had an ambitious plan to begin with and the father knew they were not prepared to be out overnight. SAR was dispatched to locate the cyclists before temperatures dipped near freezing overnight. Air support was also dispatched to attempt to locate the exact location of the cyclists. With temperatures rapidly dropping, the cyclists were hoisted by helicopter and delivered to SAR for a medical assessment and subsequent release to their vehicle.

Rescue: LOST HIKER

Date: 1/29/2022
Time: 06:13 PM
Duration: 1 hour, 21 minutes
Attendees: 13 Team Members
Location: Inspiration Point

What Happened? Subject hiked up to Inspiration Point & didn't have lights to come back down - she was on the trail but afraid to come down alone in the dark. Teams were sent to the subject's location. Teams assisted in getting the hiker back to her vehicle safely.

Rescue: INJURED HIKER

Date: 2/1/2022
Time: 04:45 PM
Duration: 1 hour, 18 minutes
Attendees: 7 Team Members
Location: Hot Springs Trail

What Happened? The SAR Team was called to assist an injured hiker on the Hot Springs Trail. The injured hiker was contacted, assessed, packaged, and extricated via UTV with support from Montecito Fire.



Rescue: INJURED HIKER

Date: 2/5/2022
Time: 04:12 PM
Duration 3 hours, 5 minutes
Attendees 10 Team Members
Location San Ysidro Trail

What Happened? SAR was dispatched to assist an injured hiker 1.5 miles from San Ysidro Trailhead, who had a suspected broken ankle. Two teams and vehicles drove up the Edison Catway and continued up the single track trail with fire support. The patient was stabilized and transported down the trail with the stretcher on the wheel then transferred to AMR for transport to the hospital.

Rescue: OVERDUE HIKER

Date: 2/9/2022
Time: 06:05 PM
Duration 0 hours, 15 minutes
Attendees 1 Team Member
Location Santa Barbara Canyon

What Happened? SAR received a page from dispatch regarding three overdue hikers in the Santa Barbara backcountry. According to the Reporting Party (RP), she dropped off her husband and two friends on Saturday, the 5th, in Santa Barbara Canyon for a hike towards Santa Barbara. When the RP went to pick them up at the Cold Spring trailhead on Tuesday at 5pm, they were not there. RP reported them overdue the following day (Wednesday). SAR initiated a plan to search their planned route of travel, however, just as the entire SAR team was about to be dispatched, the RP got in contact with her husband, who reported that all three hikers were running late but otherwise uninjured.

Rescue: VEHICLE OVER THE SIDE

Date: 2/8/2022
Time: 07:26 AM
Duration 0 hours, 18 minutes
Attendees 8 Team Members
Location Harris Grade

What Happened? SAR was dispatched to a vehicle over the side reported in Harris Grade in the Lompoc Area. When County Fire medics arrived on scene, all vehicle occupants had self-extricated from their vehicle and SAR was cancelled.

Rescue: HIKERS IN DISTRESS - STRANDED

Date: 2/9/2022
Time: 06:40 PM
Duration 1 hour, 40 minutes
Attendees 14 Team Members
Location Lizard's Mouth

What Happened? SAR was dispatched to assist two stranded hikers at Lizard Mouth. The hikers were unfamiliar with the area. They had no proper light source and were relying solely on their cell phone flashlights. After attempting to locate and guide them by phone were unsuccessful, SAR teams were dispatched to the field..The team located and escorted the hikers back to their vehicle, and they were safely on their way home.



Rescue: LOST HIKERS

Date: 2/19/2022
Time: 04:58 PM
Duration: 0 hours, 19 minutes
Attendees: 2 Team Members
Location: Seven Falls

What Happened? Call Canceled



Rescue: INJURED CYCLIST

Date: 2/24/2022
Time: 08:39 PM
Duration: 4 hours, 10 minutes
Attendees: 16 Team Members
Location: Mission Falls

What Happened? Four mountain bikers went on a ride from the top of the Tunnel Trail at Camino Cielo. One of them lost control of his bike and fell approximately 75 feet near Mission Falls. Two bikers in his group made their way down a rock ledge to assist their friend, while one stayed up on the trail to meet rescuers. SAR teams worked with County Fire to access the location. Air Support was called to assist. After assessing the situation, it was determined that a hoist operation was the best course of action. Air Support lowered a medic who packaged the subject and hoisted him to an awaiting ambulance. Air Support then returned to hoist the two additional bikers and the medic. The biker who stayed on top was walked out to the top of Tunnel trail by a members of the SAR team..

Rescue: MUTUAL AID

Date: 3/8/2022
Time: 04:15 AM
Duration: 12 hours, 15 minutes
Attendees: 3 Team Members
Location: San Luis Obispo County

What Happened? Cal OES request for mutual aid resources to assist in a search.

Rescue: VEHICLE OVER THE SIDE

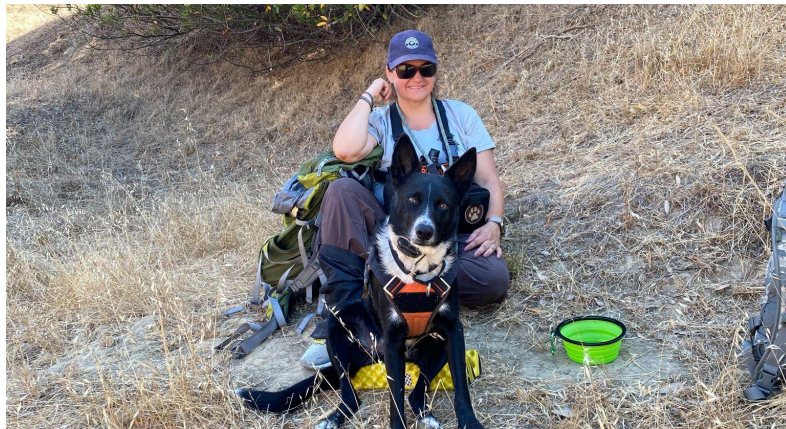
Date: 3/8/2022
Time: 10:10 AM
Duration: 1 hour, 20 minutes
Attendees: 7 Team Members
Location: Harris Grade

What Happened? SAR was paged for a Vehicle Over The Side (VOTS) on Harris Grade in Lompoc. Response was cancelled en route.

Rescue: LOST HIKERS

Date: 3/11/2022
Time: 04:27 PM
Duration 5 hours, 37 minutes
Attendees 10 Team Members
Location East Camino Cielo

What Happened? Dispatched for a lost hiker who had started hiking down a trail near Arroyo Burro from Camino Cielo, across from the Glass Factory. The subject had gotten off the trail and was unable to find their way out, but they were uninjured. SAR teams responded, driving to a point where they had visual and voice contact with the subject. Two teams hiked in on foot and managed to reach the subject after much scrambling over rocks and bushwhacking. After evaluating the situation, the teams decided to walk the subject out instead of performing a hoist operation with Air Support. The subject had to be lowered/rappelled down the steep sections, but was otherwise able to walk out.



Rescue: FIRE EVACUATION

Date: 3/12/2022
Time: 01:00 PM
Duration 2 hours, 45 minutes
Attendees 11 Team Members
Location Hollister Ranch

What Happened? 50 ACRE VEG FIRE, SAR activated to perform residential evacuations within the fire zone.

Rescue: HIKER IN DISTRESS - HEAT RELATED ILLNESS

Date: 3/14/2022
Time: 03:15 PM
Duration 3 hours, 7 minutes
Attendees 15 Team Members
Location Tangerine Falls

What Happened? SAR and Montecito Fire were dispatched to assist a party of 2 people and their dog who were stranded at Tangerine Falls due to dehydration. One of the subjects also had a dislocated finger. SAR teams arrived and quickly assessed the situation. However, since the subject's location was challenging to access, Air Support was requested to hoist assistance.

Air Support arrived and hoisted the subjects, taking them to AMR for evaluation and medical care.

Rescue: DROWNING

Date: 3/20/2022
Time: 02:43 PM
Duration 2 hours, 35 minutes
Attendees 13 Team Members
Location Red Rock

What Happened? SAR was paged for a drowning incident at the Red Rock pools.

SAR Swiftwater rescue personnel were able to locate and recover the victim.

Rescue: INJURED HIKER

Date: 3/24/2022

Time: 06:40 PM

Duration 0 hours, 2 minutes

Attendees 1 Team Member

Location Hot Springs Trail

What Happened?

SAR dispatched for a hiker who injured their knee while climbing around the hot springs. The subjects subsequently called 911 back and indicated that they would self-rescue and no assistance was needed.

Rescue: INJURED HIKER

Date: 3/24/2022

Time: 06:55 PM

Duration 2 hours, 4 minutes

Attendees 11 Team Members

Location Hot Springs Trail

What Happened? Reactivated on the prior call. After approximately a quarter-mile of hiking on the trail, the hiker with an injured knee was unable to walk and called 911 for assistance again. SAR teams responded under the unified command with Montecito Fire. The injured party was contacted on trail and transported via UTV. Once back in the staging area, the subject declined medical treatment and was released by AMR.

Rescue: INJURED HIKER

Date: 4/2/2022

Time: 01:39 PM

Duration 2 hours, 44 minutes

Attendees 12 Team Members

Location Hot Springs Trail

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for an injured hiker on the Hot Springs Trail, located about a mile up the single track. One team drove up the catway to where they could cross the creek and hike down to the injured party. The subject had a lower leg injury and required stabilization and transport via stretcher and wheel to the trailhead to meet with AMR. The rescue employed rope belays throughout the carry-out path to control the descent speed down the trail. Simultaneous to the extraction of the first subject, a second call was received incident involving a "passed out". Details are included in the following rescue entry.



Rescue: INJURED HIKER

Date: 4/2/2022
Time: 01:50 PM
Duration 2 hours, 22 minutes
Attendees 12 Team Members
Location Hot Springs Trail

What Happened? During the previous injured hiker incident, a second call was received reporting a male subject at the hot springs who was in and out of consciousness. Dispatch immediately relayed this information to the teams already in the field. It was reported that the subject was then walking down the trail. SAR and fire personnel drove the UTV up the trail to assess the subject and transport him to his vehicle, as he wanted to leave the scene Against Medical Advice (AMA).



Rescue: HIKER IN DISTRESS - MEDICAL

Date: 4/23/2022
Time: 07:33 PM
Duration 9 hours, 46 minutes
Attendees 13 Team Members
Location Hurricane Deck

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for a hiker who was reported to be without water in the Hurricane Deck area. The subject activated an SOS signal from their Bivvy Stick Satcom device and also called 911. Upon speaking with the subject, it was discovered that there was a second hiker in the party who had gone in search of water, leaving the initial subject on the trail. SAR activated the Air Support Unit to deploy to the location of the first subject for medical assessment and extraction.

A SAR e-bike team planned to ride the hiker's intended path of travel in reverse to contain and intercept the second hiker, and two teams to drive up passable roads to a likely waypoint along the trail, where the hikers were expected to make camp for the night.

Air Support located and hoisted the first subject, who was released following a medical assessment. The e-bike team made contact with the second subject nearly 5 hours after the initial call was dispatched. The e-bike and driving teams integrated for vehicle extraction.

Rescue: LOST HIKER

Date: 4/2/2022
Time: 06:54 PM
Duration 3 hours, 5 minutes
Attendees 9 Team Members
Location San Ysidro Trail

What Happened? SAR was dispatched to a lost hiker on the San Ysidro trail. The initial call reported that the subject was lost off trail and needed help. During the call with dispatch, the phone went dead and no further communications could be made. GPS coordinates were received from the phone prior to losing communications. Containment and hiking teams were dispatched to the area.

En route to the trail to find the hiker, SAR discovered a backpack and 5-gallon water container they recognized from running into a hiker earlier in the day on a previous rescue. It was at this time that there was a dispatch call for a naked man outside the San Ysidro Inn restaurant asking for clothing. Security escorted him off the property as he complained of being high on mushrooms and not knowing where he was. The name matched the "lost hiker" who called in.

SAR teams were brought back down the trail to start a localized trailhead search for the subject. At this point, it was determined that this was a law enforcement call going forward, and primary operational responsibility was transferred to Sheriff's Deputies.

Once located by Deputies, the subject required medical attention for their altered state and was transported to the hospital by AMR.

Rescue: INJURED HIKER

Date: 4/24/2022
Time: 04:00 PM
Duration: 1 hour, 25 minutes
Attendees: 10 Team Members
Location: Jesusita Trail

What Happened? SAR and Fire Department personnel were dispatched to a call for an injured hiker in the Jesusita Trail area. The hiker had fallen and was subsequently hiking slowly, refusing offers for assistance. The reporting party expressed concern that the hiker would not make it down the trail. SAR made contact with the property owner near the incident to inform him of the rescue mission in the area. The containment SAR team was redirected from their assignment and investigation efforts at the water treatment plant to join field team one. Fortunately, the hiker was able to walk out on his own, declining medical assistance. He was escorted to the fire and SAR vehicles and transported to his vehicle.

Rescue: INJURED HIKER

Date: 4/29/2022
Time: 07:50 PM
Duration: 1 hour, 55 minutes
Attendees: 9 Team Members
Location: West Camino Cielo

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for allied agency support to aid in the carry out of an injured hiker.

Rescue: SEARCH - MISSING 4 Y/O

Date: 5/2/2022
Time: 11:00 AM
Duration: 0 hours, 5 minutes
Attendees: 1 Team Member
Location: Solvang

What Happened? SAR was released immediately after the initial page as the missing 4yo was located. Nothing to report.

Rescue: LOST HIKERS

Date: 5/7/2022
Time: 05:00 PM
Duration: 0 hours, 26 minutes
Attendees: 7 Team Members
Location: Hot Springs Trail

What Happened? SAR responded to a report of a lost hiker, her two children and a dog. The subject was unsure of her location but she could see a house and a chain link fence that said "No Trespassing". Allied agencies on scene assisted the disoriented hikers.



Rescue: INJURED HIKER

Date: 5/14/2022
Time: 02:42 PM
Duration 1 hour, 48 minutes
Attendees 10 Team Members
Location Inspiration Point

What Happened? SAR was dispatched along with Fire and AMR for an unconscious hiker reportedly suffering from heat stroke. Two hikers had started at Stephen's Park, hiked up to Inspiration Point, and then made their way down towards the Tunnel trailhead. The subject was found by City Fire between the Jesusita Trail and the power line access road near the trailhead to Tunnel Trail. The reporting party noted that the subject was sweating profusely and complaining of chest pain. CPR was already in progress when the SAR team arrived on the scene.

SAR integrated with allied agencies and worked to move the unconscious hiker to a backboard and then onto a litter for transport to the road where the hiker was transferred to an ambulance and taken to the local hospital. The second hiker was escorted out to the trailhead by SAR.

Rescue: CYCLIST IN DISTRESS

Date: 5/14/2022
Time: 05:25 PM
Duration 0 hours, 8 minutes
Attendees 10 Team Members
Location Camuesa

What Happened? Parks Management contacted Dispatch regarding a mountain biker on the Camuesa Connector.

Rescue: STRANDED HIKER

Date: 5/19/2022
Time: 01:31 PM
Duration 1 hour, 29 minutes
Attendees 1 Team Member
Location Sisquoc

What Happened? CAL OES sent an email to SAR Coordinators regarding an SOS Inreach activation in Santa Barbara County. The subject was not injured but was unable to proceed. She had food and water. The Air Support Unit was the best resource to utilize due to the location.

Rescue: INJURED CYCLIST

Date: 5/19/2022
Time: 06:21 PM
Duration 1 hour, 13 minutes
Attendees 7 Team Members
Location Orcutt

What Happened? SAR responded to an injured mountain biker on Orcutt Trail. County fire made access to the patient. The patient was subsequently flown to Cottage Hospital by the Air Support Unit.

Rescue: EMERGENCY LOCATOR BEACON ACTIVATION

Date: 5/21/2022
Time: 09:41 AM to 12:30 PM
Duration 3 hours, 4 minutes
Attendees 5 Team Members
Location Santa Barbara County

What Happened? The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center contacted CalOES regarding an unregistered Personal Locator Beacon activation and requested an area check. Coordinates provided were plotted on the Sunburst Sanctuary just north of Hwy 1. Along with a Senior Deputy, SAR was dispatched. The activation was caused by a knocked over locator beacon on a boat stored at a local ranch.

Rescue: INJURED HIKER

Date: 5/28/2022
Time: 03:02 PM
Duration: 2 hours, 13 minutes
Attendees: 10 Team Members
Location: Hot Springs Trail

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for an injured hiker on Hot Springs Trail. While en route, SAR was cancelled by dispatch.

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Rescue: WELFARE CHECK

Date: 6/2/2022
Time: 09:01 PM
Duration: 0 hours, 12 minutes
Attendees: 9 Team Members
Location: Lizard's Mouth

What Happened? SAR was dispatched after the mother of the subject contacted Dispatch reporting her daughter had gone hiking at Lizard's Mouth. The mother stated that she was watching her daughter on the "Find My iPhone" app and it had stopped moving. Her attempts to reach the daughter by cell phone were not successful. She was not aware if her daughter was alone or with others. SAR dispatched teams to make contact and assist with the subject's return to her vehicle.

Rescue: PARAGLIDER DOWN

Date: 6/3/2022
Time: 08:33 PM
Duration: 1 hour, 51 minutes
Attendees: 5 Team Members
Location: Montecito

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for a down paraglider in the Montecito area. Dispatch reported that a reporting party (RP) thought they saw a down paraglider from their location.

With limited information, the SAR leader reached out to the paraglider community for additional information. Lacking definitive information after a cursory area search, SAR terminated the mission.



Rescue: FIRE EVACUATION

Date: 6/5/2022
Time: 07:10 PM
Duration 2 hours, 26 minutes
Attendees 24 Team Members
Location Santa Barbara City

What Happened? During an active wildfire, SAR was dispatched to execute evacuations in the impacted and surrounding burn area.

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Rescue: INJURED HIKER

Date: 6/11/2022
Time: 11:43 AM
Duration 1 hour, 45 minutes
Attendees 8 Team Members
Location Hot Springs Trail

What Happened? SAR was dispatched to a call regarding a hiker who fell and suffered a head injury at the "top of Hot Springs Trail." After additional information gathering, it was determined that the injured hiker was located at Hot Springs near the pools and ruins. SAR teams were sent into the field and tied in with Fire at the trail. A UTV was dispatched to access the patient who was conscious and mobile. Air Support Unit (ASU) resources were requested. SAR and Fire coordinated to extricate the patient and deliver them to AMR for transport to the hospital for further assessment and treatment.

Rescue: HIKER IN DISTRESS - MEDICAL

Date: 6/25/2022
Time: 02:43 PM
Duration 1 hour, 28 minutes
Attendees 8 Team Members
Location Trespass Trail

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for a hiker on Trespass Trail near Gaviota Peak who was experiencing heat exhaustion and was out of water. Dispatch provided coordinates from the 911 call, and teams were deployed, along with the Air Support Unit (ASU). Upon making contact, it was observed that the subject was overheated, weak, and out of water and needed immediate assistance. Air Support landed at a nearby field where SAR and medics delivered the subject for a flight to the hospital.

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Rescue: PROJECT LIFESAVER

Date: 7/1/2022
Time: 05:10 PM
Duration 1 hour, 2 minutes
Attendees 9 Team Members
Location Santa Barbara City

What Happened? The subject walked away from their family and could not be located. Deputies ultimately located the child nearby and reunited the child with their family.

Rescue: SEARCH - MISSING ADULT

Date: 7/1/2022

Time: 06:12 PM

Duration 1 hour, 26 minutes

Attendees 6 Team Members

Location Santa Barbara

What Happened? Subject reported missing in area of his home. Silver alert had gone out the day before. Deputies found the subject in the backyard of the residence.



Rescue: HIKER IN DISTRESS - MEDICAL

Date: 7/2/2022

Time: 03:06 PM

Duration 2 hours, 7 minutes

Attendees 13 Team Members

Location Seven Falls Trail

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for a reported hiker in distress experiencing possible heat exhaustion on Inspiration Point Trail. SAR was able to contact the Reporting Party (RP) who confirmed the subject was having a heat related medical issues, was not sweating, and had heart issues. RP confirmed that they were near seven falls and not on the Inspiration Point Trail.

Given the known medical issues, SAR confirmed that the Air Support Unit (ASU) was responding to this call and proceeded to inform allied fire agencies responding, along with the new location of the subject

ASU located the subject and lowered a paramedic to the ground. The subject was assessed and, due to subject condition and precarious trail access and extraction, a decision was made to perform a hoist rescue and fly the subject to SBA.

At the airport, subjects were assessed by AMR and decided to go against medical advice (AMA).

Rescue: INJURED HIKER

Date: 7/2/2022

Time: 04:50 PM

Duration 2 hours, 3 minutes

Attendees 13 Team Members

Location Wind Caves Trail

What Happened? SAR was dispatched to the Wind Caves Trail for a subject that was trail running, tripped and fell on his ankle. The subject thought he broke it and couldn't put any weight on it. The ankle was not discolored and no bone exposed. The subject said he was on the trail alone with no known medical issues. SAR Teams (with 3 EMTs) were sent en route to the trailhead to connect with Fire Medics. SAR Teams assisted fire with carry out. Additional SAR teams were on standby as they arrived on scene. The subject was assessed by AMR and was released Against Medical Advice (AMA). SAR was released from this incident and put back in service.

Rescue: OVERDUE HIKER

Date: 7/4/2022

Time: 11:29 AM

Duration 0 hours, 31 minutes

Attendees 2 Team Members

Location Manzana

What Happened? A wife reported that her husband and 3 boys were overdue from a backpacking trip. She was not completely certain of their planned route, but thought Nira and Manzana SchoolHouse sounded familiar. While trying to establish if the subjects' vehicle was at a trailhead, the husband contacted the wife and all was well.



Rescue: CLIFF RESCUE

Date: 7/10/2022
Time: 12:00 PM
Duration: 1 hour, 30 minutes
Attendees: 8 Team Members
Location: More Mesa

What Happened? Shortly after 1200H, while team members were finishing up regular training, reports were received that a subject was stuck on a cliff with their dog near the steps and entrance to the beach at More Mesa, only 100 yards from the SAR rope rescue training. Another callout for a vehicle over the side incident was also in progress. The on-duty IC assigned this incident to another SAR IC to manage.

The dog had gone over the side, and the owner attempted to help the dog and became stuck themselves, unable to get back to the top of the cliff due to unstable ground. Assistance was requested and 911 was called to initiate a response. Team members were also summoned by a bystander and arrived at the scene within two minutes.

Familiar with the area, team members located nearby anchors and set up rope systems to lower the first rescuer over the side and down to the subject and their dog clinging to the cliff side. SAR members were joined by SB County Fire to assist with the rescue operation.

Once the first rescuer reached the subject and their dog, they secured both to the rope to prevent any further slipping and waited for a second SAR team member to arrive to assist in getting the two down the cliff and to the beach below. With the subject in a harness evaluated for injuries, fortunately none were found, and the dog secured, the subject was lowered down with the first rescuer to the beach below. Once on the beach and out of the way of any rockfall in a safe area, the second rescuer was lowered with the dog to the beach below.

The subject was evaluated by County Fire Paramedics and released with no reported injuries.

Rescue: HIKER & DOG IN DISTRESS - K9 MEDICAL

Date: 7/7/2022
Time: 12:57 PM
Duration: 2 hours, 3 minutes
Attendees: 4 Team Members
Location: Tunnel Trail

What Happened? SAR IC was dispatched for a female hiker with two dogs on Tunnel Trail, about 2.5 miles from the trailhead. One of the dogs was suffering from a heat-related issue and couldn't move. The GPS location indicated that the subject was on the Mission Canyon Catway above Tunnel Trail, near the Mission Crags. After discussing the situation with the SAR Coordinator, it was determined that a rescue drive-out was the best solution, as the location was easily accessible by off highway vehicles. Two SAR members drove up for a pick-up and transported the subject back to her vehicle. A SAR member, who is a veterinarian, was contacted to respond to the trailhead for a dog assessment. Both dogs were examined, and the subject requested to be released against medical advice (AMA) to go to her vet in Lompoc, as one of the dogs had a rear leg injury (not life-threatening). All SAR members returned to the station, and the "incident" was complete at 1459H.

Rescue: VEHICLE OVER THE SIDE

Date: 7/10/2022
Time: 12:11 PM
Duration 2 hours, 4 minutes
Attendees 18 Team Members
Location Sunset Valley Road

What Happened? SAR was dispatched to a report of a vehicle over the side at Sunset Valley and Happy Cyn Road. SAR just finished regular team training in the More Mesa area and is concurrently managing another callout. Multiple SAR teams were en-route from More Mesa Code 3. Traffic was heavy on highway 154 due to construction in progress at E. Camino Cielo and Highway 154. Once County Fire personnel arrived on-scene, it was determined to be a non-injury incident was determined and SAR teams were released prior to arrival on scene.

Rescue: HIKER IN DISTRESS - MEDICAL

Date: 7/16/2022
Time: 10:35 AM
Duration 1 hour, 33 minutes
Attendees 8 Team Members
Location Inspiration Point

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for a weak hiker near Inspiration Point. Two SAR teams were sent to the trail to tie in with the fire department. The Air Support Unit (ASU) was also activated. Once on scene, ASU Copter 3 hoisted and transported the subject. Fire had SAR on standby until the hoist operation was completed. SAR was released from the incident at 1120H and back in service at 1205H.

Rescue: LOST HIKER

Date: 7/18/2022
Time: 08:55 PM
Duration 1 hour, 42 minutes
Attendees 9 Team Members
Location Trespass Trail

What Happened? Two female subjects were in the hot springs at Gaviota State Park. They took a wrong turn leaving and ended up on the Trespass trail. With no lights, no warm clothes. SAR deployed to locate and assist them. Subjects located by SAR field team uninjured and released.

Rescue: HIKER IN DISTRESS - MEDICAL

Date: 7/30/2022
Time: 03:24 PM
Duration 1 hour, 26 minutes
Attendees 8 Team Members
Location McMenemy Trail

What Happened? Montecito Fire requested SAR to help with an ill hiker in the McMenemy Trail area. Once on scene, Fire asked SAR to standby as they were already with the patient and were hiking her out. The incident was dissolved at 1618H. SAR teams were released and in-service at 1632H.



Rescue: HIKER IN DISTRESS - MEDICAL

Date: 7/31/2022

Time: 12:04 PM

Duration 1 hour, 56 minutes

Attendees 23 Team Members

Location Franklin Trail

What Happened? SAR responded to a report of an ill male hiker at the top of Franklin Trail. Multiple units were dispatched. Several units were to start at the trailhead at Carp High School and several others at Divide Peak Rd. The Air Support Unit (ASU) Copter 3 arrived on scene and picked up the subject and RP and transported them to AMR and Carp Fire. SAR was released and in-service at 1500H.

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Rescue: HIKER IN DISTRESS - MEDICAL

Date: 7/31/2022

Time: 01:19 PM

Duration 2 hours, 34 minutes

Attendees 23 Team Members

Location McPherson Peak

What Happened? The SAR team was paged for a dehydrated hiker near McPherson Peak. SAR Teams were assigned to drive to the location via 101, 166. Air Support Unit (ASU) Copter 3 extracted the subjects. Fire released SAR at 1424H. SAR Team returned to their station and SAR was back in-service at 1553H



Rescue: HIKER IN DISTRESS - MEDICAL

Date: 8/1/2022
Time: 03:42 PM
Duration 1 hour, 54 minutes
Attendees 12 Team Members
Location Tunnel Trail

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for an ill hiker 1/2 mile up the Tunnel Trail. It turned out the subject was on the Seven Falls trail just above the falls. Teams were sent to the location and proceeded up the trail and helped Fire move the patient to an appropriate hoist location where Air Support Unit (ASU) Copter 3 hoisted out the subject. SAR then helped 2 other subjects back down the trail and took them to their car in a SAR vehicle.

Rescue: PARAGLIDER DOWN

Date: 8/4/2022
Time: 10:41 AM
Duration 1 hour, 24 minutes
Attendees 8 Team Members
Location Rattlesnake Canyon

What Happened? A reporting party (RP) saw a paraglider go down in the area of Rattlesnake trail near the creek. The RP reported it was a white parachute with a seat that could lean back. She said she was about 15 minutes up the trail from the bottom. Fire made contact with the RP and later made contact with the subject, who was uninjured and had walked out of the area with his paraglider.

Rescue: LOST HIKERS

Date: 8/6/2022
Time: 11:27 AM
Duration 1 hours, 49 minutes
Attendees 13 Team Members
Location Rattlesnake Canyon

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for two lost hikers on Rattlesnake trail near the connector who reported they were out of food and water. After contacting the subjects, it was learned that they were experiencing heat-related illness symptoms and the call was escalated to a medical emergency. The subject's actual location was determined to be on the Rock Garden Trail just above the connector using SarTopo SMS feature. Dispatch was contacted to activate fire medics, Air Support Unit (ASU) and the entire SAR team. The subjects hiked down the trail and found shade where they encountered other hikers who provided them water. Although the subjects thought the water improved their condition, they continued to have problems. Several SAR teams were dispatched from the station to hike and bike up Tunnel trail. The medic from the ASU made patient contact at 1220H. At 1224H, the decision was made to hoist, and at 1237H, the hoist was complete, and SAR teams were released from the call.

Rescue: INJURED HIKER

Date: 8/7/2022
Time: 09:06 AM
Duration 0 hours, 13 minutes
Attendees 10 Team Members
Location Hot Springs Fire Road

What Happened?

Montecito Fire (MTO) requested SAR to assist with a rescue on Hot Springs Trail relating to a possible broken ankle. Once on scene, MTO determined the subject was only a few hundred feet from the staging area and could be handled with resources already on scene and SAR was released.



Rescue: RECOVERY

Date: 8/9/2022
Time: 07:54 AM
Duration: 3 hours, 12 minutes
Attendees: 10 Team Members
Location: Cold Springs Arch Bridge

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for a subject who reportedly jumped from the Cold Spring bridge. County Fire was also activated. Not long after SAR arrived on scene, County Fire located the subject deceased. The incident was transferred to SAR for the recovery effort. SAR established a rope system. A stretcher team of 4 was deployed to document the scene and retrieve the subject.



Rescue: VEHICLE OVER THE SIDE

Date: 8/13/2022
Time: 01:18 AM
Duration: 5 hours, 12 minutes
Attendees: 10 Team Members
Location: Upper Oso

What Happened? SAR was dispatched to respond to an ATV rider who had driven off a cliff on the Buckhorn Road, approximately 1.5 miles from the Upper Oso gate. A Sr Deputy was first on the scene, followed by County Fire. SAR Team 1 was dispatched from the station at 0135H Code 3 to the scene, followed by Team 2 approximately 10 minutes later. Both teams tied in with Fire Battalion Chief (BC) and proceeded up the road to the incident location, and were directed by the RP.

A Fire Medic was sent over the side on rappel immediately to assess the situation and injuries. The subject was approximately 60-75 ft down an almost vertical slope, coming to rest on a small ledge. The Fire Medic determined that the subject had suffered head injuries and a fractured femur. SAR personnel rappelled down to the subject with a litter and backboard, securing and treating the subject with fire resources. Due to the steep slope and precarious position, it was difficult to get the subject onto the backboard, but once secured and transferred into the litter, the subject, Medic, and SAR personnel were put onto a rope system for the raise to the roadside.

The subject was loaded into a specialized SAR off highway transport vehicle with an AMR medic for transport down to the trailhead. The subject was transferred from the litter into an AMR stretcher and transported the subject to Cottage Hospital.

Rescue: HIKER IN DISTRESS - MEDICAL

Date: 8/17/2022
Time: 04:55 PM
Duration: 2 hours, 35 minutes
Attendees: 17 Team Members
Location: Romero Canyon Trail

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for a hiker experiencing a heat emergency on Romero Trail. Multiple SAR teams were sent into the field, including an e-bike team. The subject was removed by the Air Support Unit (ASU) Copter 3 prior to SAR teams arriving on scene. SAR teams did contact the RP and helped Montecito Fire hike her out of the field.

Rescue: LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT

Date: 8/20/2022
Time: 06:38 PM
Duration: 23 hours, 0 minutes
Attendees: 15 Team Members
Location: Cuyama

What Happened? SAR was requested to support a Law Enforcement Search.

Rescue: INJURED HIKER

Date: 8/22/2022
Time: 03:35 PM
Duration: 2 hours, 23 minutes
Attendees: 8 Team Members
Location: Hot Springs Trail

What Happened? SAR responded to an injured hiker up Hot Springs Trail. Fire made initial patient contact. SAR continued in and helped transport the patient to the trailhead where it was turned over to AMR. SAR provided transportation for the 4 minor children of the patient from the trail to Cottage hospital.

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Rescue: VEHICLE OVER THE SIDE

Date: 8/27/2022
Time: 03:55 PM
Duration: 0 hours, 35 minutes
Attendees: 13 Team Members
Location: HWY 154

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for a semi truck over the side of highway 154. Once SB County Fire arrived on scene, it was determined it was a non-injury incident. SAR was released by fire while en-route.



Rescue: MISSING HUNTER VANDENBERG SPACE FORCE BASE

Date: 9/14/2022
Time: 12:25 AM
Duration 0 hours, 33 minutes
Attendees 5 Team Members

What Happened? Vandenberg Space Force Base fire personnel requested county support to search for a missing novice hunter. The hunter was last seen at 1800H by a hunting companion and was not equipped with a phone, light, or gear to spend the night outside. Initially, the Sheriff's Air Support Unit (ASU) was requested, but due to heavy fog in Santa Ynez, they were unable to proceed. The decision was made to page the SAR team. However, while the team was en route to the station, the hunter was reported to have found their way out to the rendezvous point, and was found to be uninjured.

Rescue: MUTUAL AID

Date: 9/14/2022
Time: 03:08 PM
Duration 5 hours, 7 minutes
Attendees 5 Team Members
Location Ventura County

What Happened? Ventura County requested Humain Remain Detection (HRD) K9 from SBCSAR for an investigation on private property. One SBCSAR K9 and handler unit along with 2 flankers were sent to Ventura County. A short search produced 2 alerts that confirmed information from a previous search.

Rescue: HIKER IN DISTRESS - STRANDED

Date: 9/20/2022
Time: 07:57 PM
Duration 0 hours, 49 minutes
Attendees 1 Team Member
Location Gaviota Wind Caves

What Happened? A commuter driving northbound on Hwy 101 at Gaviota noticed flashing lights on the hillside along the Gaviota Wind Caves Trail and suspected a hiker might be in trouble. They immediately contacted dispatch to request assistance. In response, an SB County Fire unit was dispatched to check the trailhead parking lot for any vehicles. Upon arrival at the scene, the fire unit reported no vehicles or visible lights. They also checked with the park host to determine if there were any reported missing hikers, but no one was found to be missing and no search was warranted.

Rescue: VEHICLE OVER THE SIDE

Date: 9/28/2022
Time: 09:03 AM
Duration 2 hours, 1 minute
Attendees 7 Team Members
Location HWY 1

What Happened? SAR was paged out for a missing automobile passenger that might have been involved in the vehicle crash. While SAR was en-route, the subject was found at home and SAR was released.



Rescue: INJURED HIKER

Date: 10/1/2022
Time: 11:46 AM
Duration: 1 hour, 45 minutes
Attendees: 9 Team Members
Location: Hot Springs Trail

What Happened? SAR was dispatched to help Montecito Fire with a female with a possible broken arm. SAR teams arrived on scene and proceeded up the dirt road to the hotel ruins and then transported the subject and medic down to waiting ALS care using one of their specialized off highway transport vehicles.

Rescue: LOST HIKER

Date: 10/1/2022
Time: 08:13 PM
Duration: 3 hours, 2 minutes
Attendees: 11 Team Members
Location: Lizard's Mouth

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for a lost hiker in the Lizard's Mouth area. The subject was quickly located and their location was confirmed via an SMS message in SarTopo. Three field teams were deployed to lead the subject out. The subject was uninjured and able to walk out. In addition, a drone was deployed during the operation to assist in identifying possible routes out of the location.

Rescue: INJURED HIKER

Date: 10/11/2022
Time: 05:01 PM
Duration: 1 hour, 50 minutes
Attendees: 9 Team Members
Location: Hot Springs Trail

What Happened? SAR was paged to respond to an injured hiker on Hot Springs Trail, approximately 1.25 miles from the trailhead. SAR Teams coordinated with the Battalion Chief and traveled up the trail using their specialized off highway transport vehicle to meet Montecito responders. Additional teams were dispatched from the station to assist. By 1801H, the subject was transported down the trail in a SAR vehicle. At 1812H, the subject was safely transferred to their friend's private vehicle and was taken to the hospital. The incident was fully resolved by 1832H.

Rescue: INJURED MOTORCYCLIST

Date: 10/30/2022
Time: 01:50 PM
Duration: 3 hours, 40 minutes
Attendees: 10 Team Members
Location: Camusa Road

What Happened? SAR responded to a report of an injured motorcycle rider that had fallen along Camuesa Road, approximately 2 miles southeast of Middle Camuesa Campsite. One of the two riding companions of the subject rode back up to Buckhorn Road and called 911 on his cell phone, stating that the subject appeared to have a broken arm and was unconscious for 3-5 minutes directly after falling. Based on the loss of consciousness, initial rescue units from SAR responded Code 3 along with SB County Fire to Upper Oso. Two SAR rescue teams drove to the subject along with County Fire Paramedics. Using coordinates obtained from the RP by SAR, Air Support Unit (ASU) Copter 964 located the injured subject and effected a hoist rescue. The subject was flown to Signature Air at Santa Barbara Airport and transferred to AMR for transport to Cottage Hospital. After the injured subject was flown out, SAR units assisted County Fire in recovering their overturned UTV along Camuesa Road. All SAR units then returned to their station.

Rescue: VEHICLE OVER THE SIDE

Date: 10/30/2022
Time: 11:15 PM
Duration: 0 hours, 43 minutes
Attendees: 9 Team Members
Location: HWY 154

What Happened? SAR units were dispatched to respond to a witnessed car going over the side on Hwy 154 near the Paradise Road intersection. As initial SAR units were going up the Santa Barbara side of Hwy 154, County Fire arrived on scene and located the vehicle approximately 100-feet down the side, resting against a tree. A County Fire Paramedic climbed down and found the lone occupant uninjured. After assisting the subject back up to the road, SAR was released.

Rescue: PARAGLIDER DOWN

Date: 11/6/2022

Time: 11:01 AM

Duration 0 hours, 32 minutes

Attendees 9 Team Members

Location Gibraltar Road

What Happened? SAR, County Fire, and AMR were dispatched to assist a downed hang glider below the launch site on upper Gibraltar Road. The subject reported back pain due to a hard landing. County Fire Engine 15 arrived at the scene and located the subject about 50 feet below the road, hiking up. After evaluating the situation, County Fire determined that they had sufficient resources to treat the subject, and all other incoming resources were released, including SAR.

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Rescue: VEHICLE OVER THE SIDE

Date: 11/10/2022

Time: 08:00 AM

Duration 1 hour, 30 minutes

Attendees 7 Team Members

Location Rock Front Ranch

What Happened?SAR was paged for a possible Vehicle Over The Side (VOTS) on highway 166 at mile marker 32. The incident was reported by a passer-by who drove to the nearest Forest Service Station to report it. SAR was en-route to the area at approx. 0820H with 2 personnel. The Battalion Chief, Engine 27, Deputies, and CHP were responding code 3 in the area. The local units were Unable to Locate until approx. 0845H. SAR sent an additional page for more personnel due to the possibility of a larger roadside search. The vehicle was located unoccupied and both fire, CHP and Deputies did a quick assessment prior to releasing the rest of the assignment.



Rescue: LOST HIKER

Date: 11/12/2022
Time: 12:10 PM
Duration 2 hours, 20 minutes
Attendees 17 Team Members
Location Devil's Canyon

What Happened? SAR Leader was paged for a possible lost hiker. After discussing with the reporting party (RP), who was the father of the subject, SAR decided to dispatch the entire SAR team. RP, who lives in Sacramento, reported his daughter being lost in Santa Barbara after an exchange on the life360 app where she mentioned being lost, out of phone batteries and out of water. She said she would try to get back to her car. The application, used by the subject and the RP, put her in the Devil's Canyon trail area by Angostura pass.

Two SAR bicycle teams were dispatched on Arroyo Burro and Devil's Canyon trail along with one hiking team with the intent of containing the area in the hope she would walk into the responders. The Sheriff's Air Support Unit (ASU) Copter 2 was notified and joined the search along with one SAR driving team assigned to drive paradise road looking for a 2016 Silver Nissan Murano with a provided license plate.

A vehicle matching the description without license plates was located at the Snyder trailhead. While investigating the vehicle, the team observed another matching vehicle with a partially matching license plate drive by them. They started following the car and intercepted it on Paradise road. SAR team member made contact and was able to confirm that the driver was the subject SAR was looking for and code 4 at 1340H

Rescue: HIKER IN DISTRESS - STRANDED

Date: 11/16/2022
Time: 04:59 PM
Duration 6 hours, 23 minutes
Attendees 12 Team Members
Location Grass Mountain

What Happened? SAR was dispatched to the report of a stranded hiker in the Grass Mountain area. The subject intended to hike Lovers Loop, but she was not injured in any way, just stuck in dense brush after dark and did not know her way out. The Air Support Unit (ASU) flew over the subject and returned to base. Initially, four (4) SAR teams were deployed after ASU departed the area. Team 4 was the e-bike team which made it to the subject first, while team 4 located the best route out. Team 5 was assigned as a radio relay. The subject still had no medical issues and was in good spirits & able to walk out on her own back to her car at the trailhead assisted by SAR.

Rescue: PARAGLIDER DOWN

Date: 11/17/2022
Time: 11:30 AM
Duration 2 hours, 10 minutes
Attendees 7 Team Members
Location East Camino Cielo

What Happened? SAR was dispatched at 1130H for a paraglider down in the 3000 block of E. Camino Cielo. The paraglider was reported with severe injuries. SAR was en-route code 3 with rescuers. Upon arrival, SAR connected with SB County Captain 13 who was in charge of the incident. SAR Team 1 were sent to the subject location to bring a backboard requested by Firefighters. On arrival at the subject, SAR Team 1 helped with loading the patient onto the backboard and into a bowman bag for helicopter evacuation. SAR was back at their station and back in-service at 1340H

Rescue: INJURED CYCLIST

Date: 11/20/2022
Time: 07:23 AM
Duration 2 hours, 11 minutes
Attendees 8 Team Members
Location Tunnel Trail

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for an injured biker who went over the handlebars and was unable to move his arm and legs. Fire and SAR responded. The patient was packaged and extracted by Air Support Unit (ASU) Copter 4. SAR returned to their station without incident.

Rescue: INJURED HIKER

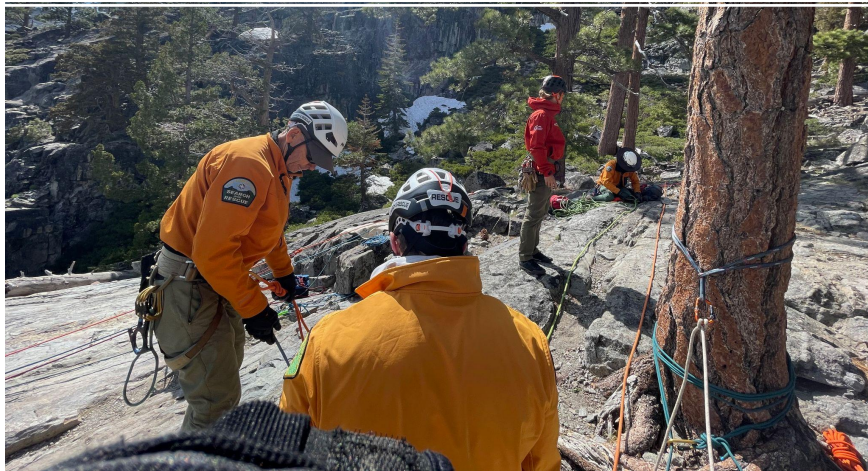
Date: 11/20/2022
Time: 09:45 AM
Duration 1 hour, 21 minutes
Location Tunnel Trail

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for an injured hiker on the Edison catway. The subject had a twisted ankle. Fire arrived on scene and carried the patient out in their UTV. All SAR teams returned to station without incident.

Rescue: LOST HIKER

Date: 11/20/2022
Time: 06:25 PM
Duration 1 hour, 48 minutes
Attendees 5 Team Members
Location Seven Falls

What Happened? The SAR team was dispatched to two hikers lost in the seven falls area. Dispatch coordinates put the subjects just above the lower trail from Arlington Peak trail to Seven Falls. Simultaneously, SAR received an additional page for a larger search operation. 1 SAR team of two rescue members were sent to locate and extract the lost hikers from this known location while other resources were reassigned to the new incident. The team was able to locate subjects approx 75 ft above the lower Seven Falls Trail, and accessed them , brought them back down to the trail and hiked them out to the SAR vehicle for transport down the trail to the subjects' vehicle.



Rescue: LOST HIKER

Date: 11/20/2022
Time: 06:47 PM
Duration 4 hours, 5 minutes
Attendees 9 Team Members
Location Mono Camp

What Happened? While planning an initial search for lost hikers at Seven Falls, SAR received a call from a reporting party (RP) stating that his son and friends were overdue and presumed lost in the Los Padres National Forest. The team was paged for additional resources needed for a potentially large search. During the interview with the RP, it was discovered that four hikers and their dog were out for a hike and spent one night camping before returning home. They had no cell phone contact, and the RP was concerned about their safety. The range was no more than 8 miles total, and the RP was unsure of their exact location. A deputy was dispatched to the Hot Springs trailhead to see if their white Rav4 vehicle was present. The Air Support Unit (ASU) was requested to fly Camino Cielo and Mono Camp to locate their vehicle. Three SAR teams were deployed to check Angostura Pass, Cold Springs Saddle, and Mono Camp via Pendola. The vehicle(s) were found at Cold Spring Saddle. One team stayed for containment while the e-bike team descended the trail to Mono Camp. ASU Copter 2 spotted four subjects and a dog with a fire in the Forbush camp, and the e-bike team was sent to confirm their identity. The subjects were located safe and secure, and it was determined they had decided to spend another night camping. All SAR teams were released and returned back to their station.

Rescue: HIKER IN DISTRESS - MEDICAL

Date: 11/26/2022
Time: 03:10 PM
Duration 1 hour, 32 minutes
Attendees 8 Team Members
Location Hot Springs Trail

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for an ill hiker near the Hot Springs. The subject was complaining of dizziness and shortness of breath. Fire and AMR were also dispatched. Multiple SAR teams were sent en route to the Hot Springs trailhead. Upon arrival, fire had already made patient contact and had all SAR teams staged at the trailhead. The medical evaluation showed the patient was hypotensive and the decision was made to airlift her to Cottage. SAR teams waited for the hoist to be complete then were released from the incident. All teams returned to their station without incident.

Rescue: VEHICLE OVER THE SIDE

Date: 11/26/2022

Time: 08:41 PM

Duration 1 hour, 12 minutes

Attendees 8 Team Members

Location Mountain Drive

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for a vehicle 20'-30' off the road. A reporting party (RP) reported hearing the crash, seeing headlights below the road, and a woman screaming. Fire arrived on scene and determined there were 3 uninjured occupants of the vehicle and SAR was released prior to a vehicle leaving their station.

Rescue: PARAGLIDER DOWN

Date: 12/1/2022

Time: 02:18 PM

Duration 2 hours, 12 minutes

Attendees 9 Team Members

Location Flores Flats

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for a paraglider down with severe lower leg injuries (possible broken femur, pelvis, legs). SAR responded Code 3 with 3 team members followed by 4 additional team members within approx. 5 minutes. The Air Support Unit (ASU) Copter 4, Battalion Chief and Fire Captain responded as well. SAR made it on scene and staged for a rope rescue operation. ASU Copter 4 lowered their medics, packaged the patient and transported to Cottage Hospital. SAR was released and back in-service at 1630H.

Rescue: VEHICLE OVER THE SIDE

Date: 12/5/2022

Time: 07:13 PM

Duration 2 hours, 21 minutes

Attendees 11 Team Members

Location East Camino Cielo

What Happened? SAR responded with fire/medics for a vehicle over the side on e. Camino Cielo. Initial location varied because the initial address did not match the initial set of coordinates provided by dispatch. The distance between these locations was 2 miles. Upon arrival, both subjects were confirmed on the roadway.

Based on the information provided, it was confirmed that there were 2 human subjects and 2 dogs. Once Fire/AMR took over care of the subjects, SAR stayed in the area for 30 minutes to continue searching the road and calling for 2 dogs that were reported to be in the vehicle. Fire made access to the vehicle's location. Due to the hazardous location of the vehicle on the hill, SAR decided that personnel will not make access to the vehicle but could, based on the field teams' suggestion, conduct a limited search of the roadway for the dogs.

The ranch, located down hill from the vehicle, was alerted to the potential for stray dogs in the area.

Rescue: PROJECT LIFESAVER

Date: 12/7/2022

Time: 09:01 PM

Duration 3 hours, 3 minutes

Attendees 9 Team Members

Location Santa Maria

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for a missing Project Lifesaver (PLS) client living in the Santa Maria community. The subject went missing from his daughter's house in the evening at about 1930H. He was wearing an Apple Tag and his daughter traced him to the 2400 block of Darbeton. SAR Team 1 received a slight ping in the area and, with assistance from the Santa Maria Police department, a gate was opened at the west end of the Blosser and the team was able to drive to the location of the subject. The subject was located and subsequently evaluated by AMR and released to the family.

Rescue: HIKER IN DISTRESS - MEDICAL

Date: 12/15/2022
Time: 04:36 PM
Duration 2 hours, 24 minutes
Attendees 12 Team Members
Location Pt. Sal

What Happened? SAR was dispatched to two individuals hiking near the Point Sal fire road, RP stated his friend wasn't feeling well; started throwing up. Upon SAR IC making contact with the RP, he stated his friend was feeling better and they were trying to make their way back to the fire road. Santa Barbara County Fire and Vandenberg Space Force Fire responded, along with Air Support Unit (ASU) Copter 4. ASU Copter 4 made patient contact and flew the party back to the parking lot.

Rescue: PROJECT LIFESAVER

Date: 12/18/2022
Time: 10:40 AM
Duration 0 hours, 15 minutes
Attendees 20 Team Members
Location Goleta

What Happened? SAR was dispatched at 1040H to look for a missing Project Lifesaver (PLS) client last seen at Target in Goleta. The subject was supposed to be picked up last Friday (now Sunday) but didn't show up. The reporting party (RP) reported her son missing Sunday. A SAR team member contacted RP to confirm PLS client status. Deputies were consulted and the search was referred to a missing persons case. SAR was released and back in service.

Rescue: Overdue Hiker

Date: 12/18/2022
Time: 07:25 PM
Duration 0 hours, 20 minutes
Attendees 1 Team Member

What Happened? SAR was paged for a possible overdue minor hiker and an adult friend. The reporting party (RP) last received an update from the Life360 application at 0900H. The RP provided a vehicle description and a license plate number. Since the location of his son hasn't changed. He contacted the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office to report his son was overdue. Just prior to SAR contacting the RP, the location on Life360 started changing. SAR IC obtained additional information from RP prior to attempting to contact his son. The RP and his son were able to contact each other and confirmed everyone was OK. SAR was released and back in-service at approx. 1945H.

Rescue: RECOVERY

Date: 12/24/2022
Time: 04:10 PM
Duration 2 hours, 48 minutes
Attendees 8 Team Members
Location Santa Barbara

What Happened? SAR was dispatched to recover a deceased subject from one of the front country trails.

Rescue: VEHICLE OVER THE SIDE

Date: 12/30/2022
Time: 01:03 AM
Duration 0 hours, 57 minutes
Attendees 11 Team Members
Location Gibraltar Road

What Happened? SAR was dispatched along with fire for a Vehicle Over The Side (VOTS) occupied x2 near the intersection of Gibraltar road and E. Camino Cielo. The 2 occupants self extricated and made their way to the roadway where fire and CHP made contact. The vehicle was approx 30' off the roadway. SAR was released and back in-service.

Rescue: LOST HIKERS

Date: 12/31/2022
Time: 05:29 PM
Duration 2 hours, 11 minutes
Attendees 9 Team Members
Location Hot Springs Trail

What Happened? SAR was dispatched for two lost hikers on the Hot Springs Trail. The hikers reported they were wet from the rain and without any rain gear or lights except for their cell phone. Fortunately, dispatch was able to obtain coordinates accurate to within 7 meters and 90% accuracy, which both indicated that they were located on the Edison Catway, just a few hundred feet east of the old Hot Springs Hotel ruins.

Multiple SAR teams were dispatched to the Hot Springs Canyon area to locate and rescue the lost hikers.

As the first team was en route to the ruins, another team checked the trailhead parking area and was informed by someone that two people had just arrived from hiking down the trail. Upon contacting them, it was confirmed that they were the two "lost" subjects. Although they were wet, they had no medical needs and were cleared by SAR personnel.

All SAR units were notified to stand down and return to their station. Equipment was secured and a termination page was issued at 1938H.



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