



OLYMPIC MOUNTAIN RESCUE NEWSLETTER

A volunteer organization dedicated to saving lives through rescue and mountain safety education
January 2007

Missions

Mission No: 2006-12 (DEM 06-3688)

Date: November 28-29

Location: East Bremerton; Kitsap County

Type: Missing Person

Personnel: (Field) Steve Leslie (OL), Dick Waldo, John Ellsworth, John Stieber, Christopher Claesson, Mac McDowell

(In-Town) Roger Beckett, Jim Groh

KCSO Deputy Almond paged Beckett at 1735 hrs indicating a severe shortage of people to help look for a 60 year old female walk away in East Bremerton.

Mrs. Diaz was missing on Monday (28th) and this was the second night of the search. After some discussion about tonight or tomorrow Almond requested 6 people for part of the night. SAR Base was located at Skate Land and the OMR team grouped there at 2000 hrs(28th). The team assignment was to search west from the east perimeter road to the Illahee Preserve Park. Mission was accomplished about 0130 hrs (29th). Weather was cold (about 15 degrees) with snow on the ground.

More info from the Kitsap Sun below. Subject found later on the 29th.

Total Personnel: 8

Total Hours: 34

Total Mileage: 245

Kitsap County investigators are fairly certain that a patient from the Kitsap Recovery Center who left the facility Monday succumbed to the frigid temperatures outside.

Meeting

Next meeting : Tuesday, January 9. Location is the Westgate Firehall, at 1900. The training is to be a refresher on snow anchors and beacon use.

Training

Upcoming training : Saturday, January 27th. Snow refresher training at Hurricane Ridge. The training is going to emphasize snow anchors and avalanche beacon use. The rescue truck will be leaving the fire hall at 0700. The plan is to meet at the Heart of the Hills gate at 0900.

NIMS Training

The NIMS courses ICS 100 and 700 are required by the county and state DEM. Per the requirements we are not supposed to have anyone on the roster that has not completed these courses. The courses are to be completed online and take an average of approximately two hours to each to complete. Once completed, you will get an email stating completion. The courses cover primarily the Incident Command System. Most of the information is what we have covered in the past. The primary difference is in some of the terminology. To all who have taken or are about to take ICS 100 and ICS 700. When you get the E-mail reply to your on line test, forward those E-mails to Michelle Moen at Kitsap County DEM-MMoen@co.kitsap.wa.us.

Here is a note to remember . . . While working online, it is not good to work when there is a possibility of the power going out. I was nearly done, when the power went out. I lost nearly three hours of online class time

Truck Fund

I hope the holidays were good for you and your family, as they certainly have been good relative to our Truck Fund. This month we have received \$765 dollars in donations bringing us to just under \$4000. These donations include \$200 from Lydia Cleason (Chris's mom), \$200 from Robert Yekel, Glenda Beckett sent us \$15 (Roger's wife), Lise Pederson sent us \$50 (a friend of mine), Darryl Elves submitted \$25 (a retired unit member), Jim Groh's friend Lisa Parriot sent us \$50 and Frank Chapin and his wife donated \$25. We also received a second donation from Roy Beckett (Roger's dad) of \$100. This amount plus our committed unit funds and the potential resale value of the current truck brings us to 19,975 which is over 40% of the total needed. I am also working with the corporate office of an national investing firm. Seems we helped rescue one of their employees this year. It is to early to say how this is going to turn out, but there representative is very supportive and I am hopeful.

If you have a chance to generate a few more donations as this drive winds down it would be great, as we will be submitting a grant application to the Boeing Community Fund this spring. In the case of this grant, the number of donors will prove to be at least or more critical than the amount of the donations themselves and the greater the number of supporters we have, the better our chances will be for success. The Boeing Community Fund has a history of assisting organizations like ours acquire vehicles, including Kitsap ESAR. However, in order for this application to be successful we need to fully demonstrate strong the support we have from the communities of the Pacific Northwest. To do this, the grant application will be including a list of the individuals who have made donations. Thanks for the help and if you have any questions feel free to call John Ellsworth at 360-779-5382.

Submitted by John Ellsworth

Elections

The poles are in and the members have spoken. The new people for the Board, as elected at the December meeting, are John Stieber, and Greg Barron, and Andy Graham (taking over for Sarah Armstrong). Congratulations to the three of you.

2007 Dues are Due

Your 2007 Olympic Mountain Rescue Dues are now due. The amount is \$15.00 and if you have a unit pager you add another \$30 for a total of \$45.00. Thank you to all members that paid at the December meeting. If you are not attending the January meeting please mail your dues to the unit post office box and make the check payable to Olympic Mountain Rescue.

Regards,

Greg Barron, Treasurer



Snow training 2005, on Mount Angelas

Mary Reyes Diaz, 60, wearing only pajamas, socks and a bathrobe, walked more than a mile, across a busy highway, down a busy road, in the middle of the day - without a single passersby calling 911.

"We're talking broad daylight," said Kitsap County Sheriff's Detective Sgt. Eric Bockelie, one of the investigators in the case. "Yet you have no one that sees anything out of the ordinary."

Diaz had been in voluntary treatment for Kitsap Recovery Center, which treats patients for substance abuse, according to its Web site. At about noon Monday, she climbed out of the window in her assigned room and, wearing a tan-colored bathrobe, blue-colored pajamas and socks, began to walk in temperatures hovering around 30 degrees.

Her body was eventually found Wednesday by search crews and the family outside the Tracyton home of one of Diaz's distant relatives. The relatives were reportedly out of town during the week.

The Kitsap County Coroner's Office conducted an autopsy Thursday, but is not releasing the cause and manner of death, pending toxicology reports.

However, Coroner Greg Sandstrom confirmed that the death appears accidental - a manner of death that includes hypothermia.

"At this point we do not expect any foul play," Sandstrom said.

Callout Roster

As you will see, there is an updated callout roster in this newsletter. Please take the time to look at it. If there are any corrections needed, please call Jim Groh with those corrections.

Maps for the Unit

As most of you have heard, recently OMR received a full set of Custom Correct maps for the Olympics. Frank Chapin also has worked out for a full set of Cascade maps by Green Trails. The deal also includes a special price for OMR members of half price. This means that the regular 15 minute maps are \$2.50 each and the specialty maps are \$4.00 each. The specialty maps are composite maps of given areas. These special areas are Sun Mtn (near Methow), 7 Lakes Basin, Hurricane Ridge, Tiger Mtn, Rattlesnake Mtn, Cougar Mtn, and the Wenatchee Area. If you are interested contact Frank Chapin at 360-830-0744 or e-mail him at frankchapin@msn.com no later than the January 9th meeting.

February Training

Coming up in February, we have an avalanche training, which will be put on by Nikko Weis. The training will occur on February 16, 17, and 18. For OMR personnel it will be an overnight training on the 17th and 18th.

The first day which is a Friday will be held more for the park personnel who want to attend. Unless there is enough expected attendance, this first day may be canceled.

The second and third days will cover an extensive look at traveling in avalanche terrain and extensive beacon use. With an emphasis on avalanche prediction and safety.

This season is looking to be excellent for snow training. With Nikko Weis being outstanding instructor that he is, this would not be the training to miss.



OMR truck near Staircase during rigging training.