2016 MID-YEAR REVIEW AND RESCUE REPORT
Dear Friends and Supporters

Teton County Search and Rescue is entering its 23rd year of service to our community. We continue to be humbled by the support each and every one of you give through your donations, time and service. We could not provide the services we do without our community’s full support.

We’ve been busy as usual! This winter our team responded to 30 callouts and as you can see in the stats to the right, our 40 volunteers have donated over 4,641 hours of time over the past 6 months (that’s 116 hours per person). Our team is honored to serve our community members and visitors. If you see them around town please thank them for their service!

Our team continues to push the limits of what’s possible. They are committed to training, efficiency, safety and partnerships. With your help, we will continue to push these boundaries and continue to be one of the best teams in the nation.

We added a new class of 14 amazing volunteers to the team last spring. After a full year of initial training and service, they joined the team as official members of TCSAR in March. This summer we will highlight each one of them through our blog on our website (tetoncountysar.org/blog).

Backcountry Zero was launched in November at our inaugural WYSA W event. Community support and engagement with this program have been overwhelming. Flip to page 18 to read more about what’s in store for 2016.

Another highlight for TCSAR Foundation was bringing Amy Golightly on as Associate Director in December 2015. She brings incredible experience, passion for the community and our mission, and the organizational skills we need!

Your support and donations make this all possible. Contributions, big and small, through Old Bill’s Fun Run show us just how important we are to this community and in your lives. Thank you for being part of the SAR family and we look forward to your continued participation.

Looking forward to a beautiful and SAFE summer in the Tetons,

Stephanie Thomas

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Stephanie Thomas, Executive Director
Amy Golightly, Associate Director
Casey Lewis, Events and Development Coordinator

From December 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016, TCSAR Volunteers Spent
4,641 Hours
on SAR Related Activities.

Rescues - 1,439 hours
Training = 2,810 hours
Community Events = 392 hours
Incidents by Gender

Winter 2015/2016

- Male: 79%
- Female: 21%

10 Year Average

- Male: 78%
- Female: 22%

Incidents by Activity

Winter 2015/2016

- Backcountry Skiing and Snowboarding: 53%
- Snowmobiling: 30%
- Other: 17%

10 Year Average

- Backcountry Skiing and Snowboarding: 65%
- Snowmobiling: 32%
- Other: 3%
**WINTER 2015/2016 RESCUE REVIEW**

» DECEMBER

**RESCUE**  Stranded Snowmobilers Near Two Ocean Mountain  
**DATE**  12/27/15  
**TIME**  2:57pm  
**DURATION**  3 hours 18 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**  16

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR was paged for two stuck snowmobilers near Two Ocean Mountain. They were not injured, had food and water, and had full battery power on their cell phone. Given the late time of day and the very cold weather (-15 F), SAR made a plan to extract the two snowmobilers via helicopter. The backup plan was to use snowmobiles. Once the helicopter team rescued the stranded snowmobilers and was headed back to the hangar, the snowmobile team was stood down.

» JANUARY

**RESCUE**  Overdue Skiers on Teton Pass  
**DATE**  1/2/16  
**TIME**  5:48pm  
**DURATION**  9 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**  5

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR was paged for a skier who had been separated from her party on Teton Pass. The RP was at Trail Creek, which was where the party was supposed to meet. However, the last time the RP saw the other 3 in her party was right before they skied into Pig Piney, which was about 45 minutes before she called 911. The Board was concerned because Trail Creek and Big Piney are on opposite sides of Teton Pass. The Board received a second page indicating the RP was back together with the other 3 from her party and all were okay. The incident was stood down.

**RESCUE**  Cliffed Out Snowboarders at Zero G  
**DATE**  1/7/16  
**TIME**  12:45pm  
**DURATION**  1 hour 48 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**  1

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR received a call from JHMR that ski patrol was responding on behalf of SAR to an out of bounds rescue in Rock Springs. The snowboarders were cliffed out due to foggy conditions at Zero G in Rock Springs. JHSP used a rope system to raise the snowboarders up to a safe location and then escorted the two snowboarders back in bounds. When no injuries were confirmed the incident was stood down.

**RESCUE**  Injured Skier in Rock Springs  
**DATE**  1/18/16  
**TIME**  12:06pm  
**DURATION**  2 hours 30 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**  1

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR received a call that a man had just witnessed a large avalanche on The Pyramid. The SAR helicopter was returning from short-haul training near the scene and initiated a search immediately. The helicopter crew saw a track entering the top of the avalanche and did not see an exit track. The crown appeared to be 2-3 feet deep and 200-300 feet wide. The avalanche had run 1500-2000 feet and ended in a steep narrow gully. IC directed the helicopter to return to the hangar to refuel and pick up the helicopter avalanche beacon. Due to the “considerable” avalanche hazard and hang-fire above, IC directed the helicopter crew not to deploy any SAR members onto the slope.

The helicopter returned to the scene and performed an aerial transceiver search with the helicopter beacon. A signal was not detected. The helicopter team spotted an upside-down snowboard in the debris at the bottom of the avalanche. The remaining SAR team arrived at the hangar and set up Forward Ops near the trailhead for The Pyramid. Two SAR Strike Teams were assembled and sent on skis from up to the slide path to investigate the tracks. The Strike Teams determined that there were three ski/snowboard tracks entering the avalanche and two exiting.

Two SAR members were short hauled to near the location of the snowboard, placed in a secure location out of the slide path and they skinned up to a safe location near the snowboard. One approached and shoveled through the avalanche debris while the other watched from a safe location nearby. A person was found deceased. The patient and short haulers were flown out to ICP and the patient was transferred to the coroner.

**RESCUE**  Cliffed Out Skier Near Jersey Shore  
**DATE**  1/20/16  
**TIME**  12:47pm  
**DURATION**  2 hours 3 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**  1

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR received a page that JHMR ski patrol was responding on behalf of SAR to a cliffed out skier near Jersey Shore area of Rock Springs. Ski patrol rescued the skier.

**RESCUE**  Avalanched Snowboarder on The Pyramid  
**DATE**  1/19/16  
**TIME**  1:01pm  
**DURATION**  3 hours 44 minutes  
**ATTENDEES**  26

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR received a page that JHMR ski patrol was responding on behalf of SAR to an avalanched snowboarder on The Pyramid. The scene was returned from short-haul training near the hangar and ended in a steep narrow gully. IC directed the helicopter to return to the hangar to refuel and pick up the helicopter avalanche beacon. Due to the “considerable” avalanche hazard and hang-fire above, IC directed the helicopter crew not to deploy any SAR members onto the slope.

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When it was confirmed that ski patrol and the skier were okay and back in bounds the incident was stood down.

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR received a call that JHMR ski patrol was responding on behalf of SAR to a male with a knee injury near the M&M area of Rock Springs. Ski patrol rescued the male and transported him back in bounds. When it was confirmed that ski patrol and the skier were back in bounds the incident was stood down.

**FEBRUARY**

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR received a call that an avalanche occurred in Ralph’s Slide in Rock Springs and that at least three people were involved in the avalanche. One was not buried and at least two were missing. None were wearing transceivers. The avalanche crown was 36” deep and 200-300 feet wide. The avalanche traveled several hundred feet. The lower debris pile was 70-100 feet long and 20 feet wide. A secondary debris pile above the lower cliff was unreachable due to hangfire.

JHMR and SAR established Unified Command to manage the rescue. JHMR ski patrol closed backcountry access gate #2 and made a tram announcement requesting that local citizens with avalanche rescue equipment and ability check in to assist with a probe line. Ski patrol made a probe strike 1 m deep and found second member of the ski party. The third member of the ski party was located via a probe line. Both persons buried in the avalanche were declared deceased. It was unconfirmed if there were additional missing persons. The SAR helicopter was flown to the scene with four SAR members.

The helicopter arrived at the scene and the survivor informed rescuers that he was certain no one else had been involved in the avalanche. Low clouds and snow had moved into the scene of the avalanche so the helicopter returned to the hangar. Ski patrol and SAR members in the field loaded the two deceased patients into toboggans for a ground transport.

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR received a page for an accident in Rock Springs near the Why Not run. The RP called Mountain Dispatch after witnessing three snowboarders fall over a large cliff. He reported they were moving but looked injured. He was unable to get to the scene from his location. Ski patrol dispatched two patrollers and requested that SAR and the helicopter be put on standby. Two patients were seriously injured and one sustained minor injuries.

Given the terrain and serious nature of injuries, the SAR helicopter arrived at the scene with two SAR members on short-haul and evacuated the two with major injuries to a waiting ambulance. Ski patrol transported the third patient via toboggan to the Teton Village Clinic.

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR received a call that two men had not returned from a snowmobile trip the day prior. Lincoln and Bonneville County SAR teams were already responding, but needed additional resources since they had been searching all night. Bonneville County requested the TCSAR helicopter and snowmobile teams to help search.

The helicopter team arrived in the area of the search and the snowmobile team arrived at the Jackknife Creek trailhead. The helicopter team spotted the missing party from the air and the snowmobile search team drove to the location of the missing party. The two missing snowmobilers were ok, but one of their sleds was not running properly. The snowmobile search team and missing party rode out to the McCoy Creek trailhead.
Incidents by Month - Winter 2015/2016

- December
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May

Active SAR Incidents per Year

- Winter 2010-11
- Winter 2011-12
- Winter 2012-13
- Winter 2013-14
- Winter 2014-15
- Winter 2015-16

Incidents by Month - 10 Year Average

- December
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
Search and Rescue Locations - Winter 2015/2016

Grand Teton National Park
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort Backcountry
Grand Targhee Resort
Teton Pass Area
Togwotee Pass Area
Other

Incidents by Day of Week - Winter 2015/2016

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
and he was then flown to a waiting ambulance. Guides packaged the patient and loaded him into the helicopter. The helicopter landed at the scene and SAR members and Togwotee Mountain Guides came to load the patient. The patient had injured his leg in a snowmobile wreck.

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WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call that a SPOT device had been activated near Togwotee Pass. According to the RP, the SPOT device belonged to an experienced snowmobiler from Utah and the text she received from SPOT said that there was no medical emergency but help was needed. There were two men in the missing party. A large portion of the SAR team was training in the Togwotee Pass area and was available to respond. The SAR members were preparing to snowmobile to the coordinates when the missing party arrived okay at the lodge. The mission was stood down.

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WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call from someone skiing near Mary’s Nipple who could hear two men screaming “call 911”. The two men were skiing on the next ridge over from the RP. Dispatch was in contact with Grand Targhee ski patrol, who were responding to get more information and to initiate patient care. SAR made a plan to use the helicopter with a medical team to respond to the scene, and have a ground team en route as a backup plan. Once on scene, ski patrol reported that the patient’s son had been skiing with him and the son saw his father collapse with chest pain. The helicopter arrived near the scene. Ski patrol transported the patient down the slope to the helicopter where he was subsequently transported out of the backcountry. The patient was declared deceased and transferred to the coroner.

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WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page regarding a skier who dropped into Powder Reserve with her partner and had not seen him for 10 minutes. She had become worried. SAR members were already at the hangar due to a previous call. The RP called back shortly after to say that she and her partner had been reunited and no response was needed. The mission was stood down.

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WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a call from someone skiing near Two Ocean Mountain near Grand Targhee Resort. The patient was seen by ski patrol who transported them down the mountain. Once they were stable, they were flown to the hospital. The mission was stood down.

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» MARCH

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for a patient with a hip injury who couldn’t move, located less than a mile from the Continental Divide parking area. A USFS employee was first on the scene and updated Dispatch that the patient was about 1/4 mile west of the parking area right off the trail. SAR personnel arrived shortly thereafter to splint and transport the patient via toboggan to a waiting ambulance.

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a request for helicopter assistance at Grand Targhee Resort for an individual who had left the boundary, approached the edge of a cliff when the cornice formation under him failed and sent him over the cliff band. The individual was not wearing a transceiver and was fully buried by the avalanche. GT avalanche dogs searched and ski patrollers probed the debris. The individual was dug out and shorthauled by SAR to the ski area parking lot. The patient was declared deceased.

WHAT HAPPENED? SAR received a page for four lost skiers near Angle Mountain on Togwotee Pass. The skiers were from out of town – 1 female and 3 male. All were ok, but lost, out of water and not prepared for overnight. They had good cell coverage and TCSO Dispatch pinged their coordinates. Skiers were .42 miles north of highway and 1 mile NW of Togwotee Mountain Lodge. A SAR member was connected to the RP and provided instructions to help them navigate south to road. Skiers were able to ski out on their own.

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**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR received a call regarding a female teenage snowmobiler with a possible spinal injury in the Granite Creek area. The victim was on a guided snowmobile trip and had crashed her snowmobile off a steep embankment into the creek about 1/4 mile from the Granite Creek trailhead. The RP said that the patient was alert and breathing. The SAR helicopter flew to the scene to assess, stabilize, and package the patient. The snowmobile team was to the scene as backup. The patient was located at the bottom of a steep 30–40 ft. embankment. The patient had been wearing a snowmobile helmet during the crash and the helmet was shattered. A SAR member assessed the patient’s injuries and determined she may have a spinal injury, abdominal or rib injury, facial trauma, and a lower leg injury. The helicopter was converted for patient transport and the patient was packaged in the vacuum mattress. The helicopter returned to the hangar transferred the patient to the waiting ambulance.

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR was contacted by Grand Targhee Resort Dispatch that there had been an out of bounds avalanche on the back side of Mary’s Nipple. Grand Targhee asked that TCSAR be on standby as they investigated the avalanche to see if there were any victims involved. Members of TCSAR were already in the field providing river safety for the PPP. The remaining team was staged at the hangar. Grand Targhee Dispatch notified SAR IC that there were no tracks entering the slide path and they had determined that it was a natural slide started by a spring cornice drop that occurred naturally. The mission was stood down.

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR received a call regarding a missing person. Subject was a 27-year-old Swiss visitor with a learning disability who left his hotel. The SAR team met at hangar for planning. Search teams were assembled with walkers, bikers, and ATVs/UTV. The SAR helicopter was put on standby. A citizen who received the community Nixel alert found the subject on West Snow King Drive near Millward Ave. The mission was stood down just after teams began deploying into the field.

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR received a call regarding a vehicle with two occupants that was stuck in the mud and snow on Grassy Lake Rd. The occupants were attempting to walk out. Dispatch asked them to return to their vehicle and wait. They had food, water, and warm clothing and had no medical issues. A Strike Team was sent to Grassy Lake Rd. The Team arrived at the scene of the stuck vehicle and Fremont County, Idaho SAR was already on scene with the party. The SAR members used the winch on an ATV to pull the stuck car out of the mud. The party and SAR Team drove out Grassy Lake Rd.

**WHAT HAPPENED?** SAR received a call regarding a 59-year-old male mountain biker who was suffering from dizziness and weakness. Biker was reported to be lying down on a bench 3-4 miles up Teton Canyon road past the locked gate. The man’s 13-year-old son was with him and called 911 with a satellite phone. SAR Team assembled two hasty teams with ATV’s, hikers and medical. Three SAR members were dispatched from their homes in Idaho and 2 used their personal dirt bikes to access the subject. SAR members located the subject and son and transported them to ICP on back of dirt bikes at slow speeds and with helmets.
WISH LIST

TCSAR Foundation raises money to support the volunteers with equipment, personal support and advanced training. If you are interested in funding one of our “Wish List” items for 2016, please contact us.

Team Support
Volunteer Recognition: $9,600
Volunteer Team Meals: $19,200
Helicopter Training Hours: $18,000
Advanced Team Training: $36,000
Volunteer Personal Safety Gear: $38,500
SAR Leadership Training: $20,000
Interagency Partnerships: $7,000

Operations
ATV Trailer: $1,200
Snow Toboggan: $3,000
Helicopter Contract: $60,000

Outreach and Education
Avalanche Intro Courses: $600 (5 needed)
Adventure Safety Log Underwriting: $3,000
What’s In Your Pack Class Underwriting: $4,200
Podcast Underwriting: $13,000
Premiere Partnership for WYSAW: $12,000

HOW TCSAR FOUNDATION IS FUNDED

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Please remember TCSAR in your Old Bill’s giving!
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SHRIVER SOCIETY

RAY SHRIVER served on the Teton County Search and Rescue team from its inception in 1993 until his death in 2012. His dedication to training and education was unmatched in the search and rescue community — during his 19 years, Ray volunteered more hours to rescue and training than anyone else in Teton County history. Shriver specialized in training canines, and his search dogs were renowned. His sincere and passionate commitment to Jackson Hole and the area continues to be respected and honored today. Ray was killed in February 2012 in a helicopter crash while on a search and rescue mission.

The Shriver Society was created in memory of Ray to ensure that the unpaid team of specialized, volunteer rescuers will be financially supported for the life of the TCSAR organization.

Join us by making a long term and significant contribution to the TCSAR Foundation, you become a key stakeholder in the future of the local volunteer team. Your contribution augments training, equipment, and other ancillary support, directly impacting our mission: “to provide vital search and rescue services for Teton County and the surrounding areas in need.”

For more information please contact us at 307-413-0604 or info@tetoncountytsar.org
Backcountry Fatalities by Year

- 2010: 1
- 2011: 2
- 2012: 3
- 2013: 3
- 2014: 4
- 2015: 5
- 2016: 5

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- WATER
- FOOD
- LIGHT
- FIRST AID
- FIRE
- SHELTER

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