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Operation 2017-11 (SEARCH), OES 2017-LAW-36467

17-18 June 2017

Scripps Ranch (San Diego County)

By Nathan Simons

Summary:

Search for subject with dementia.

Narrative:

China Lake Mountain Rescue received a text message from Kern County Sheriff, Sgt. Bittle at 1820 on Saturday, 17 June. The message was forwarded to Dave Miles. I received a call from Dave Miles at 1850 looking for a leader. Kern County was requested to assist the San Diego Sheriff's Department in a search for an 85 year old missing Asian male with dementia. Miles forwarded me the text from Sgt. Bittle, at which point I called down the coordinators list and got Sheila Rockwell to start a callout. The plan was to meet at the hut at 0130, on Sunday, 18 June to drive to the Command Post, CP, for an 0600 briefing. David Jensen responded to the callout. We met at the hut at 0130 and departed at 0145.

We arrived at the CP at 0526 and caught some sleep while waiting to check-in. At 0700 we were briefed and also informed that the subject had been treated for depression. Jensen and I were assigned separate teams and our teams were given assignments. After two assignments and returning to CP, my team was released. Jensen's team was the last team out of the field having been assigned a third area to search. The terrain was hilly with very tall, but not overly thick brush. CP requested the search to be thorough to provide a high probability of detection for the subject (PoD). The subject was not located on this day of searching. After being released we headed home and secured at the hut at 2023.

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Operation 2017-12 (RESCUE)

21 June 2017

Pacific Crest Trail near Spanish Needle (Kern County)

By Nathan Simons

Summary:

Carry out of subject with ankle injury.

Narrative:

Linda Finco received the call from Sgt. Bittle at 2:23 pm. The request was for assistance in a carry out of a woman with an injured ankle on the Pacific Crest Trail, PCT. The injury prevented her from hiking out on her own. The woman was with her father who is a medical doctor. They had contacted family who then contacted the sheriff. The sheriff was able to make contact via cell phone and got their coordinates as 406858E/3959055N. The sheriff was trying to see if a helicopter was available for a rescue, but still needed a ground team to proceed.

At 2:30 pm Linda sent out a Calling Post message to the team. Dave Miles responded first and was given the coordinates to determine the location and the logistics for a carry out. While Dave checked on a map, Carol Burge called and stated she could coordinate the callout. Dave called Linda back around 2:45 pm saying the coordinates put them just above the Connell Ranch, so if the team got access to the ranch, a carry out was feasible. Linda called Sgt. Bittle back to tell him we were sending an advanced team leaving around 3:30 pm to hike to the location of the injured hiker. Sgt. Bittle also had members from Kern Valley proceeding to help with the carry out. The plan was for the advanced team to proceed to the folks on the PCT and the others were to meet with Sgt. Bittle at the 178/Chimney Peak-Canebrake road. With the help of Calling Post, we got a commitment from Miles, Franklin, Simons and Litton for the advanced team. Carol Burge started the callout for other members at 3 pm. This would be for a follow on team to leave the hut around 4:30 pm. Phil Cash, David Jensen, and Dan Bishop committed for this team. When Dan committed to lead the second team, Linda stayed back to coordinate the bouldering for the summer class.

The advance team left the hut around 1530 and drove to Jack Connell's ranch (which we had placed below the reported coordinates of the subject and determined to be the quickest access to the PCT). The team found the gate to the ranch apparently locked and so proceeded to hike in and were greeted by Mr. Connell who kindly offered to drive the team as close as he could to the subject. Once at the end of the drivable road, the team, accompanied by Mr. Connell, hiked along the PCT until we encountered the subject, Samantha Romm, on the side of the trail, approximately 0.34 miles from where Mr. Connell parked.

Litton conducted a head to toe examination, while Simons filled out a SOAP note. Meanwhile, Miles and Franklin worked on devising a method involving 2-inch webbing to carry the patient out. When we discovered no feasible way to carry the patient out with the gear on hand, we decided to send the Kern Valley team (who had arrived during our examination) back for the stretcher and wheel.

Meanwhile the follow on team of Bishop, Jenson, and Cash met at the hut at 4:30 pm and were briefed by Finco to proceed to the 178 and Chimney Peak road where Sgt Bittle would direct them further. After arriving at the ranch, the team proceeded up the trail and quickly intersected the PCT and soon arrived as the advance team was loading Samantha into the stretcher.

Between Kern Valley SAR and our now combined CLMRG team, we made light work of wheeling Samantha to Mr. Connell's pickup truck, and then proceeded to hike ourselves back to Mr. Connell's residence to debrief with Sgt. Bittle.

Once we debriefed, we rearranged it so that Samantha and her father could ride with Bishop and Cash in the sheriff's Explorer to Ridgecrest Regional hospital's emergency room while Miles, Litton, Franklin, Jensen and Simons drove directly back to the hut to put away the gear. The team secured at the hut at 2030.

Operation 2017-13 (ALERT)

23 June 2017

Kern River (Kern County)

By Linda Finco

Summary:

CLMRG received a text from Kern Valley SAR putting us on alert to assist with a search on the Kern River the next day, 24 June, to continue looking for a missing subject(s). Carol Burge coordinated the callout and Cynthia Rempel helped with the calls. We were unable to field a team.

Operation 2017-14 (RESCUE)

1 July 2017

Kern River (Kern County)

By Dave Miles

Summary:

Supported Kern River teams in rescues and recoveries during the busy July 4th weekend.

Narrative:

The Kern County Sheriff requested additional Search and Rescue resources to patrol the Kern River over the July 4th holiday weekend. Dave Miles coordinated the callout for our team. On Saturday, 1 July, Miles, Sean Litton and David Jensen drove to the Kern River to assist. The team met at the hut at 0700 and attended the briefing at the Kern Valley Search and Rescue compound at 0800. The team assisted in several calls to assist the Kern Valley SAR team in rescues and recoveries. The team secured at the hut at 2230.

Operation 2017-15 (RESCUE)

2 July 2017

Kern River (Kern County)

By Dave Miles

Summary:

CLMRG made 2nd trip to assist Kern Valley SAR in various rescues/recoveries.

Narrative:

The Kern County Sheriff requested additional Search and Rescue resources to patrol the Kern River over the July 4th holiday weekend. Dave Miles coordinated the callout for our team. On Saturday, 2 July, Miles, Sean Litton, Phil Cash and David Jensen drove to the Kern River to assist. The team met at the hut at 1100 and attended the briefing at the Kern Valley Search and Rescue compound at 1200. The team assisted in several calls to assist the Kern Valley SAR team in rescues and recoveries. The team secured at the hut at 2030.

Operation 2017-16 (SEARCH)

8 July 2017

Kern River (Kern County)

By Dave Miles

Summary:

CLMRG traveled back to Kern River to assist Kern Valley SAR in various rescues/recoveries.

Narrative:

On July 6, 2017 Linda Finco received a call for CLMRG to assist Kern Valley SAR (KVSAR) on Saturday July 8 on a river search. I took the operation with Nathan Simons, Bill Stephenson, David Jensen, Jared Reneau, and Deryk Harder all committing to the operation. We met at the hut at 0630 and arrived at the SAR compound in Lake Isabella for the 0800 briefing. We divided into teams and covered search areas on the upper and lower Kern River for subjects that were still missing. With nothing found by 1300 and with temperatures getting very hot we called it a day. We had lunch at Kernville Pizza Barn and then returned to the hut at 1545.

Operation 2017-17 (ALERT)

9 July 2017

Kern River (Kern County)

By Dave Miles

Summary:

CLMRG went on standby to assist Kern Valley SAR in a busy month on the river.

Narrative:

CLMRG was requested to be on standby to assist Kern Valley SAR (KVSAR) if there was a callout for a river rescue. Dave Miles was the operation leader and Sheila Rockwell coordinated the callout with help from Mary Schmierer. Members who committed to the operation were Gina Niesen, Nathan Simons, Phil Cash, David Jensen, Sean Litton, Matt Lee, Sean McNamara, Jon Slager, and Deryk Harder. Members committing were on standby to be at the hut within 15 minutes of a text from KVSAR. We ended the standby at 2100 to resume at 0700 the next day.

Operation 2017-18 (ALERT)

10 July 2017

Kern River (Kern County)

By Dave Miles

Summary:

CLMRG remained on standby to assist Kern Valley SAR.

Narrative:

CLMRG was requested to be on standby to assist Kern Valley SAR (KVSAR) if there was a callout for a river rescue. Dave Miles was the operation leader and Sheila Rockwell was coordinator with assistance from Mary Schmierer. Members who committed to the operation were Gina Niesen, Nathan Simons, Phil Cash, David Jensen, Jeff Green and Bill Stephenson. We were on standby from 0700-2100 to be at the hut within 15 minutes of a text from KVSAR.

Operation 2017-19 (SEARCH)

15 July 2017

Kern River (Kern County)

By Dave Miles

Summary:

CLMRG assisted Kern Valley SAR in a search on the river.

Narrative:

On July 13, 2017 we were asked to assist Kern Valley SAR (KVSAR) with a river search on Saturday July 15, 2017. Tom Roseman was the coordinator and I, (Dave Miles), was the operation leader. Conner Warren and I met at the hut at 0700 and drove to Lake Isabella for the 0800 briefing. We were taken across the river to search river right. After the search we gathered for lunch and then returned home at 1530.

Operation 2017-20 (SEARCH), OES # 2017-LAW-37407

19-20 July 2017

Baker Lake (Inyo County)

By Tom Roseman

Summary:

CLMRG successfully searched for and found missing hiker.

Narrative:

I think there is something about summer class and callouts! CLMRG was at Fossil Falls for the Wednesday evening rappelling session of the summer class when Dave Miles received a text from Sgt. Bittle about a request from Inyo County to assist on a search the next morning. Dave did a literal voice callout to the members at the session. Nathan volunteered to lead the operation and I volunteered to go. Shortly after that, Nathan remembered a prior activity the next day so I agreed to lead the operation. Terry Mitchell signed on as coordinator, and Mary Schmierer agreed to serve as a telephoner. Tom Sakai was able to meet me in Bishop the next morning, from his summer residence in Mammoth Lakes. I left the hut the next morning at 0430 and met the Inyo folks and Tom Sakai at the Inyo hut at 0700. We were briefed that Linda Salomon was separated from her husband and another friend on Monday, the 18th as they were getting ready to hike out from Baker Lake to Glacier Lodge that morning. Linda started early as she hikes a little slower. Linda's husband and friend never did locate Linda on the hike out, so they searched all day and night and still did not find her. So they decided to hike out the next morning to seek help. On Tuesday, the 19th, CHP arrived on scene to provide air support. Search teams found a note from Linda at a cabin stating that she had been there. Searchers were able to find tracks, but not Linda. On Thursday, the 20th, four Inyo team members and our two CLMRG members left by vehicle to drive the 20 miles to Coyote Flats to resume the search. The road was rough in places and it was all myself and the Explorer could handle. We split into three teams of two. Tom and I were to search back to the last campsite at Baker Lake in case Linda had decided to return to the site. About an hour after we deployed a CHP helicopter arrived to search by air. The helicopter crew spotted Linda from the air, and guided us to her using a PA (public address) system. We were not able to make radio contact with the helo, and had to make do with the PA although communications were not very clear. We arrived at Linda's position to find her alive and well. She had seen the helicopter the day before but they did not see her. She moved to a more open area in hopes that the helo would return the next day to search again. The helo departed once we were with Linda, we hiked with her back to our cars and then drove back to the Inyo hut to reunite Linda with her husband and friend. We secured at our hut at 2300.

Operation 2017-21 (ALERT), OES # 2017-LAW-36467

25 July 2017

Mt. Wilson Trail (Los Angeles County)

By Linda Finco

Summary:

CLMRG put on alert for overdue hiker who was found before team fielded.

Narrative:

Both I, (Linda Finco), and Tom Roseman received a text from Sgt. Bittle at 1413 on July 25, 2017. Los Angeles County was requesting assistance for a search for an overdue hiker. The search was for a 22-year old male who went for a day hike on the Mt. Wilson Trail on Sunday, 23 July and had not returned. The sheriff noted the hiker had no food, water or shelter and was inexperienced. I replied to Sgt. Bittle at the same time Tom Roseman responded. After stating we would start a callout both Tom and I received another text from Sgt. Bittle stating the subject had been found.

Operation 2017-22 (RECOVERY)

28 July 2017

Kern River (Kern County)

By Dave Miles

Summary:

CLMRG assisted KVSAR in recovery along Kern River.

Narrative:

David Jensen and I (Dave Miles) took a group from our church's girl's camp rappelling on Saturday 28, 2017 at the Johnsondale Bridge. In the morning, we hiked to the 7 Teacups exit to check the Kern river conditions

during the high flow of 2500 CFS (cubic feet per second). Since we had many callouts to assist the Kern Valley SAR team (KVSAR) team in July, I also had thrown my swiftwater gear in the truck.

After our rappelling activity, we received a text at 1715 as we got near Kernville and regained cell service. We stopped by Tony's gas station to find out the current status since the text was 2 hours old. We headed to the last text location of China Gardens to provide assistance if needed in the recovery.

As we got below the dam, we could hear KVSAR on the radio and contacted them for instructions. They had us stop where we were since we still had cell service and contact the coroner via dispatch to respond to the Democrat boat launch. We then proceeded to the boat launch to assist with the recovery. We were done about 2000 and headed home.

Operation 2017-23 (SEARCH), OES # 2017-LAW-37681

30-31 July 2017

Mt. Pinos (Ventura County)

By Linda Finco

Summary:

Search for overdue hiker.

Narrative:

I, (Linda Finco), received a phone call from Sgt. Williams at 1150 on July 30, 2017. Ventura County was requesting assistance for a search for an overdue hiker. The search was for a 77-year old female who went for a two hour day hike in the Mt. Pinos area on Saturday, 29 July and had not returned. Her husband reported her overdue later that afternoon. Ventura County searched by ground and air that evening and did not locate her. The search was continuing on Sunday and additional searchers were requested for that afternoon and for Monday. This was the weekend for our Summer Basic Mountaineering Class overnight trips, so we had a lot of members away for the weekend. I told the sheriff I would see if we could get a team to go.

Carol Burge was the coordinator and Janet Westbrook helped with the calls. After calling and leaving numerous messages, we could not find other members to commit. I called the sheriff and said we would not be able to field a team for Sunday, but maybe Monday when members returned from the weekend trips. I originally set the meet time at the hut at 0330 to arrive for the 0700 brief on Monday, but we did not get any response. Later in the evening I sent out another email to the members stating we would set an 0800 departure time from the hut on Monday, if we had any interest. Later that night I got a confirmation from Jon Slager that he could go on Monday. I told him to wait to see if any other members would commit. On Sunday, at 0500 I got up to check my email and saw we had commitments from Nathan Simons and David Jensen. So I coordinated with all 3 and confirmed we would depart the hut at 0800.

We loaded up the group Explorer and got on the road a little before 0800. We stopped in Gorman for a quick break and then continued on up the Frazier Park Rd. towards the Command Post (CP) at the Mt. Pinos Nordic Center. Going up the mountain I turned on the radio to monitor the SAR frequency. About 20 minutes from the CP we started to hear chatter that the subject had been found. As we got closer to the CP it was confirmed she had been found and was OK, but would be unable to hike out, so they requested air support. We arrived at the CP at 1030 and checked in. I met with Andy Puhek, Ventura County SAR, and he confirmed that the subject had been located about 200 feet down a steep hillside in the vicinity of Inspiration Point. She was in good condition, but was too exhausted and weak to hike back up 200 feet to the trail. A helicopter had been requested with a backup on standby. Our team decided to wait just in case neither helo could complete the extraction and then more people might be needed for a carry out.

The helo arrived around 1100 and a medic was lowered to assess the subject. It was determined that she could be airlifted back to the CP and taken to the hospital in an ambulance. Her husband and son were waiting for her at the CP. Andy wanted to get us involved so he asked if CLMRG could help carry her from the air pad to the ambulance. So while the subject was being prepared for the extraction, we grabbed a stretcher and put on our helmets and eye protection and stood by. When the helo landed at 1200, the sheriff called us over. We assisted the medic in placing her in the stretcher and then carried her to the awaiting ambulance.

We were released shortly thereafter, but our sheriff, Deputy Nance, did not want us to drive our Sheriff's Explorer back to Ridgecrest. When we arrived at the CP, the engine was overheated and dumped a lot of an-

tifreeze. We discussed just topping off the antifreeze and traveling home, but Deputy Nance said he would prefer to arrange a vehicle from the Frazier Park team and leave our vehicle to be serviced. So around 1330 Deputy Nance completed his debrief with the CP and drove us to the Frazier Park hut to swap vehicles. We departed Frazier Park around 1400 and arrived back to the hut and secured at 1530.

Operation 2017-24 (ALERT)

26-27 August 2017

Rosamond (Kern County)

By Linda Finco

Summary:

CLMRG alerted for potential search of subject with Alzheimer's.

Narrative:

I, (Linda Finco), received a phone call from Dep. Nance at 2304 on Saturday, 26 August 2017. Dep. Nance was requesting assistance for a search for an 89 year old woman with Alzheimer's who wandered off from a relative's home. The sheriff was asking for our team to arrive at the base camp at 0700 the next morning to assist in the search. Terry Mitchell coordinated the callout and Cynthia Rempel assisted with the telephone calls. Dave Miles, Mike Derkey, Bill Stephenson and David Jensen committed to the search. We set a meet time at 0600 at the hut. At 0346 I received a text from Dep. Nance stating the subject had been found. She was a little dehydrated, but ok. Terry and I contacted folks to stand down.

Operation 2017-25 (SEARCH/RECOVERY)

1-2 September 2017

Kern River (Kern County)

By Dave Miles

Summary:

CLMRG assisted KVSAR in search and recovery of young girl.

Narrative:

On September 1st, I (Dave Miles), received a text message at 1905 requesting CLMRG to assist Kern Valley SAR (KVSAR) the following day (Saturday) for a river search. I called Sheila Rockwell and she agreed to be the coordinator. Nathan Simons, David Jensen, Dan Bishop, Bill Stephenson, and Phil Cash all committed to the search. We met at the hut at 0500 and were at the SAR compound in Lake Isabella for the 0630 briefing. We were told that on 1 September around 1300, KVSAR received a call for a search and rescue for an 11 year old girl, Mya, who had slipped into the Kern River and also for her 57 year old grandfather who had gone in after her. They were able to rescue the grandfather who had gone a little ways down the river and was able to cling to a rock. The grandfather was unable to get to Mya before losing sight of her. They searched for Mya that afternoon with no result.

We divided into teams and covered search areas from Keysville North which was the place last scene (PLS) and then down river. It was early in the morning and the sun was not providing much light in the water. Around 0930 some family and friends reported something in the river. Teams responded and found Mya about 7 feet under water in some rocks. Her body was recovered and transported back across the river. We gathered our CLMRG team members and returned to the compound to pick up vehicles and then went to the Command Post at Granite Launch. After the Coroner arrived, we all went to lunch and then returned to the hut at 1400.

Operation 2017-26 (SEARCH)

8 October 2017

Scodie Mountain (Kern County)

By Dave Miles

Summary:

Search for missing hunter.

Narrative:

I (Dave Miles) got a call at 0735 on 10/8/17 from Linda Finco that Sgt. Haislip had called us to help with a search for a missing hunter in the Scodie Mountain area. Emilio Hernandez was last heard for 48 hours earlier and was out of water. The Desert SAR team had been searching through the night. We were told to meet them 9 miles west on SC65 from Hwy 14. Carol Burge coordinated and Bill Stephenson, David Jensen, Philip Cash, and Conner Warren committed to the operation.

We met at the hut at 0900 and left with the Sheriff Explorer and my 4Runner since we knew it would be 4WD road to the PLS. We found the Desert SAR and got a briefing from them of the location of the subject's family camp and the camp of some other hunters who had seen him Saturday around 1000 hr. We drove to the camp of the RP and interviewed (in Spanish) the hunter who had last seen Emilio. We started hiking to the PLS and were following the route taken by the Desert SAR in the night. Around 1420 and about half way to the PLS, we heard on the radio that he had been located when he made a cell call to 911. We took a quick lunch break and waited for more information. The helicopter was able to locate him and we returned to our vehicles. We drove back down the 4WD road to Hwy 14 and were released to go home. We arrived at the hut and secured and 1700.

Emilio had spent 3 night out from his camp.

Operation 2017-27 (RESCUE)

25 November 2017

Alabama Hills (Inyo County)

By Dave Miles

Summary:

Rescue of hiker with possible broken back.

Narrative:

On November 25, 2017 I (Dave Miles) was driving to Bishop and listening to several channels on my radio. I was monitoring the Inyo Sheriff dispatch and at noon, when I was around Olancha, I heard them talking about a fallen hiker. Over the next hour fire responded and hiked in to the 36 year old female with a possible broken back. Fire requested a helicopter extraction and also for a Search and Rescue (SAR) callout in case the helicopter could not make it. They provided the GPS coordinates and I found the location on my phone topo maps and could see that is was towards the top of one of the large hills in the Alabama Hills. The dispatcher replied on the radio to the Deputy that he didn't think they would be able to get many SAR members due to the holiday. I called Inyo Dispatch at 1255 on the phone to offer our help since it was only one hour from China Lake. At 1302 I sent a text to all leaders and at 1305 to all coordinators to start a callout.

At 1310 Terry Mitchell agreed to be coordinator. I asked Terry to find a leader and as many as were available to help with a carryout. I told her that we did not have an OES number yet so to have them gather at the hut to get gear. I wanted us to be able to go when we got the call from Cpl. Brian Howard. Phil Cash, David Jensen, Sean McNamara, and Jon Slager committed to the operation. I told Terry that I would be the leader and would meet them at Alabama Hills and gave her a list of equipment for the team to bring.

Cpl. Brian Howard called me back at 1343 to officially request our team. OES gave us an official call with an OES number at 1411. Our team left the hut at 1445. I arrived at the trailhead in the Alabama Hills at 1445 and made my way up to the fallen hiker at 1505. Dean Chavez from Inyo SAR and ranger Dave Kirk were on scene along with 5 from Lone Pine Fire and Cal Fire. The subject, Jamie Bell, her husband, and a friend had been there since the fall and the location was now in the shade and getting colder. Fire packaged Jamie in a litter with a backboard and I rigged a litter bridle with the 1" webbing and steel carabiners brought in by fire.

At 1600 our team arrived and I directed them by phone to our location. The CHP helicopter H-80 also arrived on scene and flew over to assess our hoist location and then landed at the Lone Pine airport to refuel and prepare for the hoist. Slager and Jensen scrambled up to our location while Cash and McNamara remained at the Explorer in case we would need more gear. H-80 returned around 1630 and lowered a Baughman bag and tag line. They circled our area while we loaded the litter into the Baughman bag and then connected it to the hoist to

lift her out. After the hoist, we gathered all the remaining gear and hiked out with her husband and friend. We were all back at the parking lot at 1715 and then drove back to the hut and were done at 1900.

— YEAR END REPORTS for 2017 —

Summary Chart of 2017 Operations:

Operation	2016 Dates	Type	Leader	Coordinator/ Telephoner	Members	County
2017-01	2-Jan	ALERT	D.MILES	T.MITCHELL		MARIPOSA COUNTY/MARIPOSA COUNTY/Alert to assist in a search. Subject found.
2017-02	31 Jan-01 Feb	SEARCH	T.ROSEMAN	J.WESTBROOK / M.SCHMIERER	J.GREEN, P.CASH	AVILA VALLEY/SAN LOUIS OBISPO COUNTY/Search for a 75 yo Alzheimer's patient. Subject found deceased.
2017-03	5-Feb	SEARCH	L.SWANSON	T.MITCHELL	T.SAKAI, B.STEPHENSON, P.CASH	COW CREEK FLAT/KERN COUNTY/Search for a 54 yo man who separated from his hiking partner and did not return to the vehicle.
2017-04	05-06 Feb	SEARCH	L.FINCO	T.MITCHELL	D.MILES, T.ROSEMAN, S.LITTON, N.SIMONS, P.CASH, M.FRANKLIN	COW CREEK FLAT/KERN COUNTY/Continuation of search for a 54 yo man who separated from his hiking partner and did not return to the vehicle.
2017-05	7-Feb	ALERT	L.FINCO	J.WESTBROOK		MT.BALDY/SAN BERNARDINO/Alert to assist in a search. Team not fielded.
2017-06	12-Feb	SEARCH	D.BISHOP	T.MITCHELL	D.MILES, T.ROSEMAN, S.LITTON, N.SIMONS, T.SAKAI, J.GREEN, P.CASH, D.BREITENSTEIN, B.STEPHESON	COW CREEK FLAT/KERN COUNTY/Final effort to search for a 54 yo man who separated from his hiking partner and did not return to the vehicle.
2017-07	9-10 Apr	SEARCH	L.SWANSON	S.ROCKWELL	J.SLAGER	MT.BALDY/SAN BERNARDINO/Search for a 78 yo man. Left on the evening of April 7. Bad weather set it. Did not return.
2017-08	10-11 Apr	SEARCH	D.BISHOP	S.ROCKWELL/ M.SCHMIERER	T.SAKAI, B.STEPHENSON	MT.BALDY/SAN BERNARDINO/Continuation of search for a 78 yo man. Found deceased on the north side of Mt. Baldy summit.
2017-09	22-23 May	SEARCH/ RECOVERY	D.BISHOP	S.ROCKWELL	N.SIMONS	MT.WHITNEY/INYO/Search for a missing hiker. Last seen descending from Trail Camp. Found deceased above Outpost Camp.
2017-10	3-4 June	SEARCH	T.ROSEMAN	S.ROCKWELL	L.SWANSON, T.SAKAI, B.STEPHENSON, P.CASH, C.WARREN, D.JENSEN	KERNRIVER/KERN/Search for a missing man swept away in the river.

2017-11	17-18 June	SEARCH	N.SIMONS	S.ROCKWELL/ M.SCHMIERER	D.JENSEN	SCRIPPSRANCH/SANDIEGO/ Search for an 85 year old man with dementia. Not found.
2017-12	21-Jun	RESCUE	N.SIMONS	C.BURGE/ L.FINCO	D.MILES, M.FRANKLIN, S.LITTON, D.BISHOP, D.JENSEN, P.CASH	PACIFICCRESTTRAIL/KERN/ Woman with an injured ankle. Carried out from trail to Connell Ranch on west side.
2017-13	23-Jun	ALERT	L.FINCO	C.BURGE/ C.REMPEL		KERNRIVER/KERN/Search for a missing man swept away in the river.
2017-14	1-Jul	RESCUE	D.MILES		S.LITTON, D.JENSEN	KERNRIVER/KERN/Staging for the river.
2017-15	2-Jul	RESCUE	D.MILES		S.LITTON, P.CASH, D.JENSEN	KERNRIVER/KERN/Staging for the river.
2017-16	8-Jul	SEARCH	D.MILES		N.SIMONS, B.STEPHENSON, D.JENSEN, J.RENEAU, D.HARDER	KERNRIVER/KERN/Search for a missing man swept away in the river.
2017-17	9-Jul	ALERT	D.MILES	S.ROCKWELL/ M.SCHMIERER	G.NIESEN, N.SIMONS, P.CASH, D.JENSEN, S.LITTON, M.LEE, S.MCNAMARA, J.SLAGER, D.HARDER	KERNRIVER/KERN/Staging for the river.
2017-18	10-Jul	ALERT	D.MILES	S.ROCKWELL	G.NIESEN, N.SIMONS, P.CASH, J.GREEN, D.JENSEN, B.STEPHENSON	KERNRIVER/KERN/Staging for the river.
2017-19	15-Jul	SEARCH	D.MILES	T.ROSEMAN	C.WARREN	KERNRIVER/KERN/Search for a missing man swept away in the river.
2017-20	20-Jul	SEARCH	T.ROSEMAN	T.MITCHELL/ M.SCHMIERER	T.SAKAI	BAKERLAKE/INYO/Search for a missing hiker who separated from the group on the descent.
2017-21	25-Jul	ALERT	L.FINCO/ T.ROSEMAN			MT.WILSONTRAIL/LOSANGELES/ Search for a missing hiker
2017-22	28-Jul	RECOVERY	D.MILES		D.JENSEN	KERNRIVER/KERN/Recovery for a missing man swept away in the river.
2017-23	30-31 Jul	SEARCH	L.FINCO	C.BURGE/ J.WESTBROOK	N.SIMONS/ D.JENSEN/ J.SLAGER	MT.PINOS/VENTURA/Search for a missing hiker
2017-24	26-27 Aug	ALERT	L.FINCO	T.MITCHELL/ C.REMPEL	D.MILES, M.DERKEY, B.STEPHENSON, D.JENSEN	ROSAMOND/KERN/Search for an 89 year old woman with Alzheimer's.

2017-25	1-2 Sep	SEARCH	D.MILES	S.ROCKWELL/ C.REMPEL	D.BISHOP, N.SIMONS, B.STEPHENSON, P.CASH, D.JENSEN	KERNRIVER/KERN/Search for an 11 year old girl swept away in the river.
2017-26	8-Oct	SEARCH	D.MILES	C.BURGE	B.STEPHENSON, P.CASH, D.JENSEN, C.WARREN	SCODIEMTN/KERN/Search for a missing hunter.
2017-27	25-Nov	RESCUE	D.MILES	T.MITCHELL	P.CASH, D.JENSEN. S.MCNAMARA, J.SLAGER	ALABAMAHILLS/INYO/Rescue of an injured hiker with possible back injury.
MRA Accreditation	3-4 March	SEARCH	L.FINCO	T.MITCHELL	D.MILES, T.ROSEMAN, M.MYERS, L.SWANSON, B.HUEY, P.CASH, D.BREITENSTEIN, M.DERKEY, B.STEPHENSON, D.DOERR, S.LITTON, T.SAKAI, N.SIMONS, B.STRATTON, E.LOUGHTRAN, C.WARREN, C.REMPEL, D.JENSEN	STODDARDVALLEY/SanBernardino/ MRA Search Accreditation

We had 27 Operations plus our Search and Tracking Accreditation in 2017.

Alert	Mobilization	Transit	Search	Rescue/Recovery
7	0	0	15	5

Thirteen of the requests to assist came from agencies outside of Kern County.

Kern	Inyo	Los Angeles	San Bernardino	San Louis Opispo	Mariposa	San Diego	Ventura
16	3	1	3	1	1	1	1

Breaking down the Operations by month shows July being our busiest month. This increase in operations in July was due to the Kern County Sheriff requesting our assistance on the Kern River which was running high after the heavy snowfall in the Sierra.

Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2	4	0	2	1	4	10	1	1	1	1	0

2017 Public Education Year End Report

- **Summer Mountaineering Class:** The class consists of 7 weeks of lectures on Tuesday evenings and practical's at various local sites on Wednesday evenings taught by CLMRG, all for a \$35 class fee. The course includes a weekend day hike/climb and an overnight hike/climb into the nearby Sierra Nevada Mountains at skill levels

ranging from introductory to fairly strenuous. Our team leaders lead these hikes, assisted by members of the group, with an emphasis on safety and enjoyment. Class is limited to 40 participants to allow time for everyone to practice skills during the Wednesday sessions. Students are required to have access to the textbook "Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills" Although it was originally devised to train and recruit members for the group, and still continues to be a great source of members for our group, the class is open to anyone over 14 with a general interest in learning how to safely do basic mountaineering and rock climbing. In 2017 we began the class with 31 students and finished with 25. The average class attendance was 20 students, the average practical participation on Wednesdays was 19. Thirteen students went on the day hikes and 16 students went on the overnight hikes.

- Girl Scout Encampment: CLMRG continued its 50+ year tradition of setting up a high-line on April 12th for LA area girl scouts during their weeklong desert campout. Nine CLMRG members participated. We sent 40 girls and 6 camp counselors across the canyon. This year we added a third step to the rock face which helped the girls feel a bit more secure as they climbed out onto the rock to get in position. A Group member also spoke on wilderness travel at one of the campfire evenings.

- Lost, but Found program: During May, members went out to five schools speaking to local kids to teach them how to keep from getting lost and if they do, how to help Search and Rescue members find them quicker! Teams of 1-2 members went out to the schools, showed a video put together by the National Park Foundation, and then conducted demonstrations to reinforce what was shown on the video and if time permitted, a short Q&A. Parent handouts in English and Spanish were provided for over 2150 families. The program continues to be well received.

2017 Training Year End Report

Total Training Hours: 2394

Total Miles Driven: 9555

The training events consisted of Search, Rescue, Tracking, First Aid/CPR, Rock Climbing, and Mountaineering

Search	Rescue	First Aid/CPR	Rock Climbing	Mountaineering	Search
7	16	19	5	22	7

Equipment Year End Report

- Vehicles: The Kern County Sheriff is providing the Group with an Explorer and a Suburban. Expenses for gas and maintenance are covered by the Sheriff's Department.

- Major equipment purchases: Base radio and two ropes.

- Hut: China Lake Public Works continued to provide maintenance support for the Hut where the Group stores our search and rescue equipment. We rearranged the equipment and the storage in the Hut to make it more efficient for search and rescue operations and in the process we performed a major cleaning.