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2022 Summary of Activities

Operations

Bishop

China Lake Mountain Rescue Group recorded 28 Operations in 2022. These Operations were composed of 12 Searches, 2 Rescues, 8 Alerts, 3 Incidents, 2 Transits, and one Recovery ranging from San Luis Obispo County, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Madera, Mono, and Inyo Counties with the majority occurring in Kern County. Not included in this number was the Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) Technical Rock accreditation at Joshua Tree National Park which involved significant preparation and commitment from the 14 Members who participated in the successful event.

Alert	Mobilization	Transit	Search	Rescue	Incidents	Recovery	MRA
8	0	2	12	2	3	1	1

The activity of the Subjects for 7 of 18 fielded operations was categorized as hiking. Helicopters were utilized, at some point during the operation, on 10 of the Missions.

Kern County was the primary requesting agency with 17 call-outs.

Kern	Inyo	San Luis Obispo	San Bernardino	Santa Barbara	Madera	Mono	Fresno
17	3	1	3	1	1	1	1

A break-down of the Operations by month shows April and September as our busiest months, 5 each.

Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
0	1	2	5	3	2	3	1	5	4	2	0

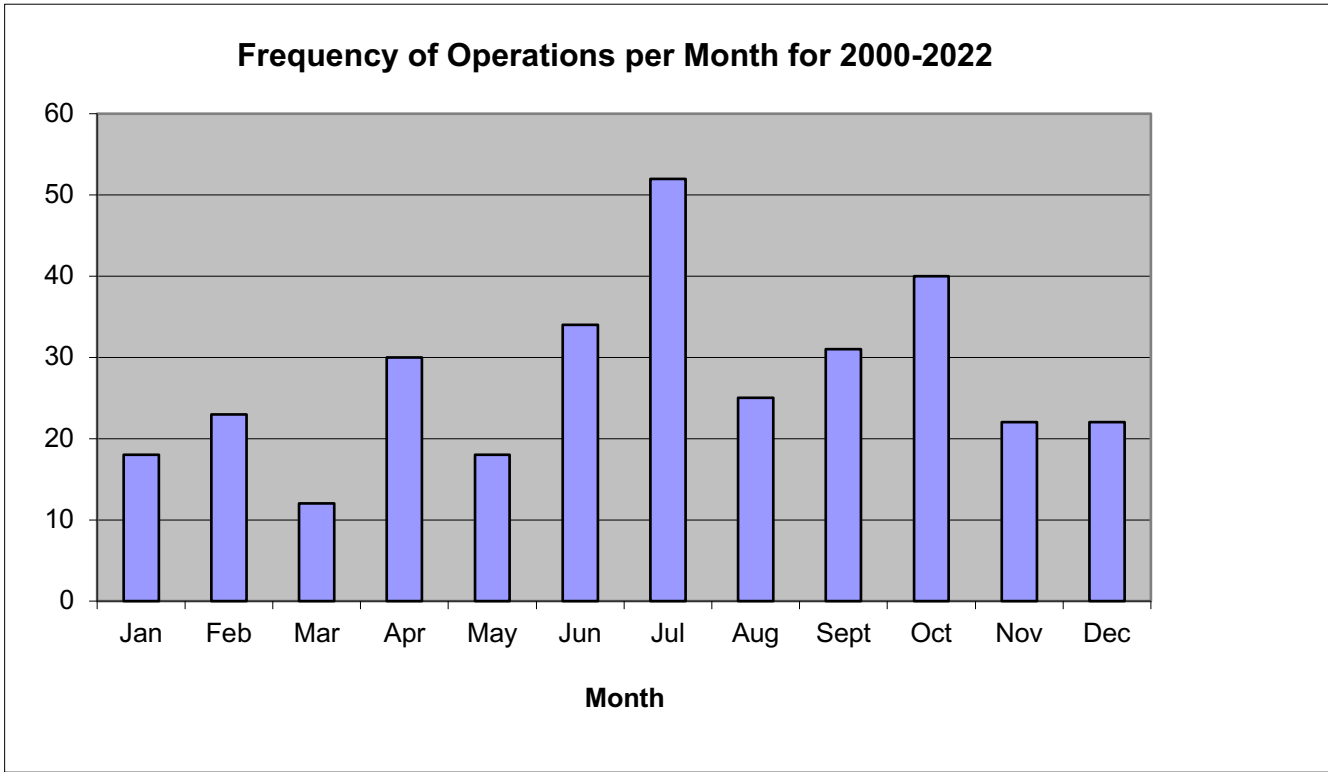
We expended 1053 member-hours during these Operations and logged 4885 vehicle miles. We averaged seven members committing per call-out, with the Kern County Evidence Search in October seeing the largest Group commitments of 14 members.

Below is a map with approximate locations of Operations for the year (X's denote non-fielded mobilizations, alerts, or transits).

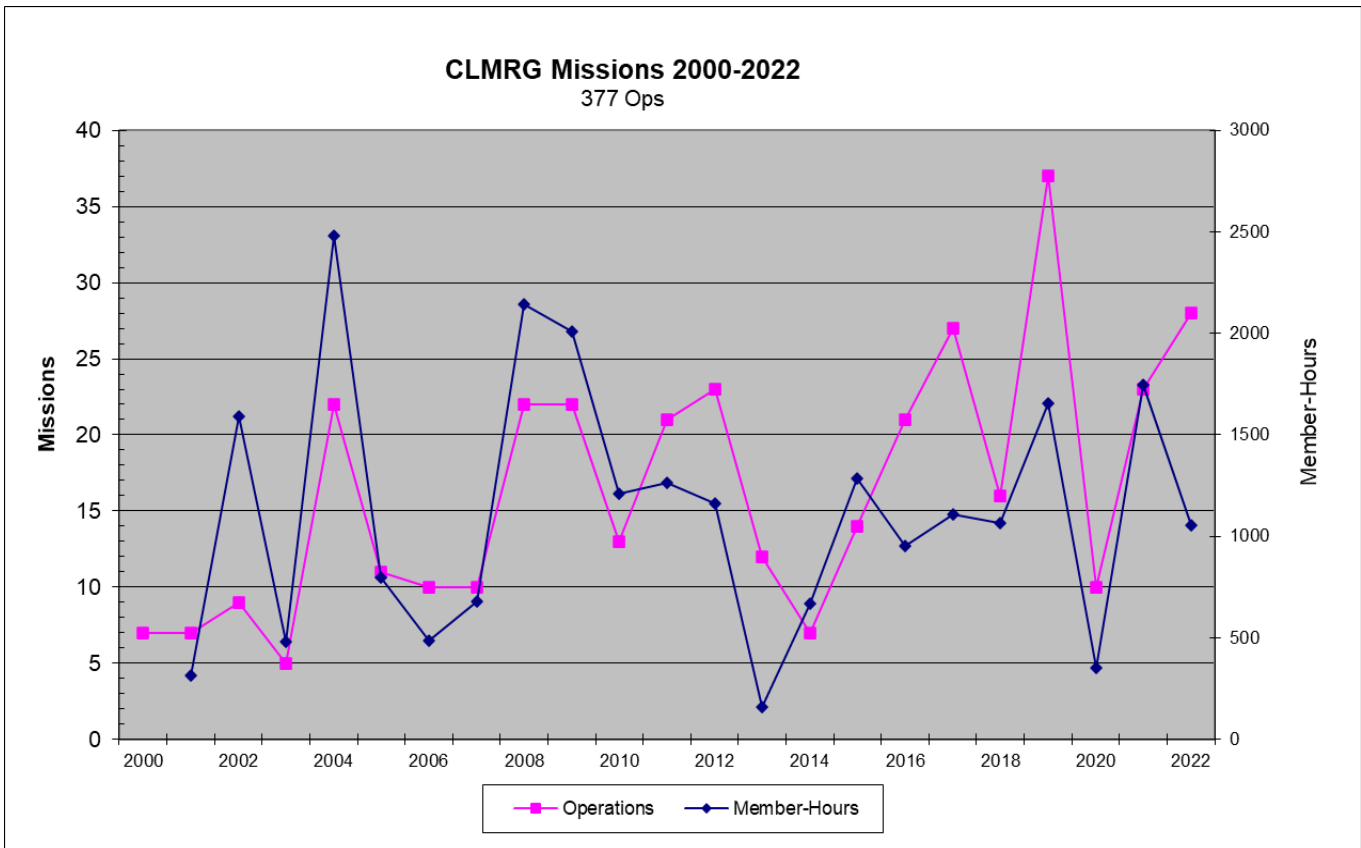
Map of Mission Locations



Historical information below shows the monthly Frequency of Operations per Month since 2000.



The graph below shows the Operations total and member-hour trend over the past 23 years.



Below is a summary of all the Operations as well as other notable Group commitments.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS						
OPERATIONS IN 2022						
Number	Date	Type	Op Leader	Coordinator / Telephoner	Commitment	Location / Requesting Agency / Description
2022-01	17-Feb	RESCUE	N.SIMONS	C.MILES / E.LOUGHRAN	N.SIMONS D.JENSEN	MT PINOS / KERN COUNTY. Search for day hiking Subject missing overnight in winter conditions. Subject located, uninjured with the assistance of other hikers.
MRA	04-05 Mar	MRA RECERT	L.SWANSON		L.SWANSON D.MILES L.FINCO T.ROSEMAN N.SIMONS N.PIO A.CAMMENGA B.STEPHENSON C.ARANDA K.KEMPEMA J.KROMPHARDT P.CASH T.BREWER D.JENSEN	SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY/JOSHUA TREE NP. MRA Technical Rock
2022-02	8-Mar	SEARCH	N.SIMONS	C.MILES / E.LOUGHRAN	N.SIMONS L.FINCO B.STEPHENSON	LAKE NACIMIENTO / SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY. Ongoing search for a at-risk man who had left his home. Subject has not been found.
2022-03	14-Mar	ALERT	N.SIMONS	C.MILES / T.MITCHELL	N.SIMONS N.PIO P.CASH C.ARANDA T.BREWER R.PIO B.STEPHENSON	ANGELUS OAKS / SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. Alert for missing Subject in winter conditions. Found prior to Team departed.
2022-04	3-Apr	SEARCH	D.MILES	T.MITCHELL / E.LOUGHRAN S.ROCKWELL C.MILES	D.MILES D.JENSEN P.CASH B.STEPHENSON C.ARANDA R.JENSEN	KERN RIVER, KEYSVILLE / KERN COUNTY. Search for missing child in the river.
2022-05	3-Apr	SEARCH	D.MILES	T.MITCHELL / E.LOUGHRAN C.MILES	D.MILES D.BISHOP N.PIO D.JENSEN B.STEPHENSON P.CASH K.KEMPEMA C.ARANDA R.JENSEN	KERN RIVER, KEYSVILLE / KERN COUNTY. Continuation of the search for missing child in the river.
2022-06	9-Apr	ALERT	D.MILES	T.MITCHELL / E.LOUGHRAN	D.MILES D.BISHOP D.JENSEN R.PIO J.KROMPHARDT C.ARANDA R.JENSEN	KERN RIVER, KEYSVILLE / KERN COUNTY. Continuation of the search for missing child in the river.
2022-07	7-Apr	RECOVERY	D.MILES	T.MITCHELL / S.ROCKWELL	D.MILES N.PIO R.PIO P.CASH C.ARANDA	KERN RIVER, KEYSVILLE / KERN COUNTY. Recovery of the missing in the river.

Number	Date	Type	Op Leader	Coordinator / Telephoner	Commitment	Location / Requesting Agency / Description
2022-08	9-Apr	INCIDENT	L.FINCO		L.FINCO P.CASH N.PIO J.KORMELINK B.STEPHENSON K.KEMPEMA B.FERGUSON	INDIAN WELLS VALLY / KERN COUNTY. Incident during CLMRG support of IWV Burro Race. Race participant became overheated and requested assistance.
2022-09	6-May	SEARCH	L.FINCO	D.BREITENSTEIN / E.LOUGHRAN	L.FINCO P.CASH N.PIO J.KROMPHARDT T.BREWER S.MCNAMARA M.KUBIK D.MILES D.BISHOP D.JENSEN B.STEPHENSON K.KEMPEMA C.ARANDA	HORSE CANYON / KERN COUNTY. Search for individuals in off-high-way vehicles after an emergency alert was activated. Due to delay in activation and lack of cellular connectivity with the individuals and their reporting party, the Subjects were located, uninjured.
2022-10	18-May	RESCUE	D.MILES	C.MILES	D.MILES P.CASH A.CAMMENGA L.FINCO D.JENSEN B.STEPHENSON	KELSO VALLEY / KERN COUNTY. Rescue of hikers in the Kelso Valley area.
2022-11	27-May	ALERT	D.BISHOP	T.MITCHELL	D.BISHOP D.MILES M.DERKEY	MT EMERSON / INYO COUNTY. Request to assist in carry-out of injured Subject on Mt. Emerson. Unable to send a fieldable team.
2022- Incident	22-Jun	INCIDENT	J.KROMPHARDT		J.KROMPHARDT	VIRGINA LAKES / MONO COUNTY, Assist with injured hiker.
2022-12	23-Jun	TRANSIT	L.FINCO	E.LOUGHRAN / C.MILES	L.FINCO D.MILES B.STEPHENSON N.PIO M.FRANKLIN	PCT NEW JAW BONE / KERN COUNTY. Transit to assist in rescue of injured hiker.
2022-13	4-Jul	SEARCH	D.BISHOP	C.MILES / E.LOUGHRAN	D.BISHOP B.STEPHENSON P.CASH	MIRACLE HOT SPRINGS- KERN RIVER / KERN COUNTY. Search for two males swept away by the river.
2022-14	7-8 Jul	ALERT	D.BISHOP	L.FINCO E.LOUGHRAN / T.MITCHELL	D.BISHOP B.STEPHENSON P.CASH D.DOERR J.KROMPHARDT T.BREWER M.PARK A.CAMMENGA F.PERING T.BREWER	MIRACLE HOT SPRINGS- KERN RIVER / KERN COUNTY. Alert for the continuation of the search for two males swept away by the river. Subjects recovered prior to team mobilized.
2022-15	22-Jul	TRANSIT	D.MILES	T.MITCHELL / E.LOUGHRAN	D.MILES P.CASH A.CAMMENGA B.STEPHENSON	NORTH EDWARDS / KERN COUNTY. Transit to search for Subject who abandoned her vehicle. Found at her residence, uninjured, while team was in route.

Number	Date	Type	Op Leader	Coordinator / Telephoner	Commitment	Location / Requesting Agency / Description
2022-16	17-Aug	SEARCH	L.FINCO	C.MILES / E.LOUGHRAN S.KUBIK	L.FINCO D.MILES B.STEPHENSON N.PIO C.ARANDA T.BREWER S.PANICCIA A.CAMMENGA G.CORTEZ	ROSAMOND / KERN COUNTY. Evidence grid search.
2022-17	4-Sep	ALERT	L.FINCO	T.MITCHELL / E.LOUGHRAN	L.FINCO P.CASH N.PIO B.STEPHENSON A.CAMMENGA S.PANICCIA	GAVIOTA PEAK / SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. Alert for missing hiker during extreme heat conditions.
2022-18	6-Sep	SEARCH	L.FINCO	S.ROCKWELL / T.MITCHELL	L.FINCO M.DERKEY N.PIO B.STEPHENSON S.PANICCIA	CUCAMONGA PEAK / SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. Search for hiker separated from his hiking partner on the trail near the summit.
2022-19	14-Sep	ALERT	M.DERKEY	C.MILES / E.LOUGHRAN	M.DERKEY D.MILES A.CAMMENGA P.CASH C.ARANDA B.STEPHENSON G.CORTEZ N.PIO	WHITNEY / INYO COUNTY. Alert to search for overdue hiker on the Whitney trail. Found and airlifted prior to Mobilization.
2022-20	17-Sep	SEARCH	M.DERKEY	L.FINCO	M.DERKEY N.PIO C.ARANDA A.CAMMENGA D.BISHOP	CUCAMONGA PEAK / SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. Continuation of the search for hiker separated from his hiking partner on the trail near the summit.
2022-21	20-Sep	SEARCH	L.FINCO	C.MILES / T.MITCHELL S.VANSOELEN	L.FINCO D.MILES N.PIO B.STEPHENSON	BLACK MOUNTAIN / KERN COUNTY. Search for a desert explorer who failed to check in with his partner after an early morning hike. Subject had returned to a residence in Inyokern, uninjured.
2022-22	5-Oct	ALERT	N.SIMONS	S.ROCKWELL / E.LOUGHRAN	N.SIMONS	MINARET / MADERA COUNTY. Search for an overdue hiker in the Minarets area near Agnew meadows. Unable to send a team prior to Subject being found deceased.
2022-23	6-7 Oct	SEARCH	D.MILES	T.MITCHELL / C.MILES S.VANSOELEN	D.MILES N.SIMONS M.FRANKLIN A.CAMMENGA T.SAKAI C.ARANDA G.CORTEZ P.CASH	GOLER WASH / INYO COUNTY. Search for an overdue desert traveler.
2022-24	18-Oct	SEARCH	L.FINCO	S.ROCKWELL / D.BREITENSTEIN	L.FINCO A.CAMMENGA D.JENSEN R.PIO T.SAKAI	MOJAVE / KERN COUNTY. Search for an at-risk elderly female Subject, suffering from dementia.

Summer Basic Mountaineering and Safety Course

Phil Cash

CLMRG members stepped up and made a huge impact on the lives of 37 people through the Basic Mountaineering Summer Course. They developed a new format that enabled more first-timers to the wilderness to get engaged while still challenging those that have been on plenty of hiking trips. We had 7 weekend hikes and 2 Wednesday hikes including a night hike, which is a hike for every lecture class. The Maturango Museum was always in top condition and so easy to use. Big thanks to them for hosting us. In all, over 20 SAR members helped out for over 40 hours of class and training and more hours hiking and climbing than we can track. We will have the 2023 class from May 9th to June 28th. While we will be making more changes, it will look a lot like last year.

*** IT committee end of year report**

Nathan Simons

- Moved website off Bluehost to Digital Ocean.
- Continued to develop the Callout system, which has shortened our response time from over an hour to less than 20 minutes.
- Upgraded the group laptop to maximize RAM, install a faster drive, and go from Windows 7 to Windows 10.

The 2022 “Lost, but Found” programs

Eileen Loughran

During May, members went out to 4 schools (St Ann’s, Inyokern, and Gateway) giving 4 presentations to our local kids speaking to them about how to keep from getting lost and if they do, how to help SAR find them quicker! Presenters also conduct demonstrations with volunteers to reinforce the lessons in the video program. Parent handouts were provided for approximately 450 families. The program was well received. This was the first assembly ever for the younger students due to COVID. The older kids asked a lot of good questions. Thank you to Tom Roseman, Maricela Park, Dave Miles, and Carin Miles who each gave 2 presentations this year and to Tom Roseman and Debbie Breitenstein for providing the logistics support in picking up new brochures and labeling over the hut phone number on some of the old ones! I updated the presenter notes based on feedback so we’ll be all set for next year when hopefully more schools will want to participate. 10-15 hrs. per program

Talus Pile Production, 2022; 4 Newsletters @ ≈30 hrs each Gathering up data and reports, formatting; Many thanks to my sharp-eyed checkers- Terry, Sheila, Linda **Janet Westbrook**

Public Education report

Jessica Kormelink

includes Lost but Found programs, Talus Pile, various support opportunities

4/9 “Run with the Burros” First Aid Support (40)

May “Lost but found “programs for elementary grades - hours

11/18 “Ridgecrest Desert Classic” First Aid Support (63)

3/xx Cash– River training in Kernville (60)

Donations during 2022

James & Tammy Tucker

Mario Gonzalez

Tim and Monte Frisbee

Mitchells – Dennis Burge Memorial

Janet Westbrook – classroom fees

Honoring Bob Rockwell and Gene Rose

Mary Lundstrom

Combined Federal Campaign pledges

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Over the Hill Track Club

Totally Tables Rotary, China Lake CF

2022 Training Committee

Date	Event Type	Event	Members (Leader First)	Hours	Miles	Total Hours	Total Miles
Jan						300	1321
1	Mountain Climb	Owens Peak	Mike Derkey, Dan Bishop, Bill Stephenson	27	40		
5	Rope Training Hut Night	Personal Gear for OPS	Dave Miles, Andrew Cammenga, Roger Pio, Nick Pio, Nathan Simons, Phil Cash, David Jensen, Tyler Brewer, Bill Stephenson	10			
10	First Aid Pre-Mtg	Trauma	Katie Kempema, Phil Cash, Linda Finco, Christian Aranda, Luke Swanson, Mike Derkey, Nathan Simons, Nick Pio, Roger Pio, Dave Miles, Carin Miles, Tom Roseman, Bill Stephenson	16			
14	Tracking	Old Murray School	Nathan Simon, Bob Huey, Linda Finco, Jessica Kormelink, Andrew Cammenga, Christian Aranda Sean McNamara, Bill Stephenson	9			
15	Mountain Climb	Shepard's Pass/ Olancha Peak	Nathan Simon	12			
15	Tracking technical	Night Optics Training	Phil Cash, Tyler Brewer, Jessica Kormelink	6			
19	Tech Rope training	Clutch device training Hut Night	Dave Miles, Linda Finco, Nathan Simons, Phil Cash, Nick Pio, Dave Jensen, Katie Kempema, Joe Kromphardt, Andrew Cammenga, Christian Aranda, Fabian Pering	11			
22	Stretcher Practice	Sand Canyon Raising/Lowering	Dave Miles, Linda Finco, Bill Stephenson, Phil Cash, Nick Pio, Dave Jensen, Katie Kempema, Joe Kromphardt, Andrew Cammenga, Christian Aranda	50	135		
22	Mountain Climb	Argus Peak	Bob Huey, Jessica Kormelink	18	168		
29	Rope training	Fossil Falls Anchors, Rappelling, ascending	Phil Cash, Christian Aranda, Tyler Brewer, Scott Paniccia	24	80		

Jan 25, 26, 30, 31	AIARE	Avalanche Training AIARE Certification	Nathan Simon	22	174		
Jan 31 - Feb 2	Cal OES Winter Training	Winter Training & Search Management Course Mammoth Lakes	Nathan Simon, Nick Pio	80	724		
Feb						584	1638
2	Tech Nite Rope traing	Litter Rigging	Dave Miles, Linda Finco, Bill Stephenson, Tyler Brewer, Luke Swanson, Mike Derkey, Katie Kempema, Joe Kromphardt, Andrew Cammenga, Christian Aranda	15			
Jan 31 x Feb 3	Winter SAR Training	OES Mammoth Lakes	Nathan Simons, Nick Pio	80	724		
5	Stretcher Practice	Sand Canyon Raising/Lowering	Dave Miles, Linda Finco, Bill Stephenson, Phil Cash, Nick Pio, Andrew Cammenga, Christian Aranda, Tyler Brewer, Bob Huey, Luke Swanson	60	42		
5	Climbing	The Grill	Luke Swanson, Nick Pio, Andrew Cammenga	12	14		
Feb 7-12	First Aid	Wilderness First Aid Class + Scenarios	Phil Cash, Jessica Kormelink, Nick Pio, Bill Stephenson, Joe Kromphardt, Christian Aranda, Nathan Simons, Andrew Cammenga, Dave Miles, Bob Huey	164			
16	Tech Night Rope Training	Prusiks and Purcells	Dave Miles, Phil Cash, Linda Finco, Bill Stephenson, Tyler Brewer, Luke Swanson, Nathan Simons, Katie Kempema, Joe Kromphardt, Andrew Cammenga, Christian Aranda, Maricela Park, David Jensen, Nick Pio, Mike Derkey	15			
17	Tracking Practice	Tracking	Linda Finco, Maricela Park, Roger Pio, Joe Kromphardt	4	14		

18	Climbing + winter skills	Chouniard's Ice Climbing, snowshoeing & snow caves	Nathan Simons, Christian Aranda, Tyler Brewer	48	320		
25	Stretcher Practice	Sand Canyon Raising & Lowering	Dave Miles, Linda Finco, Luke Swanson, Katie Kempema, Joe Kromphardt, Christian Aranda, Tyler Brewer, Andrew Cammenga, Nick Pio, David Jensen, Phil Cash, Jessica Kormelink, Tom Roseman	78	42		
25	Climbing	The Grill	Luke Swanson	4	14		
26	Mountain Climb	Tucki Death Valley	Bob Huey, Tom Roseman, Katie Kempema, Maricela Park, Jessica Kormelink, Nathan Simons	104	468		
Mar				0		397	1258
2	Hut night stretcher Gear	Assemble Stretcher Gear fit Recertification	David Jensen, Linda Finco, Nathan Simons Katie Kempema, Christian Aranda, Joe Kromphardt, Andrew Cammenga, Phil Cash, Luke Swanson, Bill Stephenson	10			
Mar 3,4	High Angle Stretcher Certification	Joshua Tree MRA	David Jensen, Linda Finco, Nathan Simons, Christian Aranda, Joe Kromphardt, Andrew Cammenga, Phil Cash, Luke Swanson, Bill Stephenson, Nick Pio Tom Roseman, Tyler Brewer, Jessica Kormelink				
12	Mountain Climb	Morris Peak	Phil Cash, Bill Stephenson	7	50		
14	First Aid	Oxygen for Acute Mountain Sickness	Phil Cash, +	1			
17	Climbing	The Grill	Luke Swanson, Nick Pio, Andrew Cammenga, Mike Derkey, Phil Cash, Dave Miles, Joe Kromphardt, Linda Finco	21	57		
20	Climbing	The Grill	Mike Derkey, Luke Swanson, Nick Pio, Andrew Cammenga	8	19		
19	Mountain Climb overnight	Bridge Mountain, Nevada, Death Valley Golden Canyon Gower Gulch	Bob Huey, Jessica Kormelink, Nathan Simons, Maricela Park, Bill Stephenson	265	892		
23	Technical Night (hut)	Radio training	Phil Cash, Linda Finco, Dave Miles, Andrew Cammenga, Joe Kromphardt	5			

26	Swift Water Training	Kernville	Phil Cash, Bill Stephenson, Andrew Cammenga, Tyler Brewer, Joe Kromphardt, Dave Miles, Katie Kempema, David Jensen, Jessica Kormelink	80	240		
Apr						524.5	1283
Mar 30 – Apr 4	Backpack Hike	Domelands Wilderness - 4 days	Joe Kromphardt, Andrew Cammenga	102	22		
Apr 1-3	Mountain Climb	Grapevine Class 1 & Waguyhe Peaks Class 2– Death Valley	Bob Huey, Jessica Kormelink, Nathan Simons, Maricela Park	48	226		
6	Technical Night	Anchor Placement— Wagon Wheel	Mike Derkey, Phil Cash, Nick Pio, Bill Stephenson, Tyler Brewer	10	17		
9	First Aid & Search Support	Burro Race Indian Wells Canyon	Jessica Kormelink, Phil Cash, Linda Finco, Nick Pio, Katie Kempema, Bill Stephenson, Bill Ferguson				
10	Mountain Climb	Wild rose Peak Class 1– Death Valley	Jessica Kormelink, Dave Miles, Maricela Park	15	144		
Apr 22-23	Tracking Seminar	Indian Wells Valley T - 3 Ratings	Linda Finco, Debbie Breitenstein, Maricela Park, Roger Pio, Joe Kromphardt, Dan Bishop, Dave Miles, Gabriel Cortez, Andrew Cammenga, Bob Huey, David Jensen, Tyler Brewer, Katie Kempema, Nick Pio, Tom Sakai, Bill Stephenson, Scott Paniccia, Guests Bob Stevens - Bakersfield, Ranson Yarger, Kay Yarger - Kern Valley	172	112		
29	Mountain Climb	Mount Whitney Mountaineers Route	Christian Aranda, Dave Miles, Nick Pio, Roger Pio, Joe Kromphardt class 3 — Gabriel Cortez class 1	47.5	180		
30	Swift Water Training	Kernville	Phil Cash, Bill Stephenson, Andrew Cammenga, Christian Aranda, Dave Miles, David Jensen,	60	164		
30	Mountain Climb	Mount Carillon	Mike Derkey, Dan Bishop, Matt Kubik	42	178		
30	Mountain Climb	Ubehebe Ridge & Peak	Jessica Kormelink, Maricela Parks	28	240		
May						318	1734.5

9	First Aid Pre-Mtg	Soap notes	Sean McNamara, Katie Kempema, Terry Mitchell, Linda Finco, Phil Cash, Mike Derkey, Scott Paniccia, Bill Ferguson, Tom Roseman, Bill Stephenson, Joe Kromphardt, Janet Westbrook	12			
2	Climbing	The Grill, 4 climbs	Nick Pio, Andrew Cammenga	5.5	18		
6	Hike	PCT Walkers Pass	Phil Cash, Katie Kempema, Jessica Kormelink, Maricela Park, Christian Aranda, David Jensen, Nick Pio, Bill Stephenson, Dave Miles, Carin Miles, Joe Kromphardt	27.5	36		
13-14	Overnight + hike	Kennedy Meadows PCT Hike	Phil Cash, Christian Aranda, Tyler Brewer, David Jensen, Nick Pio, Bill Stephenson, Dave Miles, Joe Kromphardt	142.5	995		
22	Night Hike	Sand Canyon	Phil Cash	5.5	18		
25	Rigging Practice Hut Nite	Rappelling instructions	Nick Pio, Dave Miles, Tom Sakai, Christian Aranda, Katie Kempema, Bill Stephenson, Phil Cash	7	7		
28	Mountain Climb	Horseshoe Peak	Linda Finco, Phil Cash, Tom Sakai, Dave Doer, Bill Stephenson	38	400		
28	Mountain Climb	Scodie Peak	Jessica Kormelink, Maricela Parks	11.5	54		
28	Mountain Climb	Mount Shasta	Tyler Brewer, Christian Aranda	56	16.5		
30	Mountain Climb	Power Peak	Jessica Kormelink, Maricela Parks	12.5	190		
June						679.5	3525
1	Hike	5 Fingers Peak	Phil Cash, Katie Kempema, Jessica Kormelink, Gabriel Cortez, Christian Aranda, David Jensen, Nick Pio, Bill Stephenson, Dave Miles, Carin Miles, Mike Derkey, Nathan Simons, Tom Sakai	49.5	111		
4	Mountain Climb	Trail Peak	Linda Finco, Tom Sakai, Bill Stephenson	26	200		
5	Mountain Climb	Mount Whitney Mountaineers Route	Dan Bishop, Nick Pio, Matt Kubik, Christian Aranda,	74	187		

8	Rope Climb	The Grill	Nick Pio, Linda Finco, Matt Kubik, Tom Sakai, Joe Kromphardt, Andrew Cammenga	24	52		
8	Rope Skills	The Grill	Phil Cash, Bill Stephenson, Carin Miles, Dave Miles	12	52		
10	Mountain Climb	Old Army Pass	Nick Pio, Roger Pio	20	193		
11	Mountain Climb	Dragon Peak	Mike Franklin, Nick Pio, Christian Aranda, Maricela Park, Jessica Kormelink	65	694		
11	Mountain Climb	Trail Peak	Bill Stephenson, Phil Cash, Dave Doerr	30	392		
12	Mountain Climb	Owens Point	Linda Finco, Maricela Park, Jessica Kormelink, David Jensen, Bill Stephenson	46	500		
13	First Aid Pre-Mtg	Soap Notes	Sean McNamara, Katie Kempema, Linda Finco, Phil Cash, Bill Ferguson, Bill Stephenson, Joe Kromphardt	7			
15	Rappelling	Fossil Falls Anchors, Rappelling,	Nick Pio, Tom Sakai, Linda Finco, Dave Miles, Dave Jensen	20			
15	Rope Skills	Fossil Falls	Phil Cash, Christian Aranda, Katie Kempema, Bill Stephenson	12			
June 25-26	Mountain Climb overnight	Mount Gould Kearsarge Pass	Gina Niesen, Maricela Daini, Tyler Brewer, Bill Stephenson	136	642		
June 25-26	Mountain Climb overnight	Mount Langley	Nick Pio, Christian Aranda, Katie Kempema, Gabriel Cortez	128	372		
29	Bouldering	Wagon Wheel	Nick Pio, Dave Miles, Joe Kromphardt, Christian Aranda, Katie Kempema, Bill Stephenson, Matt Kubik, Carin Miles, Mike Derkey, Dave Doerr	30	130		
July						199	1250
Jul 7-9	Mountain Climb	Half Dome Yosemite	Nick Pio, Roger Pio	82	688		
Jul 15-17	Mountain Climb	Mount Brewer	Tyler Brewer, Christian Aranda	117	562		
Aug						118	180

3	Hut Night Rigging	Basic Rigging Class #1	Nick Pio, Joe Kromphardt, Mike Derkey, Phil Cash, Christian Aranda, Gabriel Cortez, Bill Stephenson, Dave Miles, Scott Paniccia	10			
Aug 5-7	First Aid	Wilderness First Aid Class	Phil Cash Instructor, Phillip Cash - 24 hours (instructor) Gabriel Cortez - 16 hours + Scenario (new WRFA Cert) Tyler Brewer - 16 hours + Scenario (new WRFA Cert) Jessica Kormelink - 8 hours (assistant) Janet Westbrook - 8 hours (assistant) Linda Finco - 8 hours + Scenario (assistant) David Miles - 8 hours + Scenario (assistant) Bill Stephenson - 4 hours (assistant) Tom Roseman - 2 hours (assistant)	94			
19	Mountain Climb	Mount Whitney	Nick Pio, Andrew Cammenga	14	180		
Sept						124	610
7	Hut Night Rigging	Rigging Class #2 Stretcher	Nick Pio, David Miles, Andrew Cammenga, Tyler Brewer, Bill Stephenson, Phil Cash	7			
4	Hike	Golden Trout Lakes	Bill Stephenson, Maricela Dani/ Park	18	186		
10	Rigging with Tehachapi Team	Tehachapi - Rigging Class Basic Low Angle	Dave Miles, Nick Pio, David Jensen, Andrew Cammenga, Tyler Brewer, Bill Stephenson	54	226		
15	Tracking Practice	Tracking	Sean McNamara, Phil Cash, Dave Miles, Bill Stephenson	5			
25	Hike	Mountaineer's Route	Bob Huey, Maricela Dani /Park	26	148		
14-Oct	Climb	Owens Ridge 4th and 5th class	Dan Bishop and Nathan Simons	14	50		
Oct						466	1444
Oct 6-9	Mountain Climb	Mount Whitney mountaineers route	Bob Huey Maricela Dani, Jessica Kormelink (one day Jessica)	368	222		

3	Hut Night Rigging	Raising and Lowering Systems	Dave Miles, Scott Paniccia, Phil Nathan, Katie Kempema, Nathan Simons	6			
21	Tracking	Behind Murray School	Bob Huey(2), Dan Bishop (2), Joe Kromphardt, Tom Sakai, Andrew Cammenga	7			
23	Mountain Climb	Candlelight Peak	Bob Huey, Maricela Dani, Jessica Kormelink, Mike Derkey, Christian Aranda, Dan Bishop	85	432		
	Mountain Climb	Mount Jenkins	Phil Cash, +				
Nov						244	486
3	Hut Night Rigging Practice	Mechanical Advantage Rope Systems	Nick Pio, Dave Miles, David Jensen, Linda Finco, Roger Pio, Phil Cash, Bill Stephenson	7			
Nov 7-11	Command Post Training	OES Search & Direction Control	Dave Miles, Nick Pio, Phil Cash	120	220		
19	1st Aid Training	Bike Race 1st Aid	Phil Cash, Jessica Kormelink, Bob Huey, Dave Miles, Nick Pio, Linda Finco, Nathan Simons, Joe Kromphardt, Christian Aranda, Bill Stephenson	63	60		
20	1st Aid Scenario		Dan Bishop 1st Aid set up 1 hour tracking, Debbie Breitenstein, Tom Roseman, Mike Derkey All: Tech credit (stretcher, patient package, extraction)	12	20		
26	Mountain Climb	Mt Baldy Devils Backbone	Bob Huey, Nathan Simons, Maricela Dani/Park	42	186		
Dec						114	248
3	Clutch Training	Clutch Training w China Lake Fire Dept	Dave Miles, David Jensen	4	0		
3	Mountain Climb	Corkscrew Peak	Jessica Kormelink	9	172		
7	Tech night Rigging Series	Basic Rigging - tag, guide line Deflection systems	Nick Pio, Roger Pio, Nathan Simons, David Jensen, Bill Stephenson, Eric Bohanan	9	0		
8	Tracking Practice	Night Tracking west of Ridgecrest desert	Nathan Simons, Dave Jensen, Sean McNamara, Dave Miles, Bill Stephenson	6	0		

9	Clutch Training	Clutch Training w China Lake Fire Dept	Dave Miles, David Jensen, Phil Cash	6	0
10	Clutch Training	Clutch Training w China Lake Fire Dept	Dave Miles, David Jensen, Phil Cash	6	0
17	Stretcher Practice	Fossil Falls Norwegian Highline	Dave Miles, Nick Pio, Roger Pio, Tom Sakai, David Jensen, Phil Cash, Christian Aranda, Scott Paniccia, Tyler Brewer, Andrew Cammenga, Kali Raglin, Eric Bohanan, Tom Sakai	87	76

4067 hrs. training 19094 miles driven (some private vehicles)

Promotions: 3 new leaders

Bill Stephenson
 Nick Pio
 David Jensen

Newcomers; 3 new recruits

Eric Bohanan
 Rick Burnes
 Kali Raglin

Amazing video CLMRG “Norwegian Reeve” at Fossil Falls 9+ min video done by Phil Cash’s drone over Fossil Falls. 12 members set this up, it’s 50 ft. down to the bottom, and is a great way to lift someone out of a ditch situation. Must watch!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eGuekfUjEgq>

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Operations, 2023

2023-01 12 JAN SEARCH SAN MARCOS CREEK/SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Stephenson

Search for missing child lost in flood waters of San Marcos creek.

China Lake Mountain Rescue Group (CLMRG) via Kern County Sheriff’s Office, responded to a mutual aid request from the San Luis Obispo Sheriff to assist in the search for a missing 5 year old, who was swept away by flood waters while riding in a vehicle overcome by the San Marcos creek.

Bill Stephenson committed to lead the team and was joined by Roger Pio with Sheila Rockwell coordinating, Eileen Loughran Telephoner. The Team left the Hut at 0400, arrived at Command Post (CP) at 0725 and was briefed at 0800. Paired with Kern Valley Search and Rescue (KVSAR) which made a team of 6 with 2 CLMRG and 4 KVSAR members, Sergio Martinez of KVSAR was designated Team leader by SLO and we received the assignment to search river-right as part of a line search from low water bridge below Subject’s abandoned car in the creek to the Salinas River. SLO CP directed no tracks to be recorded, however, they did provide a CalTopo Map.

The Team was instructed to mark areas of interest (strainers, large sand deposits, etc.) that was left behind by the high water. These marked areas were then to be deconstructed and searched by the National Guard and

CALFIRE. Transported to low water bridge by the National Guard, our Team was met by a SLO Detective who directed the line search. We started searching at 0910 shortly arrived at the point-last-seen (PLS) about 350 yards downstream. The creek banks had expanded to as much as 100 to 150 yds in places, which forced us to detour over a couple of hills where the banks became steep. National Guard members helped in several places in the line-search and we took several small strainers apart during the course of the searching. River-right conditions were extremely muddy to solid sand/gravel bars and numerous strainers consisting of trees, brush, and debris with very little to no trash. Stopping around 1200 for lunch, we restarted at 1300 until the river-right creek bank became too narrow for search which was about 3/4 of a mile from Salinas River. At this time, 1330, the SLO Detective assigned us to search outside the edge of the floodwater as far back as opposite the CP. We then crossed the creek over a hasty bridge and returned to the CP for reassignment at 1415. As we were searching the banks of the shallow creek, the SLO Dive Team searched by wading into the waters which varied from 10 ft to 75 ft wide. The CP kept us until 1445 then signed us out with no more assignment, the Subject was not found.

Starting our return at 1510, stopping at KCSO Norris Rd. location for gas we returned to the Hut at 1945.

Hours = 32.5 hrs
Mileage W2905 = 462

2023-02 20 JAN ALERT PASO ROBLES/SAN LUIS OBISPO CO.

Miles

Search for missing child lost in flood waters of San Marco creek

China Lake Mountain Rescue Group (CLMRG) via Kern County Sheriff's Office, responded to a mutual aid request from the San Luis Obispo Sheriff to assist in the continuation of the search for a missing 5 year old, who was swept away by flood waters while riding in a vehicle overcome by the San Marcos creek.

Dave Miles committed to lead the team along with Nick Pio, Philip Cash, Andrew Cammenga, Tyler Brewer, Gabriel Cortez, and Dan Bishop with Carin Miles coordinating. There was enough response from other closer teams, that our response was then cancelled.

The San Marcos River is usually dry, but runs a bit in spring when rains come. After several days of serious rains along the coast, the river was in high flood stage, taking over the flood plain of the river. It was running several feet deep, enough to carry cars away, and in this case a young boy.

Hours = 1 hrs Mileage = 0



Flood plain of San Marcos Creek, normally dry; piles of debris to be searched

2023-03 21 JAN RESCUE/ALERT SAN JACINTO WILDERNESS- PCT/RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Bishop

China Lake Mountain Rescue Group (CLMRG) via Kern County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) SGT Shinn, responded to a mutual aid request from the Riverside Sheriff to assist in the rescue of an injured female in the San Jacinto wilderness near the town of Idyllwild. The request for an immediate response was received at 2130, with Shelia Rockwell as Coordinator and Eileen Loughran telephoning, only Dan Bishop and Nick Pio committed. Due to the long drive in the middle of the night and after Bishop and Pio had participated in snow anchor training earlier that day, the Op Leader Bishop was going to delay departure, however Philip Cash committed to be the driver. This allowed the Team to depart the Hut at 2300. Arriving at the Command Post before 0300 the Team was briefed that Riverside SAR had members on site and that the Subject, Katya Slide section. A team from Sierra Madre was several hours ahead and no additional equipment was needed since the plan was to only assist in the carryout.

Bishop and Pio began the ascent up the trail at around 0330 in clear, cold conditions. Steady progress was made through the early morning as the trail was snow covered but did not require snow shoes or crampons. After dawn arrived, many of the previous assumptions begun to change; the San Diego Team carrying needed equipment was unable to reach the Subject location due to hazardous conditions; only a Team of two from Riverside was on site due to the icy conditions; the team ahead encountered conditions that would require significant rope and technical resources in order to perform a carry-out of the Subject; and that the Subject's partner had left the scene and was being assisted being stuck descending the Devils Slide trail.

During this time, the Command Post was reassessing the situation, Pio began feeling ill after gaining the over 3000 feet of elevation in the middle of night, the Team paused at approximately 1 mile from the Subjects location. As the CLMRG team was resting, hoping Pio would feel better, the CP's new plan was to send additional equipment up the trail to provide

overnight gear for another bivouac as well as ropes, stretcher, wheel, and gear for bringing the Subject down the treacherous section of the trail the next day. Recognizing that additional personal were going to be required with this potentially long carry-out, Bishop was able to get cell coverage and spoke with the CP, KCSO SGT Shinn, and through Shelia, Finco, and Miles initiated an alert to the Group at around 1030. As Bishop and Pio began their descent, Andrew Cammenga committed to operation with the intent that he would drive down to the CP and meet with Bishop who would stay on scene while Cash and Pio returned to Ridgecrest.

The CLMRG team was debriefing back at the CP at 1400 when it was learned that the winds had abated allowing the Subject, who was raised up to the trail by the initial teams on site, to be hoisted into the Alarlon, was packaged and in stable condition Ms. Alarlon and her partner were day-hiking from the Humber Park, on the Pacific Crest Trail near Strawberry Cienega, when at approximate 1730 she was struck by ice falling from the trees and slopes, causing her to fall approximately 50 yards below the trail. Suffering from contusions to her arm and legs, she was unable to bear





Hours = 60 hrs Mileage W2905 = 358
San Jacinto wilderness Riverside County
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weight and unable to climb back up to the trail and the conditions also prevented her partner from getting down to her. When the Subjects called for emergency assistance, the winds aloft had prevented any possibility of helicopter extraction, fortunately she did have large rocks at her location that provide a partial shelter.

The CLMRG team was also briefed that a San Diego Team was coincidentally training in the area and had equipment necessary for a carryout should the winds continue to be out of limits for the helicopter. CLMRG was instructed to take the longer route to the Subject via Deer Springs Trailhead rather than the shorter Humber trail due to the hazardous ice/snow conditions reported on the Devils SAR helicopter. Shortly afterwards, her partner was also hoisted from nearby clearing, both were taken to the hospital for treatment.

Philip Cash, who had supported the CP operations throughout the day, drove the team back to Ridgecrest where we secured from the Hut at 1800

2023-04 21 Jan ALERT MT BALDY/SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY Derkey

CLMRG was asked to help in a search for a male hiker that went missing on Jan 22, 2023 on Mt. Baldy. With Carin Miles as Coordinator and Sheila Rockwell telephoning, only Mike Derkey committed as the Operation Lead, not enough field members committed to send a team, so the operation was cancelled at 0600. Hours = 1 hrs Mileage = 0

2023-05 23-24 JAN SEARCH MT BALDY/SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY Derkey

This was a continuation of a search for Mr. Jin Chung who was reported lost at 0700 on Jan 22, 2023, after he had separated from his hiking party on an ascent up the standard trail up the southwest ridge of Mt Baldy. The search managers asked us to be on location for an 0400 briefing at the County Substation in San Antonio Heights so that teams could get started hiking up the mountain early in the morning to avoid falling ice from the trees. Departing Ridgecrest, the evening before, the team was able to spend the night at a house, owned by a local church, arranged by the San Bernardino Sheriff, that was conveniently located across the street from the sub-station where the early morning brief was to take place. Mike Derkey is OL, Coordinator Sheila Rockwell, Telephoner Janet Westbrook.

Our team of Mike Derkey, Dan Bishop and Roger Pio joined a member from the San Bernardino Cave team to take an assignment to search up Register Ridge to Mt Harwood and then continue west up to the summit of Mt Baldy. The ridge between Harwood and Baldy had not been searched yet due to high winds the previous day.

We worked our way up Register Ridge in hiking boots for a short ways, but soon needed ice axes and crampons. We also hiked with our helmets on due to the objective hazards of ice falling from the trees. At one point on a 30 degree slope, Mike Derkey was hit by ice falling from the trees that grazed his helmet and then hit his right arm. Fortunately, the block was small enough that it only left behind a sizeable bruise.

Hours = 72 hrs Mileage W2905 = 282



Mt. Harwood, Devils Backbone - San Bernardino Co. Ice covered slopes approaching Mt. Baldy





Upper slopes near Mount Harwood – San Bernardino County