

2016 SARDOC SEARCH REPORTS

January 22, 2016

Location: Fort Collins, CO

Subject: Teenage male who left home after disagreement with parent

Dog teams on search: One SARDOC canine team responded and was stood down prior to fielding as the subject had been spotted six miles from home by a responding SAR member. He was returned home and was okay.

March 3, 2016

Location: 4400 block of Mountain View Dr. Delta, CO

Subject: Four-year-old boy who wandered away from home.

Dog team on search: One SARDOC trailing dog team responded but was stood down 45 minutes later when the boy was located in a field near his home.

March 8, 2016

Location: Red Feather Lakes area, Larimer County, CO

Subjects: A group of 5 individuals from Texas was hiking in the Creedmore Lakes area, departing from the Crystal Lakes community where they were staying. Two individuals reportedly became separated from the group and at least one other was lost when he/she went looking for the other two.

Dog teams on search: One SARDOC air scent dog team with support (all LCSAR) responded but was stood down prior to fielding as the subjects had been located. Two were found wandering along a road and the other self-recovered.

March 10, 2016

Location: 1400 block of Lake View Rd Crawford, Colorado

Subject: Two-year-old boy was last seen on deck, hours earlier.

Dog team on search: One SARDOC trailing dog team responded but was stood down while en route as the boy had been located, alive and well.

March 23, 2016

Location: Lory State Park, Larimer County, CO

Subjects: Two missing campers in their late teens/early twenties who were overdue from returning after their backpacking trip on the West side of the ridge. The area received over a foot of blowing snow overnight with winds up to 50mph. The father of one of the subjects came to check on them Wednesday morning and got his vehicle stuck in the snow drifts blocking access to the trailhead. The road was impassable.

Dog teams on search: One SARDOC dog team with support (all LCSAR) was stood down prior to fielding as the missing subjects self-recovered and were assisted by park personnel.

March 23, 2016

Location: Lake George, Park County, CO

Subjects: Six males in their 20s. Subjects decided to go hiking/camping on Tuesday, 3/22, in spite of weather report. No map, no idea of where they were or where they were leaving their cars. It snowed 1 foot overnight, at least, while they were camping in tents and hammocks. They called for help on Wed, said they had hiked to the first fork and then bushwhacked a few miles, and then their phone immediately died.

Dog teams on search: Two SARDOC dog teams (Park County SAR) responded.

Mission: One dog team drove around in a RZR OHV and did spot checks. If the dog had interest, the team would try to drive further in that direction and get the dog out again. The inversion layer, cold, and fact that they had been there for two days, made the scent lay low in the drainages. The dog had nose pops towards lower drainages but then would choose the other direction uphill. Going on foot would have taken too long and we had no idea where the subjects had hiked since they didn't know. The OHV approach was the best method and a good learning experience.

Subjects were found by team members on snowmobiles who drove all the way to the summer TH, then up a side camping trail and walked to the top of a knob and made voice contact. Subjects did have a fire, and teams were getting puffs of smoke smell while searching. One subject was possibly mildly hypothermic. They all were in cotton clothing, etc. The dog team helped transport all of the subjects ~3 miles out to command post.

March 25, 2016

Location: Fisher Towers Trail, Grand County, Utah

Subject: 8 yo male, 4'8", slim build. blonde hair, red sweatshirt, black sweatpants. The boy was on an out and back hike with family and friends. When they got close to the trailhead on the way back they realized he was no longer with them.

Dog team on search: One SARDOC dog team from Grand County SAR responded but was stood down as the boy had been located alive prior to them fielding to search.

March 25, 2016

Location: Moab Overlook, Loop Road, Grand County, Utah

Subject: a forty-five-year-old female who was depressed and suicidal. Subject's car located, but the subject was not in it. She had called a friend to say she was killing herself, had taken "some pills", and was feeling dizzy and faint.

Dog team on search: One SARDOC dog team (Grand County SAR) was responding when the woman was found nearby, alive, prior to their arrival .

May 15, 2016

Location: Holyoke Ct., Fort Collins, Larimer County

Subject: 68-year-old male with Dementia – wandered away.

Dog team on search: Dan Fanning and K-9 Tripp (LCSAR) responded but were stood down upon arrival as the subject had been located by the police.

May 17, 2016

Location: .25 Road, Delta, Delta County

Subject: 79-year-old female, 5'2", white hair. Has onset Dementia and walks with a cane. The subject had papers on her kitchen counter stating that she had been to the hospital in Delta the day before and was released at 15:30. She had not been seen since then.

Dog team on search: Peg Woodis and K9 Millie (Delta Co. SAR) responded. The subject was located at a friend's house 18 miles away and was okay.

May 22, 2016

Location: Fort Collins, Prospect Ponds Natural Area

Subjects: Possibly two unnamed children based upon evidence on scene – two scooters and two fishing poles along the river.

Dog teams on search: Two SARDOC dog teams with support (all LCSAR) along with one other LCSAR dog team searched along the river bank between the ponds and the river for a distance of approx. one mile without locating anyone. The search was suspended at that time. The “subjects” called in to let everyone know they were not missing, they had just left in a hurry and had to leave their belongings there.