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 dog 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: Delta, CO
Subject: Four-year-old boy who wandered away from home.
Dog team on search: One SARDOC trailing dog team responded but were 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 dog team 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: Crawford, Colorado
Subject: Two-year-old boy was last seen on deck, hours earlier.
Dog team on search: One SARDOC 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 responded and was stood down prior to fielding as the missing subject 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 at least 1 foot overnight 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 died.

Dog teams on search: Two SARDOC dog teams responded.

Mission: One dog team drove around in 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. Going on foot would have taken too long and the handler 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 got voice contact. Subjects did have a fire, and teams were getting poofs of smoke smell. One subject was mildly hypothermic. They all were in cotton clothing, etc. The subjects were then transported ~3 miles out to the base.
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, Utah 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 responded. The woman was found nearby, alive, prior to their arrival.

April 14, 2016

Location: NE Fort Collins, CO, Larimer County

Subject: 17-year-old missing female

Dog team on search: One SARDOC dog team was placed on standby pending results of a search by a trailing dog team. They were stood down when the girl was located.

May 15, 2016

Location: Fort Collins, Larimer County

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

Dog team on search: One SARDOC area search dog team responded but was stood down upon arrival as the subject had been located by the police.

May 17, 2016

Location: 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: One SARDOC trailing dog team 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 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.

**June 1, 2016 – Request for cadaver dogs**

Location: Eldora Ski Area, Boulder County

Subject: Unknown, a weathered boot with a human foot inside was found by a worker at the ski area.

Details: CSRB requested cadaver dogs for June 2, 2016, but none was available until 6/3/2016

**June 5, 2016**

Location: Rapid City, South Dakota

Subject: Severely autistic 14-year-old boy

Dog teams on search: None. One SARDOC air scent team from Larimer County was available but could not get agency approval to respond. The child was located the morning of June 5th.

**June 5, 2016**

Location: Twin Sisters Trailhead, Estes Park, Larimer County

Subjects: Two lost hikers, no additional info

Dog team on standby: One SARDOC air scent dog team was on standby. The team was stood down when subjects were located by ground searchers within a short period of time.

**June 10, 2016**

Location: Lon Hagler Reservoir, Larimer County

Subject: 18 yr. old female

Dog teams on search: One SARDOC dog team and one other LCSAR dog team (all LCSAR) responded and searched around the reservoir for the missing female without
locating her. Media reports later indicated that the boyfriend of the missing female was located in Mesa County and that a deceased female was found with him. That female was the subject of this search.

**June 10, 2016**

Location: Intersection of Gold Basin/Geyser Pass roads, LaSal Mtns, Grand County, Utah

Subjects: Three young females, 8, 9 and 10 years of age in good health.

Dog team on search: One SARDOC dog team responded and determined the direction of travel of the three young girls. Unfortunately, the trail went along a dirt road and traffic kept interrupting the dog team. Trackers were able to continue following the track as helicopters searched overhead. After the girls had been missing for eight hours, a DPS helicopter, using Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR), located the subjects. All were in good condition and returned to their parents.

**June 12, 2016**

Location: Mill Creek Parkway, near high school, Moab, Grand County, Utah

Subjects: Four-year-old male on a scooter who became separated from adult companion

Dog team on search: One SARDOC dog team responded and was stood down while en route as the child was located.

**June 13, 2016**

Location: Near Sorrel River Ranch, Hwy 128, Grand County, Utah

Subject: Male, 33 years old, despondent and possibly on drugs, wandered off

Dog team on search: One SARDOC dog team responded and searched in an effort to develop the direction of travel information. Other searchers checked nearby trailheads, canyons, etc. with nothing found. The subject returned home about two hours after the search had been suspended for the night.

**June 13, 2016**

Location: Deer Creek Trailhead, Park County

Subject: Male, ~ 30 years of age. The subject was going to do a day hike to Mount Rosalie leaving on 6/12/2016. He summited Mt. Rosalie but became disoriented. Initial reports from his girlfriend (whom he contacted by cell phone) stated that he crossed to Bandit Peak. Later reports stated that he may have gone down to Roosevelt Lakes.

Dog teams on search: Five SARDOC dog teams responded.
Mission: Dog teams searched thickly forested areas with a moderate amount of downfall (slick due to earlier rain); moderate to steep mountainous terrain; thick areas of willows. Also searched area above treeline at the base of Bandit Peak and Mt. Rosalie at 11,500 feet in elevation. Dog teams searched up to 7.5 hours. The subject’s campfire was located by Multi-Mission Aircraft and the subject was picked up the following morning by Alpine SAR and Arapahoe Rescue Team walking out near the Bear Tracks Lake TH (on June 14th).

**Good Example of Dog Team’s Documented Search Info:**

June 18, 2016

Location: URAD Mine, Woods Creek/Henderson Mine; Clear Creek County

Subject of search: 42-year-old male who failed to return home from a backcountry ski trip on January 28, 2016

Dog teams on search: Four SARDOC dog teams responded and searched, along with some CRAD teams.
Mission: The search was coordinated by Alpine SAR. Each dog team had an assigned area – most had scree and snow and some were steep. The subject was not located this date. Search was postponed for the snow to melt.

**June 20, 2016 - SARDOC dogs responsible for the FIND!**

Location: John Martin Reservoir, Bent County, Hasty, CO

Subject: 20-year-old male in good health but could not swim. The subject was on an inflatable raft with a female when the craft was capsized by passing Motorcraft wakes. The female clung to a tree but the male drowned. PFDs were tied to the inflatable craft.

Dog team on search: One SARDOC handler with two water search dogs responded.

The Search: The handler and both dogs proceeded from the dock on a Park boat. Both dogs indicated scent as soon as they left the dog and proceeded four miles to the search area. When they approached the search area, both dogs homed in quickly and alerted in almost the exact same spot. The area was reworked several times with alerts in the same area each time. The subject’s body was recovered from that area a short while later.

**June 30, 2016**

Location: Middle Mountain, LaPlata County, Colorado

Subject: Dylan Redwine, 13 years old when he disappeared near Vallecito Lake on November 19, 2012

Details: An investigator from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children contacted SARDOC regarding the availability of cadaver dogs for an upcoming evidence search for remains of Dylan Redwine scheduled for a future date.

**July 2, 2016**

Location: Rawah Wilderness Area, Larimer County

Subjects: A group of two adults and six children who thought they were on the wrong trail and lost.

Dog team on standby: One SAROC dog team responded and was stood down when the subjects determined that they were on the correct trail and not lost.

**July 3-4, 2016**

Location: Red Feather Lakes, Larimer County

Subject: 78-year-old female with Dementia who wandered away, Subject only spoke Russian.
Dog teams on search: One SARDOC dog team along with three other Larimer County dog teams began searching at 9 p.m. (2100 hours) and searched for 5 ½ hours before a citizen located the woman more than 10 miles away.

**July 3, 2016**

Location: Glen Haven, Larimer County

Subject: 8-year-old male

Dog team: One SARDOC dog team was on standby to respond when the boy was located a short while after being reported missing.

**July 4, 2016**

Location: Long Draw, Peterson Lake area, Larimer County

Subjects: Hikers, one adult and two children hiking the Big South trail.

Dog team on search: One SARDOC dog team was en route for the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Operational Period on this search but was diverted to another search.

**July 4, 2016**

Location: Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County

Subject: Adult male in his 50's who swam out to get a jet ski and disappeared

Dog teams on search: Two SARDOC handlers with three search dogs responded and searched. The teams worked the shoreline with dogs first indicating in the area of reported PLS, then they moved to the other side of a bordering cliff band and alerted strongly there. All three dogs consistently alerted at a spot near cliff band while working from a boat. They worked several follow-up shorelines and the dogs consistently worked over to this spot off the cliffs and alerted. The subject was located in the area of the PLS the next day.

**July 6, 2016**

Location: Jefferson Lake, Park County

Subjects: Two males, 15 and 20 years old, climbed hill and got stuck

Dog team on search: One SARDOC dog team responded. Subjects located prior to their arrival.

**July 8, 2016**

Location: Crow Hill. Park County

The subject of search: 72-year-old male, Dementia subject with knee replacements, Subject left a suicide note behind when leaving his home. His vehicle was found at the
Crow Hill Church in Bailey. The subject was not in the vehicle. Suicide note stated that he took the cat with him. A revolver was missing from the home.

Dog team on search: One SARDOC dog team searched the area around the subject’s vehicle for approx. 1 hour before deputies got a report that an old man with a cat was seen walking in Conifer – several miles away. The search by deputies then shifted to Conifer. The dog then stood down.

Note: Several days later, on July 12th, media reported that the subject was located at the top of Crow Hill, deceased. No additional details were available.

**July 10, 2016**

Location: Rocky Mountain National Park, Lost Lake, Larimer County

Subject: No Info

Dog team on search: Two SARDOC air scent dog teams were stood down while en route as the subject had been located by park officials.

**July 10, 2016**

Location: Montgomery Reservoir, Park County

Subject: Male in his 20’s who heard that there was good hiking at Montgomery Reservoir. He hiked straight up Lincoln Falls and became cliffed out. The male self-recovered and was okay.

Dog Team Responding: One SARDOC dog team was stood down en route but continued to the location to interview subject.

**July 16, 2016**

Location: CR 39, Park County

Subject: 14-year-old male dirt biking with seizure disorder – missing

Dog team on search: One SARDOC dog team responded and was stood down before fielding as the subject had been located and was okay.

**July 16-17, 2016**

Location: Hwy 6 and Hwy 119, Clear Creek Canyon, Clear Creek County

Dog team: One SARDOC air scent dog team was on standby from 2000 hours 7/16 until 0900 hours on 7/17 when they were stood down.

**July 17-19, 2016** SARDOC dog teams assisted Summit Dive Team in locating subject in difficult search
Location: North Pond, a lake with willows in a subdivision. The lake had an underwater creek flowing through search area on the bottom. Silverthorne, CO

Subject: Male in his 50s, suicidal. Subject attached weights to his waist and then went to the S side of the lake on his paddleboard and drowned himself.

Dog teams on search: Two SARDOC dog teams responded and searched both along the shoreline and via a boat. Due to the underwater flow, the dogs had points of interest in two areas – one of which was near the point last seen (PLS). The subject was located on the 19th in the area of the PLS.

**July 18, 2016**

Location: Leadville, CO

Subjects: Two missing females, 65 and 70 years old

Dog team on search: One SARDOC dog team responded and was stood down while en route when the subjects were located.

**July 21, 2016**

Location: Creedmore Lakes, Larimer County

Subject: Male, hiker

Dog team on search: One SARDOC dog team was stood down while en route as the subject had been located.

**July 22, 2016**

Location: Gore Canyon, Grand County - **Solid SARDOC dog team assist on drowning.**

Subject: 19-year-old male. Subject and his friend kayaked into remote camping spot on 07/21/2016. Subject and friend were sitting at campfire around midnight when the friend left for more firewood. The subject was gone when he returned. The missing subject had been drinking. The subject’s location was pinpointed in the river by the dogs and recovered by the dive team.

Dog teams on search: Two SARDOC water search dog teams responded and worked with Grand County SAR as well as the Summit County Dive Team to locate the subject.

Mission: The dog teams had a 20-minute ride into the search area by UTV. When they arrived, they had to climb down a steep drainage to the campsite along the river. One K9 gave solid indications that the subject was in the river upon arrival. The teams had to wait three hours for a boat to enable a search on the river. Both dogs indicated that the subject was in the water directly below the cliff where the campsite was located. The dive team was able to see the body approx. 25 feet down and under a rock ledge using an underwater camera at the site indicated by the dogs.
**July 23, 2016**

Location: North Fork Trailhead, Park County

Subjects: Five people of Asian descent, ages 5 to 60. The entire family went for a hike up the Colorado Trail on 07/22/16. Five didn’t come back. They had left the trail after 1 hour and went bushwhacking for no apparent reason. No map, no water, no food. Two of the five came out at Payne Gulch TH in Bailey with help from other hikers around 13:00 on 07/23/16. They had told other 3 to stay put where they had been bushwhacking and they did not know where they had left them that morning at 9:00.

Dog teams on search: Two SARDOC dog teams responded and searched until another team member made audible contact with the missing party on the Payne Gulch Trail and assisted them out.

**July 23, 2016**

Location: Rocky Mountain National Park

Subject: Possible suicide in a high altitude location. The dog team was requested for the next day.

Dog team on standby: One SARDOC dog team was stood down when the subject was located deceased by park rangers.

**July 26, 2016**

Location: Rocky Mountain Park, Larimer County

Subject: 72-year-old male, possibly suicidal. Subject’s vehicle located along the road. He also had left a suicide note for his son saying that he would not be able to be found.

Dog teams on search: Two SARDOC dog teams responded and search several areas not far from the vehicle without locating the subject. He was later located, alive, in Boulder.

**July 28-29, 2016**

Location: Sheep Creek – Warm Springs, Park County

Subject: Female mountain biker in her 20s, in good health. Mountain biking with a male acquaintance. They separated and she went the wrong way in an attempt to hook up with another friend she had called to possibly pick her up on Brown’s Pass.

Dog team on search: One SARDOC dog team responded and spent most of the first-night riding rough roads in the area in hopes of intercepting the woman. Later, the handler proceeded to the other side of the area and fielded her search dog. After about an hour, the subject called the handler, who had earlier left a voice mail and text
message on her phone. The woman had come out on CR 18 and, after warming her phone in her pocket was able to call the handler. A deputy was sent to get the woman.

**July 30 – 31, 2016**

Location: Brown’s Lake, Crown Point area, Larimer County

Subject: 16-year-old male - The subject was one of three teens who left the Brown’s Lake Trail to cut cross-country to the site of an old B-17 crash site. The missing subject got separated somehow. The other two were located early on the night of the 30th and escorted out.

Dog teams: One SARDOC dog team along with four other dog teams responded and search for 8 ½ hours on the 30th and 31st. The subject was located by cell phone coordinates outside of the search area.

**July 31 – August 3, 2016**

Location: Off Divide Road, Mesa County

Subject: Missing adult female who was last seen in Montrose, Colorado on July 15, 2016. Her car was found 9 days later about 4 miles off the Divide Road in Mesa County where it had become stuck on a 4WD road. Mesa County searched for a few days and then suspended the search.

Dog Teams: Two SARDOC handlers with three search dogs were scheduled to respond when the subject, deceased, was located by a rancher and the family.
August 2, 2016

Location: Long Gulch, Park County

Subject: an Adult female who feared an allergic reaction to bee sting.

Dog teams on mission: One SARDOC dog team responded – the dogs were not fielded. A Flight for Life helicopter assisted by initially locating the subject but then had to return due to low fuel. The subject was assisted out by foot teams that used the coordinates provided by Flight for Life.
August 3, 2016 – Solid Dog Team Assist in Locating Human Remains

Location: Peak 6, Breckenridge

Subject: Unknown, possible suicide, skull found by hiker

Dog teams on search: Two SARDOC cadaver trained dog teams responded.

Search: On August 3rd, the teams rode up Peak 6 Chairlift almost to the top on the east side to allow the dogs to work down the steep terrain and take better advantage of the wind. One dog went on alert immediately upon debarking from the lift. She ran around to the west side of Peak 6 and worked a cone over to and down the chute where the skull had been found (but well above skull location) and continued to work scent downhill. The terrain was steep and movement was slow. The canine was pulled into a drainage that had been collecting scent while foot teams were paralleling above. She had stopped to indicate that the stronger scent was above their current location when the foot teams indicated that they had located the remains a few hundred feet above the dog team in a small gully over a slight rise from the drainage the dog team was in. The dog then worked into the site where the remains were located.

The remains had been in place since at least 2009, as indicated by the expiration date on a plastic bottle. The remains were quite consolidated in the gully area, as well as most possessions, including a weapon. For the length of time involved, it was surprising that everything was still in place; lightly scattered.

August 10, 2016

Location: Fish Creek, Estes Park, Larimer County

Subject: 14-year-old female, possibly suicidal

Dog team: One SARDOC dog team arrived at staging and then was stood down. A second SARDOC dog team was en route and was canceled.

August 27, 2016

Location: Spanish Valley, Grand and San Juan Counties, Utah

Subject: Missing 75-year-old female with Dementia who had been missing for 5 hours when SAR was called.

Dog team on search: One SARDOC dog team from Grand County, Utah responded and determined the direction of travel of the missing subject but had difficulty due to thorns
and stickers in the area. The team was directed to check an intersection 3 miles away after a report of someone seeing the missing woman. That did not pan out so they returned to the trail they had originally started to work. They then got sent to check some footprints near a farm/ranch. While en route, the subject was located in an alfalfa field at the farm/ranch.

**August 27, 2016**

Location: Creedmore Lakes, near Red Feather Lakes, Larimer County

Subject: 21-year-old male who left campsite for potty break and did not return

Dog team: One SARDOC dog team was arriving on the scene as an Air Link Helicopter spotted the young man. He was met by searchers and returned in good condition.

**August 30, 2016**

Location: Cedaredge, Colorado – Delta County

Subject: Missing 70-year-old female, Alzheimer's disease. Subject lives with her husband. She goes for a walk every day. Neighbor saw her leave her house around 13:00. At 15:00 the neighbor discovered that subject had not returned home and she and other neighbors began looking for the subject. Delta County SO was called around 18:00 and the SARDOC dog team was alerted at 18:35.

Dog Team: One SARDOC Trailing team responded. A neighbor saw subject walking about a mile from her home at 19:30 and reported it to authorities. She was picked up and taken home before the dog team could begin searching.

**September 10, 2016**

Location: Chaffee County, Avalanche Trailhead

Subject: 46-year-old male reported to be in good health. Subject’s vehicle had been at the trailhead since 9/3/16 but he was not reported missing until 09/09/16.

Dog teams: Two SARDOC dog teams responded and searched trails in the area for several miles before the subject was located, deceased, near the trailhead – an apparent suicide.

**September 10, 2016**

Location: FSR 431, Fairplay, Park County

Subject: 54-year-old male, a hunter whose Delorme inReach device activated the emergency signal. Subject later called his daughter to say, “Oops it went off by itself.” Teams were stood down while trying to get close to ever-changing coordinates.
Dog team: One SARDOC dog team responded.

**September 14, 2016**

Location: Bakers Tank, Boreas Pass area, Summit County

Subject: Male, hunter

Dog teams: Three SARDOC dog teams were responding – all were stood down as the subject had been located.

**September 20, 2016**- **SARDOC dog team located subject - alive**

Location: Echo Lake Lodge, Mt. Evans, Clear Creek County

Subject: a 62-year-old female who disappeared from the Echo Lake Lodge on September 19, 2016. Alpine Rescue had searched for her the previous night.

Dog teams: Three SARDOC dog teams responded along with one dog team from Front Range Rescue Dogs and began searching on 09/20/16. An SARDOC airscent dog located the missing female who was described as bi-polar, psychotic and injured (broken ankle). The woman was not responding to searchers and might not have been found had it not been for the search dog teams.

**September 28, 2016**

Location: Timnath, Larimer County

Subject: Missing 6-year-old female child

Dog team responding: One SARDOC dog team was responding but was stood down while en route as the child returned home.

**September 29, 2016**

Location: Aspen/Maroon Bells Wilderness

Subject: 49-year-old male from New Mexico, climber who was last seen on Maroon Peak on September 19, 2016

Dog team on search: Two SARDOC dog teams along with two dog teams from Garfield County SAR. One dog team assignment was to follow W. Maroon Trail up to Climbers' Trail to Maroon Peak and proceed up that as high as possible. Check reported “odor” area by Maroon Lake. Unclear what other assignments were.

This was an ongoing search hampered by weather during the first few days - snow; clouds; fog. Several days they were unable to search. There was still some snow but most had melted. Several permanent snow fields existed. On this date, many teams
were inserted by Lifeguard 2 helicopter onto the mountains in different spots. The subject was not located and the search was suspended pending further information.

**General View of Area where the subject is missing:**

![General View of Area where the subject is missing](image_url)

**October 3\(^{rd}\), 2016**

Location: Lost Park, Park County

Subject: adult male, rabbit hunter in his 50s who became disoriented.

Dog team responding: One SARDOC dog team was responding and was stood down while en route as the subject had been located.

**October 11, 2016**

Location: Mt. Bross, Park County

Subjects: 48-year-old male and 16-year-old daughter, climbing four 14’ers. Snow squalls came in with high winds. Subjects became disoriented on Lincoln and ended up on east side of Bross and did not know where they were.
Dog team on search: One SARDOC dog team was on hold at mission base as ground teams fielded and located subjects.

**October 21, 2016 - SARDOC handler located the subject**

Location: Crooked Creek, Park County

Subject: Male hunter in his 50’s separated from partners, attacked by a bear.

Dog team in search: One SARDOC dog team responded. The handler located the missing subject without fielding the dogs.

**October 21, 2016**

Location: 3309 S CR 1, Timnath, Larimer County

Subject: Six-year-old female wandered away from home

Dog team responding: One SARDOC airscent dog team was stood down while en route as the child returned home on her own.