Mission Updates – July 8 through December 2011

July 8 – Tarryall, Park County, CO. Search for two young, missing females. Subjects located and dog team stood down while en route.

July 9, 2011 – Lake George, Park County – One SARDOC dog team responded for a missing 17 yr. old female camper. Team searched for 3 hours. It was then determined that she had intentionally disappeared to meet her boyfriend and she was picked up by deputies 45 minutes East.

July 11-12, 2011 – Elk Mountain, Wyoming – one SARDOC dog team responded to assist teams from WY in search for missing 34 year old male. Subject’s body located in river by a WY dog team on July 12th.

July 14, 2011 – Divide, Teller County. Search for missing 23 year old male who had cut wrists with a knife and was thought to be combative. Subject located by ground searchers and law enforcement asleep under a tree.

July 17, 2011- SARDoc dispatch received a request for water certified search dogs to look for a missing man that had drowned at Lake Minatare, near Scotts bluff, NE. Dog teams were placed on standby. Subject’s body later spotted by boater.

July 18 -19, 2011 – Hidden Valley Ranch, Park County – Search for a missing 57 year old female who got lost while hiking. She was located by a ground search team.

July 24, 2011- Search for missing male in his 30’s who was drinking, got into an argument and walked away. He was located as the dog team was en route.

July 25, 2011 – Platte River, Buffalo Creek, Jefferson County- Search for drowning victim who fell off a raft. Dog teams provided info regarding probable location. Subject spotted by law enforcement officer in that area. Dog assist on water search.

July 26, 2011 – Georgetown, Clear Creek County. Search for man in 60’s who failed to show up for a meeting on his property. As dog team searched area, law enforcement again went to his home in search of him. He came to the door after being awakened.


August 4, 2011 – Laporte, Larimer County – Search for 11 year old male who failed to advise parent that he was going to a friend’s home after dropping off a toad at a nearby stream. Dog team arrived as boy returned on his own.

August 6 – 7, 2011 – Meeker, Rio Blanco County. Search for missing 17 year old Boy Scout who ran off angry. Dog teams searched on the 6th and reported an area of interest. Additional dog teams were en route the next morning when it was determined that the boy had hitchhiked out of the area to a nearby resort.
August 12, 13, 14, 15, 17 and 20, 2011 – Bison Peak, Park County.  Multi-day search for a missing 44 year old male who hiked to the summit of Bison Peak on July 25th but wasn’t reported missing until August 11th. Dog teams searched many square miles of the mountain and surrounding area with alerts to the East. No ground or dog teams had searched further East of the mountain as it was a 12 mile hike in very rugged terrain just to get to that area. The subject’s body was located in a submerged cave 4 miles East of Bison Peak by a ground searcher. He was later recovered.

August 25, 2011 – Castle Rock, Douglas County – Search for missing high school student. Dog team stood down while en route as he was found miles away.

August 30 2011 – Abyss Trail, Park County.  Search for missing female and male in their 20’s.  As searchers were en route, they were able to report their exact location as provided by they camera. Ground searchers hiked to that location and brought them out.

September 4, 2011 – Rampart Range Rd, Douglas County – Report of a 30 year old male with trouble breathing. RP did not know where they were.  As dog team was responding, a team from Douglas County SAR, on standby in the area, responded, located the subject and assisted him.

September 5, 2011 – Box Canyon, Tarryall, Park County – Search for a missing 30 year old female and 4 year old child, hikers, who separated from their party. Dog teams were stood down while en route as subject had been located.

September 19, 2011 – Rich Creek near Fairplay, Park County.  Canine team find. Search for couple in their 40’s – wife had MS and was in severe distress. The subjects were able to describe their location. The dog team went into that area searching and located them.

September 23, 2011 – Platte Springs, Park County.  Search for male in his 50’s. His real activity was unknown. He may possibly have been avoiding searchers as his vehicle was full of meth making materials. Subject not located.

September 26-27, 2011 – Mt. Antero, Chaffee County.  Search for 51 year old male climber.  A trailing dog team developed direction of travel info on the subject on night of the 26th. Airscent teams arrived the next morning and had scent up onto Mt. Antero. A helicopter spotted the man’s body.

October 1 - 3, 2011 – Brainard Lake, Long Lake Trailhead, Boulder County – Multi-day search for missing 72 year old male. Dog teams searched three days and had several alerts from different directions in very difficult terrain. Numerous ground searchers also participated in the search over a vast area but the subject was not located.

October 4, 2011 – Platte Springs, Park County. Continued search for missing male in his 50’s – possible meth user. Again, the subject was not located and is still missing.
October 14, 2011 – Lair o’ the Bear Park, Jefferson County. Search for a missing 74 year old hiker who liked to go off trail most of the time. Two dog teams had interests in the east end of the vast park with is full of deep drainages and mountainous area. The man was located, badly injured by a tracking team in the late afternoon.

October 29 – 30, 2011 – Near Hotchkiss, Delta County – Search for a missing hunter, 73 years old. A major snowstorm hit the area the day before a dog team began searching. Although numerous ground searchers and the dog team covered a large area, he was not located.

December 3, 2011 – Larkspur, Douglas County. Search for a 28 year old male who walked away from home in 22 degree weather. As dog teams responded, deputies tracked him in the snow and located him.

December 5, 2011 – Berthoud, Larimer County Search for a 16 year old female who was possibly suicidal. As the dog teams searched the residence and immediate surrounding area, a tracking team located the female, deceased in a neighbor’s outbuilding.

December 5, 2011 – CSRB requested dog teams to assist in searching for two people missing in a plane crash near Silverton. The subjects were located by ground searchers and the dog team request was cancelled.

December 6, 2011 – Bailey, Park County – Dog team stood down while en route to search missing 3 year old female. She had been located ok.

December 8, 2011 – Highland Ranch, Douglas County - Search for a missing 16 year old female who was thought to be suicidal. After searching for 2.5 hours in below freezing temps, the search was suspended as it was believed that the girl was at a friend’s home. Law enforcement found her at school the next day.

December 9, 2011 – Larkspur, Douglas County – Search for missing, overdue hunter. He was spotted by helicopter before dog teams fielded.

December 16, 2011 – Brown’s Creek area, Chaffee County – Search for suicidal female in 50’s. After 2.5 hours of searching the woman was located, deceased by SARDOC dog team.