



Penrith Mountain Rescue Team Callouts 2004

No.1

26/01/2004 at 16.01hrs

Request by Cumbria Constabulary to assist in search for despondent male in Penrith
11.00hrs

Initial Phase - Called at 15:20 by police to conduct search for missing from home,
believed despondent. Last seen in
morning in town centre. Task completed by 21:00 without result but agreed to
continue at first light.

Phase 2 following morning - search in area of Eamont Bridge led to quick find by
river bank - believed fatal due to
drowning. Body recovered and handed over to coroner.

No. 2

14/02/04 at 16 .00hrs

Coire an Sneachda, Cairngorm

1.00hr

Whilst in area training, the team assisted a lead climber who requested assistance to
finish a climb. She had run out
of equipment 5m short of the top of his climb. A rope was rigged and lowered to her.

No. 3

18/02/04 at 16 .02hrs

Request by Cumbria Constabulary to assist in search for phantom 'vulnerable' person,
Bampton

9.00hrs

Initial Phase - Report of person fleeing to the dark night when spotted by a local and
reported by the observer to
police as missing. As search progressed, identified informant as unreliable, known to
Police. No person reported missing, but unattended car located above Bampton. Later
identified this vehicle as belonging to holiday-maker staying nearby.

Overnight search inconclusive.

Phase 2 - Followed by short daylight search to confirm overnight conclusion that
there was no missing person.

NO. 4

05/03/04 at 18.00hrs

Call to assist Patterdale MRT in search for missing fellwalker, Helvellyn

4.50hrs

Male (44), from Bolton area reported separated from companion and missing on walk
over Helvellyn via Striding

Edge. Body located at 22:00 approximately 100m below memorial at end of Striding
Edge; fatal injuries sustained in fall from

snow-covered footpath. Body evacuated by RAF helicopter; Penrith MR team doctor
certified death at Ogilvie House.



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No. 5

06/03/04 at 10.00hrs

Sheep Rescue, Welter Crag

3.00hrs

Report from local farmer of sheep stuck on crag. Approached from below, but unable to access the location of the sheep. More equipment and manpower required as access only possible from the top of the crag. Agreed to return later with additional resources. (see 28/03/2004 below)

No. 6

06/03/04 at 15.30hrs

Missing Child, Culgaith

3.40hrs

Child with Dyspraxia last seen in car at 10:50 close to horse stables on outskirts of village, reported missing to police at approximately 15:00. Rapid search organised, including SARDA and Northumbria police helicopter; Kirkby Stephan and Patterdale MRTs requested but subject found by member of public below Langwathby bridge safe and well.

No. 7

13/03/04 at 10.00hrs

Sheep Rescue, Riggindale

5.00hrs

Report of sheep stuck on crag close to eagles nesting site. Animal retrieved without loss or injury. A popular site for local sheep to get stuck!

No. 8

23/03/04 at 16.07hrs

Vulnerable overdue, Penrith

1.90hrs

Vulnerable (DAT) reported overdue on local countryside walk. Search of likely route by team members and SARDA dogs in progress when member of public reported subject on the verge at Stoneybeck roundabout on the A6. This was on another possible route lower on our list of priorities. Believed safe and well but very cold from the ordeal.

No. 9

27/03/04 at 16-00hrs

Injured Fellwalker, Helvellyn

2.90hrs

Received request for assistance from Patterdale MRT dealing with the evacuation of very heavy gentleman with leg



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injury from Swirral Edge, Helvellyn. Met up with the stretcher party below Red Tarn and assisted with the remainder of the evacuation.

No. 10

28/03/04 10.00hrs

Sheep Rescue, Welter Crag

4.00hrs

As noted above (No.5), this sheep was in a very awkward position on a large crag in a remote area. Together with a number of members from COMRU, the sheep was extracted to safety

No. 11

17/04/04

Missing ramblers, Geltsdale

0.70hrs

A party of 11 ramblers from the NE were reported overdue and missing from planned rendezvous. The party had taken the wrong route to that planned and had ended back up at their starting point. They had failed to contact their group leader sooner. All safe and well

No. 12

16/05/04

Collapsed Walker, Boredale

0.70hrs

Requested to assist Patterdale MRT attending collapsed walker in the Boredale Hause area. Team not sure if requested helicopter will attend so asked us for assistance. Stood down after leaving Penrith, helicopter evacuated subject to Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

No. 13

22/05/04

Sheep Rescue - Piot Crag, Mardale

2.00hrs

Farmer had reported crag fast sheep. Team member lowered down crag to ledge where he caught sheep. Team member and sheep lowered to foot of crag. Sheep ran off upon release.

No. 14

27/05/04

Missing Walker, Helvellyn

6.00hrs

Requested to assist Patterdale and Keswick MRTs plus SARDA dogs in search for solo fellwalker reported overdue. Very little to go on, but believed to be in the Helvellyn area. Brief mobile phone contact did not prove fruitful. Found sleeping near beck on Thirlmere side of Helvellyn having become disorientated.



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No. 15

08/06/2004

Fallen Walker, Kidsty Pike

2.00hrs

Female walker reported having difficulty breathing after falling onto rocks hitting chest, helicopter requested and evacuated casualty to Cumberland Infirmary Carlisle where fractured sternum confirmed.

No. 16

08/06/04

UXB Arthur's Pike

1.50hrs

Requested by police to locate, record and mark the location of a piece on WW2 ordnance reported off the path between Cockpit and Loadpot Hill. Location insufficiently precise for MOD to locate the day before. With information from a further report able to locate object very quickly, mark and report to Police. Member accompanied MOD the following day to site

No. 17

02/07/04

Despondent missing , Gilpin Bridge

7.00hrs

Assisted Kendal MRT and other teams in search for despondent. Located following day at the office of the Samaritans in Lancaster.

No. 18 19/07/04

Cries for Help, Haweswater

1.50hrs

Report from hotel guests of some-one shouting for help on far side of Haweswater, opposite the hotel. Located at Burn Bank, had been walking from Grasmere to Haweswater Hotel but had become disorientated and lost. Also reported exhausted.

No. 19

28/07/04

Injured Fellwalker, Small Water

2.00hrs

OBMS Ullswater course member reported unable to walk having fallen over rock; party effected self-evacuation and met by team who evacuated subject the rest of the way.

No. 20

04/08/04

Sheep Rescue, Piot Crag, Mardale Head

2.00hrs



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Local farmer reported sheep cragfast above Small Water. All retrieved without loss or injury.

No. 21

11/08/04

Collapsed walker, Riggindale

2.00hrs

Requested to treat and evacuate subject reported collapsed at RSPB hide, Riggindale. Attended by Great North Air Ambulance who evacuated to Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

No. 22

15/08/04

Collapsed Walker, Small Water

3.80hrs

Subject reported collapsed while walking with son-in-law. CPR attempted but without success. Body evacuated and handed over to police at Penrith ambulance station.

No. 23

22/08/04

Assist Evacuation, Sheffield Pike

2.50hrs

Requested to assist Patterdale MRT with evacuation of large female casualty with leg injury. Located on Sheffield Pike, on path above Seldom Seen. Evacuated uphill to a suitable landing site for Great North Air Ambulance for airlift to Cumberland Infirmary Carlisle.

No. 24

26/08/04 at 17.15hrs

Two Youths missing on Ullswater

0.50hrs

Requested by Police to assist in search for two youths (14 & 11, male) reported overdue on boat trip on northern end of Ullswater. Had left Waterside Caravan Park, Pooley Bridge at 17:15 in inflatable dingy; had not been seen since. Reported missing by father (Paul Eden) at 19:41. Rescue boat currently searching area. Our task was to search lake shore and River Eamont. Stood-down en route when boys located at Tirril, safe & well but cold. Weather had been overcast but frontal weather pattern prevailing at time of search with torrential rain and strong winds, cool for time of year

No. 25 05/09/04

Evacuation from woodland, Edenhall

0.70hrs

Requested by Cumbria Ambulance service to assist with evacuation of female walker with neck injuries; diverted members from water safety training. Most attending clothed in wetsuits, photos optional.



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No. 26

20/09/04

Fellwalker, Cawdale Beck, Bampton

3.00hrs

Female walker landed badly after jumping over a swollen stream. Sustained severe multiple fractures to lower leg, evacuated to Cumberland Infirmary Carlisle by Royal Navy Sea King from RNAS Gannet.

No. 27 25/09/04

Maize Beck, High Cup Nick

2.00hrs

Lone walker reported himself lost, very confused, gave wrong information. Located a considerable distance from where he thought he was.

No. 28

30/09/04

Fallen Horse Rider, High Knipe

3.00hrs

Rider knocked off horse when it bolted under a low bridge, sustained severe spinal and shoulder fractures. Treated and airlifted to CIC by RAF Sea King from RAF Boulmer.

No. 29

06/10/04

Missing Pupil, Eden Grove, Bolton

1.10hrs

11 yrs old boy reported missing from residential home, requested by Police to assist in search. Subject located quickly by search dog hiding under shrubs in school grounds, had been there for a number of hours in cool, damp weather

No. 30 22/10/04

Stoney Cove Pike, head injury

2.00hrs

Requested to assist Patterdale MRT dealing with possible serious head injury, subject airlifted to Cumberland Infirmary Carlisle without members being deployed to fell (MRC Ref 12810)

No. 31 23/10/04

Loch Skeen, Moffat

4.00hrs

Conducted a search when shouts reported -nothing found and nothing reported further amiss.

Four team members involved who were on joint exercise with Moffat Team.



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No. 32

24/10/04

Cragfast, Long Stile Edge, High St

5.00hrs

Party of two descending Long Stile Edge from High Street when one member unable to continue descent. Assisted down onto easier ground.

No. 33 06/11/04

Lost Walker, High Cup Nick

4.50hrs

Solo walker reported lost in hill fog and failing light. Had set off at 10:00 to walk Murton Pike, but became disorientated in hill fog. Location approximated by mobile contact as in High Cup Nick area and instructed to return to top of escarpment and turn left, walking downhill at edge of escarpment. Met by search party and escorted off the hill

No. 34 13/11/04

Injured farmer, Roadhead

3.00hrs

requested from Cumbria Ambulance Service to assist in evacuation of farmer from remote field; he had fractured his leg when the quad-bike he was riding overturned and rolled over him. A Seaking from RAF Boulmer had recently airlifted someone from an accident in the Langdales t CIC and was asked to do the same for this incident. The injured man was carried on the back of a quad-bike and transferred to the helicopter.