



Penrith Mountain Rescue Team Callouts 2005

No 1

07/01/05 11.23pm

Assistance to Police, Appleby.

7.8 hours

Request from Cumbria Constabulary to assist in evacuation of residents, of Appleby and surrounding farms, at risk from severe flooding and high winds. In extreme conditions, the team attended assisted the Police and Fire Service with the protection of various properties and the evacuation of vulnerable persons. Stood down at 6.30am when flood defences held.

No 2

08/01/05 10.25am

Assistance to Police, Carlisle.

12 hours

Request from Cumbria Constabulary to assist in emergency evacuation of residents from the Botcherby and Warwick Road areas of Carlisle badly affected by the worst flooding in over 25 years. In dangerous conditions, team members, along with RNLI, Coastguard and Fire Service used boats to reach stricken householders and evacuate them to reception centres. The team also coordinated the rescue efforts in Botcherby by providing communications (radios), transport and the management of external utilities such as tower lights to the scene.

Team stood down at 9.30pm

No 3

09/01/05 19.00hrs

Assistance to Police, Carlisle.

12 hours

In the absence of both land line and mobile telephone services to northern Carlisle (including the 999 service) the Team was requested to man all Telephone boxes throughout North Carlisle. Team members, with Highband radios, manned call boxes throughout the night. Our Command vehicle, based at Carlisle Castle acted as liaison between the call boxes and the Emergency Services.

No 4

24/01/05

Animal Rescue, Penton, North Cumbria.

2.5 hours

Team requested to recover a dog that had fallen 30ft down a cliff above the River Lyne north of Carlisle. Team members abseiled down and rescued dog which was badly shaken but otherwise not seriously hurt. Owner delighted to be reunited with Dog.



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No 5

26/02/05

Walkers lost in Mosedale area of Swindale.

4 hours

Three walkers became disoriented late in afternoon in snow conditions on way back to Long Sleddale. They were located by team on footpath above Wet Sleddale reservoir and escorted from hill and returned to their vehicle.

No 6

02/03/05

Call to assist collapsed Male, Low Cop, Bampton Common.

3 hrs

67 year old male out walking with party of 11 walkers reported collapsed in the Burnbanks area. Team attended with assistance from RAF helicopter. Despite attempts to revive him, gentleman was pronounced dead by team doctor. Party was assisted from hill by team.

No 7

12/03/05

Search for Missing person, High Cup Nick, Dufton.

0.50 hrs

Team called to search for male missing from home since 11.15am. Believed to have gone walking. walker in High Cup Nick area of Pennines. Missing person was located as team were about to deploy. Found dead in garden shed.

No.8

20/03/05

Assistance to injured walker, Low Row, Brampton

1 hr.

Subject slipped while walking along river bank. Evacuated to road head by local GP and helper.

No 9

14/04/05

Assistance to injured person, Haweswater.

5 hrs.

Team called to assist male walker in Haweswater Dam area. Casualty was located and treated at the scene for fracture to lower leg. Casualty taken to Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle by RAF Helicopter

No 10

16/04/05

Assistance to injured person, Ruthwaite Lodge, Grisedale

3.6 hrs.

Police reported receiving call from member of public requesting help. Mobile phone was triangulated to the Sheffield Pike area. Members of SARDA on exercise in the



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area started search but stood down when casualty was found to be at Ruthwaite Lodge in the Grisedale Valley.

Penrith Team requested to assist Patterdale Team with the evacuation of a female walker who had suffered a lower leg fracture. Team members provided stretcher evacuation services.

No 11

18/04/05

Search for Missing person, Forest Head, Brampton.

2 hrs

Team called to search for suspected missing person in Forest Head area of Pennines after a bicycle had been abandoned overnight. SARDA dogs were also called. Whilst search was underway, missing person arrived to re-claim his bike having exited the fell the previous evening and failed to locate his bike.

No 12

23/04/05

Assistance with Animal Rescue, Penrith.

2 hrs.

Team called to assist in recovery of bird of prey from tree in Lowther Park. The Team did not consider their equipment adequate for scaling a large tree and the bird was recovered the following day by Park staff.

No 13

23/04/05

Flares Sighted over Helton.

1 hr.

Team called to assist Police after flares were seen over the Cockpit area of the fells at Rowe Head. Team stood down by Police after further investigation revealed holidaymakers had set off flares.

No. 14

8/05/05

Search for missing youth, Clifton, Penrith.

0.5 hrs.

Subject reported missing from holiday accommodation having failed to return after argument. Located at home early afternoon, safe and well.

No 15

23/05/05

Animal Rescue, Castle Crag, Low Raise, Haweswater.

4.25 hrs.

At the request of a local farmer 5 Team Members recovered 2 cragfast sheep from Castle Crag above Haweswater



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No 16

15/06/05

Assistance to injured walker, Dufton Pike, North Pennines.

3 hrs.

Team went to the assistance of a 17yr male (part of a party of 15), complaining of lower back pain, following a slip and fall near the summit of Dufton Pike. The team attended and provided emergency medical assistance. As a back injury was suspected and evacuation would have been difficult and lengthy, an RAF helicopter was called. Casualty taken to the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

No 17

15/06/05

Search for Missing person, Knock Fell, Dufton.

3.25 hrs.

At the same time as the above callout, Police requested the team search for a walker who had reported himself lost in mist in the Knock Fell area. Team requested assistance from Kirkby Stephen Team who located walker and directed him to meet with members of Teesdale MRT who transported him from the fell.

No 18

19/06/05

Assistance to injured person, Crammel Linn, Gilsland.

3.7 hrs.

Team requested to assist a young male in the Gilsland area who had injured himself in a slip from top of waterfall, striking rocks before landing in pool. Team attended scene and casualty received urgent medical assistance for fractured femur and other injuries. The casualty was evacuated and transported to Cumberland Infirmary by RAF helicopter. The casualty was later discovered to have received a triple fracture of the femur requiring extensive surgery, as well as other fractures of a less serious nature. He is now making a recovery and the team wish him well.

No 19

22/06/05

5 hrs

Assistance to injured person, Crossfell, North Pennines.

Team requested to assist a 57 year old male on Cross Fell who had injured his leg and reported unable to continue. Team located casualty and assisted him from the fell.

No 20

26/06/05

Assistance to 2 persons, Crammel Linn, Gilsland.

1.7 hrs.

Team requested to assist a party of 2 males in the Gilsland area - one of whom had injured himself in a slip from footpath down steep bank of narrow gorge. Team attended scene and casualty received urgent medical assistance for severe injuries. The casualty was evacuated and transported to Carlisle infirmary by RAF helicopter.



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No 21

29/06/05

Search for lost person, Crossfell, North Pennines.

4 hrs.

Team requested to search for missing Dutch male lost in low cloud in the Cross Fell area of the Pennines. Team searched for 3 hours and located walker on Green Fell. Walker was assisted from hill.

No22

03/07/05

Animal Rescue, Harter fell, Mardale.

5 hrs.

At the request of a local farmer 3 team members, plus a member of COMRU, recovered a cragfast sheep from the Northeast face of Harter Fell, Mardale Head, Haweswater.

No 23

10/07/05

Assistance to Patterdale MRT. Ruthwaite, Grisedale

5 hrs.

Patterdale Team requested assistance with the evacuation of an injured walker from the Grisedale Tarn area. Walker had broken an ankle and, due to weak pulse in foot, was airlifted to Whitehaven for treatment.

No 24

14/07/05

Assistance to Patterdale MRT. Link Cove, Deepdale.

4.3 hrs.

Patterdale Team requested assistance to evacuate an injured walker from the Hart Crag area. Youth, a member of an organised party, had slipped and injured his leg. Members of the team assisted with stretcher evacuation from the fell.

No 25

23/07 /05

Assistance to Patterdale MRT. Scale How Force, Ullswater.

1.2 hrs.

Injured walker (tripped over tree root) in the Sandwick Area of Ullswater. Team was stood down as they were deploying.

No.26

03/09/05

Walkers lost on Pennine Way, Crossfell area of North Pennines.

6 hrs.

Two walkers lost their way when walking from Kirkland, via Cross Fell, to Garrigill. Walkers had started out late (14.00 hrs) and lost their way after descending from Cross Fell. A call for assistance was made when night fell. Team searched along



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established routes off Cross Fell. Co-operation of Teesdale MRT in search from Garrigill was sought as search progressed. Walkers located in Cross Gill area (approximately 1.5 Km East of Pennine Way), by Seaking from RAF Leconheath, that was deployed to assist in search of this large area of moorland. Walkers were found to be poorly equipped (clothing, footwear) and did not have a map or compass. However, physically non-the-worse for their night out.

No.27

09/09/05

Assistance to Cumbria Ambulance Service, Great Dun Fell, Knock.

0.7 hrs.

Male reported to have suffered heart attack on Great Dun Fell. Team stood down as neared site of incident.

No.28

20/09/05

Assistance to Cumbria Ambulance Service, Armathwaite

0.5 hrs.

Female reported collapsed in Armathwaite area. Thought to have suffered a fit whilst out for a walk. Ambulance Service managed recovery of casualty. Team stood down.

No.29

15 to 16/10/05

Search for walkers reporting themselves lost, Kentmere Pike.

4 hours

A couple walking from Brothers' Water to Haweswater reported themselves lost in the Nam Bield area. Search teams deployed to High Street, Nan Bield, Harter Fell, Gatesgarth Pass and Kentmere Pike. Lost walkers located on Kentmere Pike and escorted from fell to Mardale Head. Kendal MRT co-operated in the search from Kentmere.

No.30

19/11/05

Assistance to injured walker, Riggindale, Mardale.

3 hours

A young woman, walking with her family, slipped on frozen ground sustaining a suspected fracture to her right ankle. The incident occurred in the Rough Crag area of Riggindale (above Mardale Head, Haweswater). Casualty's ankle splinted on site before evacuation by Seaking helicopter, from RAF Valley, to Furness General Hospital. Members (5) of the RAF Mountain Rescue Team from Leeming, on exercise in the area, assisted in the evacuation of the casualty's family from the fell.



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No 31

30/12/05

Assistance to injured person, Grisedale.

2.5 hrs.

Penrith Team were requested to assist Patterdale Team with the evacuation of a male walker who had suffered a puncture wound to the lower. Team members (12) provided stretcher evacuation services.