

**Calendar**

- August 7 7:00pm UNIT MEETING Training:  
*Crime Scene Preservation* by  
**Benton County** personnel
- August 15 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION -- *Portable Radio Equipment*
- August 18 9:00am FIELD TRAINING -- *Unit Medical Equipment*
- August 19 11:00am Dedication of Mardi Keltner Interpretive Trail, Bald Hill
- August 27 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (Salem)
- September 4 7:00pm UNIT MEETING
- September 19 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION -- *Callout Procedures, Mission Start-up*
- September 22 10:00am ICE PRACTICE -- Eliot Glacier, Mt. Hood
- September 24 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (Corvallis)



MISSION REPORT 01-05: Injured Climber, North Sister Wilderness Hours: 2

A party of 3 was attempting North Sister. At one point, two of the party turned back when the terrain became too difficult, but the third continued alone. About an hour after they split-up, the single climber was heard screaming for help. He apparently was standing on a large rock when it dislodged and he tumbled about 400 ft but was conscious enough to callout for help. The accident happened around 0945.

A cellular phone call was made at about 1100 to Deschutes County who activated their MRU to be transported by Air Life as close to the accident site as possible. Deschutes Co. notified Lane Co. of the operation in progress and transferred control to Lane Co. Lane Co. activated EMR who was responding with five. Wayne Anderson from EMR (on behalf of Lane Co.) activated CMRU at 1500.

CMRU was paged at 1505 and nine members indicated they would be available to go on the mission. The truck was scheduled to depart Corvallis at 1830 with an ETA Frog Camp at 2130.

At about 1700, an H-60 from the Oregon National Guard arrived on scene and was able to hoist-down a flight medic who prepared the patient for transfer. The patient was airlifted to St. Charles Hospital in Bend. We were notified of the mission cancellation at 1720 by a telephone call from John Miller (Lane Co. S.O.).

The patient was initially said to have a fractured femur, but it was later reported he had a badly mangled finger and a knee injury. Participants: Eberley, Freund, Gent, Leach, Lederer, Lee, J. Linn, S. Linn, Morris, Vertenan, Vitagliano

TRAINING SCHEDULE -- change

There has been a change in this month's Training Schedule. The August *Training Session* will focus on portable radio equipment and use. The Unit medical equipment segment has been expanded into a one-day event for the August field training. This will include the revised equipment list for our first-aid kits and our new patient packaging equipment.

At this time, Helicopter Operations will be postponed until it can be scheduled as part of an OMRC program being coordinated with the Oregon National Guard. An initial meeting of representatives from various Sheriff's Offices, mountain rescue teams, Oregon Emergency Management, and the National Guard was held in July to address use of the National Guard's 1042<sup>nd</sup> Medical Company helicopters in mountain rescue work.

September Ice Practice has been postponed one week to the 22<sup>nd</sup> to coincide with OMRC's joint practice.

JULY FIELD TRAINING --revisited

Last month's field practice stressed the use of GPS in the mountain environment. It involved about a thirteen mile hike, on and off trails, around Three-Fingered Jack. Although there were clouds around the mountain, they stayed high enough to allow spectacular views of all sides. The course consisted of twelve stations. There were two teams of five persons each travelling in opposite directions around the mountain. Each team placed six wands at specific coordinates. After meeting on the north side of Three Fingered Jack, each team picked up the wands placed by the other team. To make life interesting, "treats" (e.g. jelly beans, small candy bars) were left atop each wand. Essentially, the course consisted of twelve mini-SAR operations that required the teams to navigate to a specific point.

It is interesting to note that with more than one GPS receiver in each group, they all agreed on the location within ten feet and in some cases, within three feet! The wand was then put at the center of the agreed upon area. During the second half of the course (find the wands left by the other group) again we agreed on location within ten feet. Travelling while observing the GPS screen is cumbersome, but using the GPS to determine an initial location and direction of travel as well as distance and then to consult the map for best route worked well. Using a compass to maintain the desired heading while moving was easy and familiar. Estimating travel time to cover the best route and then consulting the GPS after travelling for that elapsed time allowed us to cover terrain safely and rapidly. Using "catching features" and "handrails" helped guide our off-trail travel.

BENTON COUNTY FAIR BOOTH -- thanks

CMRU was represented at the Benton County Sheriff's Office booth at the county fair by Anne Greenwood and Joy Linn. They took the truck to the fair, set up some of the equipment, and did a "meet and greet" session on Friday afternoon. Thanks, Joy and Anne, for taking time from your busy day to cover this obligation for us.

LITTER HANDLE -- less fatigue

Nate Vitagliano has been working on an attachable handle that can be put onto the litter when it is being rolled on the wheeled carrier to allow the person on the rear to walk without being bent over. A big improvement!

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