



K9 Search and Rescue Team Inc.
Dolores, Colorado



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HEADLINE

October has brought challenges to the K-9 Search and Rescue Team in Dolores. The team was requested by the New Mexico State Police to resume the search for a bow hunter who disappeared in September. The team spent a full day searching an area of the Pecos Wilderness near Santa Fe on October 3rd. Within hours of returning from New Mexico, the team was assisting the San Miguel County Sheriff in the search for Kae Skala, a beloved member of the K-9 team, who had failed to return to her vehicle following a hike near Lone Cone. She had died of a heart attack and was located by a helicopter pilot 6 hours into the search.

The team was honored by member Kimberly R. Kelly, who was awarded the 2009 St. Richard Pampuri award by the Hospitaller Foundation and the Brothers of St. John of God for her work with Alzheimer's patients. Ms. Kelley is the founder and executive director of Project Far From Home, a national educational program designed to teach law enforcement and search and rescue teams about missing at risk Alzheimer's and dementia subjects. She received this important award "traditionally given to an individual who reflects the dignity of human life in the care of the sick and elderly". This marks the first time in the history of the award that it was given to someone other than a physician. Also this month, five team members attended the SARCITY search and rescue conference in Barstow, California October 9-11th. Two members presented sessions on the specific aspects of using search dogs as important tools in search and rescue. Lastly, the K-9 Search and Rescue Team continued it's long standing commitment to community service by visiting the residents of the Vista Mesa Care Center on October the 6th.

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