



K9 Search and Rescue Team Inc.

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BUSY SUMMER FOR K9 SEARCH AND RESCUE

Missions and Trainings keep K9 Search and Rescue busy

Summer has never been a busier time for K9 Search and Rescue Team Inc. based in Dolores. Three search missions in the space of twenty-four days, four training events, and the Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser means members of this volunteer-based agency have been kept very busy.

In mid-June the team assisted in the search for two snowboarders at the Wolf Creek Ski Area missing since January 4. As part of a collective effort using ground teams, K9, and a search helicopter, the bodies of both snowboarders were found. In late June, K9 again responded to help in the search for an elderly person who had gone missing, who was later found by members of the Montezuma County Sheriff's Posse. Then on July 8, K9 was asked by New Mexico State Police to help in the search for a missing teenager who was located swiftly.

In addition, the K9 team has been involved in various trainings and exercises that have sought to enhance and broaden the knowledge and training of many response agencies that collaborate together on search and rescue missions, including K9, state police, local law enforcement, state and federal park agencies, state and federal search and rescue teams, and EMS to name just a few.

Upcoming on Saturday, August 9th, K9 will be hosting their Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. As a non-profit organization that is 100% volunteer-based, K9 Search and Rescue depends on events such as the breakfast to provide much needed funds for equipment, training, and materials. The breakfast is the annual fundraiser for the Team and will feature pancakes, sausage, coffee or tea and juice for a requested donation of \$5.00. It will begin at 6:30 a.m. and end at the start of the Escalante Days parade. It will be held at the "Dog House", 35 Railroad Avenue (directly west of Dolores Fire Station # 1), with handicap parking at that address and regular parking off Central Avenue directly north of the building. Plan to come support the Team, meet the "K-9'ers", and view the facility.

For more information about the K9 Search and Rescue Team, visit their website at www.k9team.org.