

After Action Report

DATE: 3 March, 2007

SUBJECT: After Action Report – Stronghold East

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CC: Mike Evans, CC Emergency Services
RACES Team

1. PURPOSE:

This report briefly describes the support provided by the RACES Communications team to the Cochise County Search and Rescue Team on 3 March. It does not address any SAR specific operational issues.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At approximately 1615 hours on 3 March, 2007 the RACES team received notification by page of a technical rescue mission. After receiving clarification from dispatch the RACES team deployed to the Cochise Stronghold to assist. A young lady had apparently fallen and severely injured her back and was possibly suffering from head trauma as well. Fortunately for the subject, the assistance from the AZ DPS Rescue Helicopter and the SAR Technical team recovered her before darkness set in. Their quick action was completed just prior to the arrival of the MCU and the RACES team turned around to return to Sierra Vista. .

3. LESSONS LEARNED

Cell Phone Battery – Apparently the Cell Phone was not recharged after the last mission and was not sufficiently charged to carry on a conversation.

RACES Channels – There was some initial difficulty communicating between the chase vehicle and the MCU. Some PL tones need to be updated and a updated frequency list was circulated to assist in this effort. We need to get in the habit of switching to the 146.52 simplex channel whenever Chase and the MCU lose contact through the repeaters.

4. COMMENTS

No mission specific comments on this event.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- 1 – Recharge the MCU Cell Phone – Done.

Appendix – Participants

CCSO SAR Team
AZ DPS Ranger
RACES Team

Dale Chidester - MCU Operator/Driver
Charles Campbell – MCU Operator
RB Rice MCU Operator/Chase
Bob Hollister – Home Unit Monitor