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Incident Time : 5:45 PM

On June 3, 2013, at approximately 5:45 PM, members of the Montrose Search and Rescue Team responded to Gabriel Trail in the Angeles National Forest to search for two male adult mountain bikers. The informant was scheduled to meet the riders at the bottom of Gabriel Trail at 1200 hours. The bikers failed to show for the scheduled meeting. The informant waited until 1720 hours before notifying Crescenta Valley Station. The bikers are equipped with food, water, and a cellular telephone.

At approximately 2045 hours, the bikers, both from Florida, were located on the trail and uninjured. With the bikers, were two male adult hikers who were lost and overdue from their hike. The hikers and bikers stayed together and were brought back to the trail head by the Montrose Search and Rescue team. The bikers were transported to their local hotel and the missing hikers were transported back to Chantry Flats, where they started their hike, by members of the Search and Rescue Team.

In 2012, the Montrose Search and Rescue Team had 113 calls for service, the most in their 67 year history. Twenty-six of those calls were for vehicles (automobiles and/or motorcycles) "over the side." Just for searches, rescues, and cars over the side, the Montrose Search and Rescue Team members donated over 3600 hours to the residents of Los Angeles County. This does not include their other 4000 hours of training and mountain patrols.

Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team personnel are reserve sheriff's deputies who volunteer their time to help others for \$1 a year, and who partner with sheriff's civilian volunteers who volunteer for free. There are over 150 members of the eight Search and Rescue teams of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who were activated for over 450 search and rescue missions last year, making it one of the most active counties for search and rescue missions in the nation. Reserve deputies and civilian volunteers are supervised by full-time sheriff's deputies. If interested in joining our team, call Sergeant Burton Brink at 818-248-3464.

*Enjoy Nature - Plan your Hike by filling out the Sheriff's Department's HIKING PLAN SHEET:

http://file.lacounty.gov/lasd/cms1_163961.pdf

Hiking/Camping is a fun way to get family and friends together to enjoy the outdoors and to get some physical activity. However, you should always be prepared for the unexpected. You should tell family and friends what your plans are and provide a list of who will be going with you. That's why the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department would like to remind the residents of Los Angeles County that having a hiking / camping plan is crucial to survival in case of an emergency.

Before you leave, please fill out Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue – Hiking Plan sheet and provide to a loved one to hold onto just in case something happens to a member of your hiking/camping expedition. You can download the form by visiting:

If you would like more information on how to prepare for your hiking / camping trip, please visit the Center for Disease Control's camping website at <http://www.cdc.gov/family/camping/>

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