



Group Leader Message

2009 turned out to be another busy year, with RMRG being called out 143 times (oddly, this was exactly the same number of calls we received in 2008). While executing this busy call load, members made time to complete a number of significant projects:

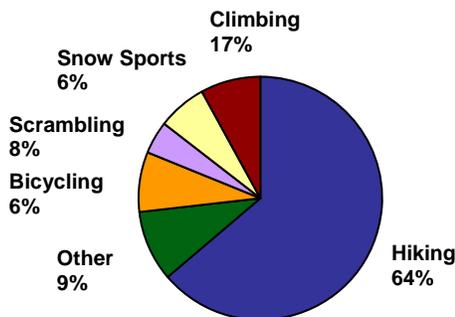


- Finishing our move into the Cage and establishing it as an operational headquarters
- Putting our new, highly capable rescue truck (the new 1960) into service
- Establishing RMRG as a Continuing Medical Education provider at the EMT level
- And continuing a very ambitious test program, focused on broken main line scenarios in vertical rescue systems

New member recruitment and member retention continue to be strong, providing a sound basis for a solid and effective mountain rescue capability. Our members dedicated their time not only to search and rescue incidents, and to the large amount of training required to guarantee success on those missions, but also to a vast amount of administrative work, research and testing, equipment maintenance, and other tasks required to make the rescues possible. 2009 was busy, and at times it was challenging, but as always it was incredibly rewarding.

Tim Holden
Group Leader (2008 – 2010)

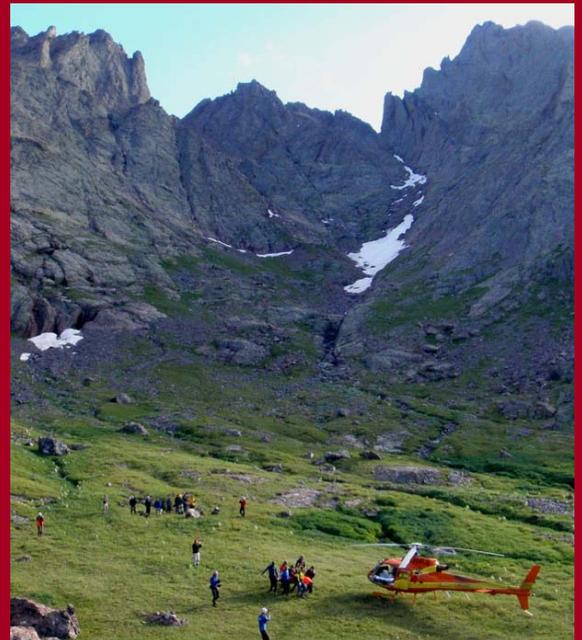
- **Mountain Search & Rescue**
- **Outdoor Safety Education**
- **Disaster Response**



Mission Summary

RMRG has seen another strong year of rescues and searches, responding to 143 emergency calls with 81 field missions. Our all-volunteer membership contributed an estimated 15,000 hours of service. Those rescued have included hikers, climbers, bicyclists, skiers, snowmobilers, and more.

High Altitude Rescue



The helicopter was the last component on this all night rescue from the Crestone Needle /Peak traverse. RMRG and other mountain rescue teams assisted Custer County SAR on this rescue. The teams received the rare NASAR Valor award for going above and beyond the call of duty. Mutual aid among mountain search and rescue teams is an important component to handle larger missions like these.

President's Message

With our two major capital projects being completed this year, funding for operations from the County and the City increased slightly, helping us offset additional fuel costs for our second truck. Additionally, the City of Boulder agreed to match a portion of the State EMS Grant which funded the new rescue truck. Private donations were down this year, reflecting the slow economy. Overall, the Group came in slightly under budget after funding our capital savings accounts. An audit of our 2008 financials was also completed.



Outside of our main priorities of training for and responding to calls, and outdoor safety education, the Board decided to concentrate on establishing a Continuing Medical Education Program for members of the RMRG along with supporting one First Responder Class which included seats for non-RMRG participants. The Board continued its support of completing the new rescue truck, 1960, and of the ongoing testing program. A Policy Review Committee was also established to update the Group's operational policies.

During a strategy session in 2008, the Board agreed to ask the membership level representatives to the Board to serve multi-quarter terms in order to reduce turnover on the Board and allow those representatives time to see their efforts, and those of the Board as a whole, come to fruition. This has been a great success for both the individuals and the Board over this past year.

With the close of 2009, RMRG stands fiscally sound and has a Board which is involved in the continued development of the organization. These leaders of the Group have given many hours of their time above and beyond responding to rescue calls to ensure RMRG remains a resilient asset in Boulder County, the State of Colorado, and in the national and international mountain rescue community.

Kelly P. Lucy
President (2007 – 2010)

Outdoor Safety Education

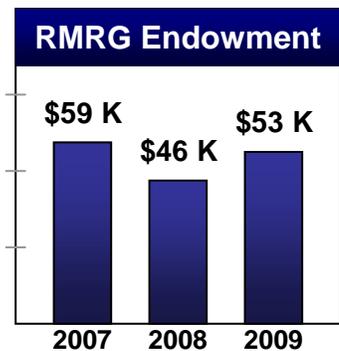
RMRG continues to fulfill its Outdoor Safety Education component of its mission with 21 outdoor safety education events serving over 800 people.

Financial Summary

RMRG continues to meet the needs of the community with high quality mountain search and rescue services for a very low cost. RMRG's endowment has seen a modest increase in principal with the economic recovery. All interest continues to be re-invested into the endowment. 2009 city, county, and state contributions and private donations were up slightly, while overall donations were down substantially with a \$12,000 drop from \$35,000 in 2008.

Expenses

Rescue Operations	\$60,900
Administrative	\$3,000
Fundraising	\$800
Total	64,700



A portion of the endowment is owned by "The Community Foundation" of Boulder.

Income

Government Contracts	\$37,700
Donations	\$22,900
Grants	\$1,800
Other	\$400
Total	\$62,800

Donations do not include in-kind contributions

