



Group Leader Message

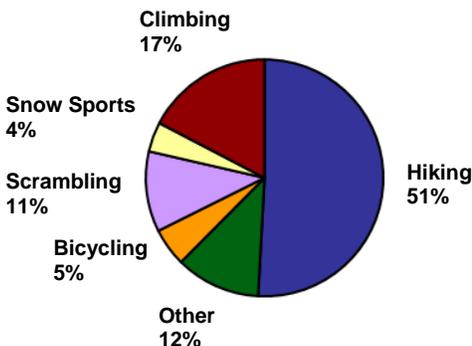
2010 turned out to be another busy year, with RMRG being called out 149 times. RMRG's significant involvement in the multi-day plane crash evidence search, shows the breadth of rescuer skills and highlights our commitment to provide Boulder County with the highest quality mountain search and rescue services no matter how long the mission. While executing this busy call load, members made time to complete one of the most extensive equipment testing projects ever undertaken. Following the failure of a climber's rope in Eldorado Canyon leading to the death of the climber, a subsequent investigation and extensive rope testing took place to determine the cause of the rope failure and educate the public on how to prevent this in the future.



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. 2010 was busy, and at times it was challenging, but as always it was incredibly rewarding.

Kelly Lucy
Group Leader (2010 – Present)

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



Mission Summary

RMRG has seen one of the busiest years of rescues and searches in our history, responding to 149 emergency calls with 107 field missions. Our all-volunteer membership contributed an estimated 18,000 hours of service. Those rescued have included hikers, climbers, bicyclists, skiers, snowmobilers, and more.

Plane Crash



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On Feb 6, two planes collided over north Boulder killing 3 people. What ensued was one of the largest evidence searches that RMRG has ever undertaken. In addition to the involvement of many other agencies, RMRG spent 500 person-hours over multiple days searching for debris that would aid in the NTSB crash investigation.

President's Message

With 2010 being one of the busiest seasons for RMRG on record, it was good that the team had not undertaken significant capital projects such as new trucks or building improvements. Funding from the County and the City increased to track with inflation. Private donations continue to be a significant source of income.

2010 priorities set by the Executive Board included continuing to increase the level of first aid training of our members. Rescue system and equipment testing was also a priority, including completion of testing of our vertical evacuation systems to determine if any changes may be desired. There was a focus on membership and leadership development during 2010, with members at all levels providing input and feedback to determine if any changes to the current processes needed to be made.

Heading in to 2011, we are proud of the strong relationships we have with all co-responding organizations as well as the public we serve. After 63 years, RMRG is still striving to do better at all that we do and to provide the highest quality service at a low cost.

Steve Chappell
President (2010 – Present)



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Outdoor Safety Education

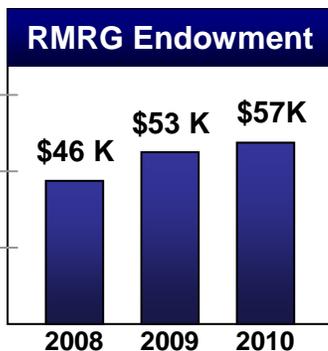
RMRG continues to fulfill its Outdoor Safety Education component of its mission with 18 outdoor safety education events serving almost 700 people.

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 continued steady increase in principal with the economic recovery. All interest continues to be re-invested into the endowment. 2010 city, county, and state contributions and donations held steady, similar to 2009.

Expenses

Rescue Operations	\$57,200
Administrative	\$1,700
Fundraising	\$1,000
Total	\$59,900



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

Income

Donations ¹	\$23,700
Government Contracts	\$37,600
Grants	\$5,000
Other	\$1,900
Total	\$68,200

¹ -Donations do not include in-kind contributions

