Report on a proposal to establish an ICAR RESCUERS’ FATALITY LIST

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Enquiry & analyse fatal mountain rescuer accidents during training or a mission

Both

‘Line of Duty’ to give respect to mountain rescuers who died during service
Examples

Confidential Enquires into Maternal deaths (UK) 1952-
Collects and analyses anonymous data on cause of all deaths and reports
Death rate has fallen from 90/100,000 births to 10/100,000.
Informs on guidelines

Herb Sortland
January 25th 1925
Rocky Mountain National Park, CO
Alpine Rescue Mission.
Long’s Peak
Data set

Enquiry & analyse fatal mountain rescuer accidents

Minimum Information Needed:
- Year of death
- Age at death, Gender
- Country
- Title - ie Pilot
- Type of mission (search, rescue, training, etc.)
- Brief circumstances (fall, alpine, flood, avalanched, etc.)

‘Line of Duty’
- Name
- Organisation
- Location
- Photo of deceased rescuer
- Short biography
- After effects
- Links to organisation etc

Analysis panel
Report Group
Web master
Moderator
ICAR RESCUERS’ FATALITY proposal Feedback

• Sensitive and timely process

• Use significant event reporting procedures

• Widen scope to include ‘near-misses’

• Your suggestions?

• Next steps
  • Please email me
Thank you for listening
Any questions?
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Assembly of Delegates

Is at 15:00, ENSA
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