



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

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AIM

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

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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.)

Name

Organisation

Location

Photo of deceased rescuer

Short biography

After effects

Links to organisation etc

Cause of the accident

Official documents
(coroner/legal reports)

Local contact

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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Is at 15:00, ENSA
(south side of river)