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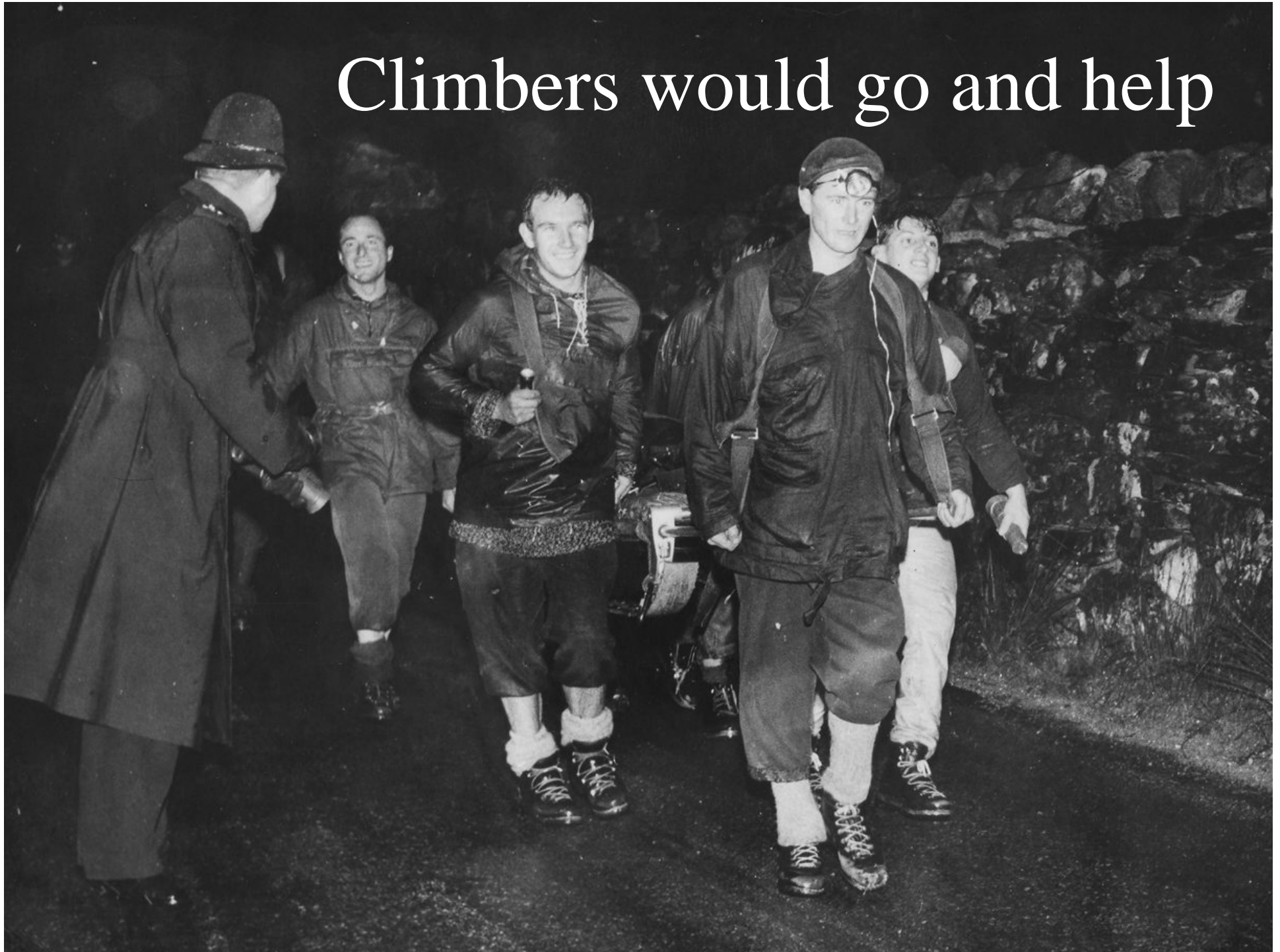
North Wales Police and  
Mountain Rescue Association  
Fatal Incident Protocol

Detective Inspector Gerwyn Lloyd  
Detective Constable Tim Bird

How it all began....



Climbers would go and help













# Coroner's Inquest

Ascertain:

- Name of deceased
- Time of death
- Location of death
- Circumstances leading to death
- Lesson to be learnt





# Circumstances

- How do we know what happened?
- Witness
- Injuries
- Body Location
- Experience and Knowledge
- Were we right every time?



# Why Change.....?

- Human Rights Act 1998
- Undetected Crime
- Negligence and Liability
- Courts
- Coroners
- Families

# Human Rights Act

A photograph of a snow-covered mountain range under a clear blue sky. The mountains are rugged and covered in a thick layer of snow, with some rocky outcrops visible. The sky is a deep, clear blue.

- Article 2 – ‘Right to life’
- Article 6 – ‘Right to a fair trial’

# Catalyst for change...

## Experts hit at 'dangerous' river trip

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when the two girls fell into the water. It is an extremely sad case." Mr Lynch said it was too early to say whether a criminal investigation would be launched. "At present police are conducting an investigation on behalf of the coroner for the purpose of an inquest," he added. As a Lancashire Police helicopter flew overhead, search teams had been scouring the banks of Stanforth Beck and the River Ribble since day-break, guided by a local water bailiff.

The body of Rochelle was found when water levels fell. Her body was taken to Airedale Hospital at Steeton, near Keighley, for formal identification. One local woman said: "We were watching the water yesterday. It was a raging torrent. I can't comprehend why they would have gone in." Last night Leeds City Council wrote to all headteachers urging them to be extra vigilant on school trips.

Chief Insp Ron Johnson, of North Yorkshire Police, said: "We have spoken to two teachers concerned but formal interviews with them have yet to take place." Both were members of the National Union of School Teachers Union of Women, said general secretary Gruchy. He said: "Everyone regrets what happened. They are all in a shock and we are giving advice and support but early to say anything other than to express our sympathy and to the families of girls."

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## SCOUT LEADERS FACE LEGAL ACTION OVER FIRST-TIMER'S DEATH PLUNGE



Mountain of death: Ten-year-old Jonathan fell 600 feet from the East Ridge of Snowdon on a Scout trip while descending one of the most difficult paths

## Boy of ten left to find his own way down Snowdon

By LUCIE MORRIS  
THE Scout Association was in the dock last night after an inquest heard how an inexperienced ten-year-old plunged to his death from Mount Snowdon. Jonathan Atwell was on his own at the back of the Scout group and out of sight of the leader when he vanished during the descent of a hazardous rock path on his first such expedition. He is believed to have slipped to the edge of the mountain's notorious East Ridge, falling 600 ft to his death. The inquest heard that the group had been taken on a route more suitable for experienced walkers. The district chosen was described by Mount Cynidr, a Snowdon



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# ADVENTURE BOSS IGNORED DYING GIRL, 11

By BILL DANIELS  
Boss who ignored efforts to save a dying 11-year-old girl who fell 30ft from a cliff during a school trip. The girl, Rochelle, was found dead on the cliff face. The school boss, Mr. [Name], was accused of ignoring the girl's plight. The girl was found dead on the cliff face. The school boss, Mr. [Name], was accused of ignoring the girl's plight.

● Huge delay in calling 999  
● Instructor was a rookie  
● No stretcher

## Outdoor firm fined after girl falls 30ft

by Daniel Rosenthal  
The MP responsible for new legislation on outdoor activities continues his

# TRAGEDY ON TRYFAN BACH

## Scout killed in freak accident

Youngsters were so hopelessly equipped they  
15 children rescued from shambles of mountain trek

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A rescue helicopter from 22 Squadron, RAF Valley and an ambulance also arrived at the scene, with the helicopter lifting the first victim to

# Teachers led children into path of train

BY EUGENE HENDERSON  
A SCHOOL trip could have turned to tragedy when teachers led a party of pupils over tracks into the path of a train, a court heard yesterday. Thirteen primary school pupils on their way back from a field trip were taken 250 yards down the line by the two adults in charge of the group. The driver of the passenger train speeding towards them sounded his horn and hit the emergency brakes when he spotted the group. He failed to stop in time, but the party of 11-year-olds had been told to stop



The girls were supervised by Rachel Brown, a staff member who did not survive the climb.

## School devastated as worst fears turn into grim reality

Maggie Stratton  
SCHOOL children returned to Rochdale school on Tuesday night after a day of mourning for a girl who died on a school trip. The school was devastated by the news. The school was devastated by the news.

## Alert on trips as half-term nears

Andrew Robinson  
SCHOOLS across the country are warning of a busy half-term for school trips. The schools are warning of a busy half-term for school trips.

## Heavy rain turned placid stream into raging torrent

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FORTY EIGHT hours of rain left the narrow Stanforth Beck a raging torrent of water and debris by Tuesday afternoon. The heavy rain turned placid stream into raging torrent.

## Emotional reunion for survivors

Tributes continue for dead boy as BB company returns home  
CHRIS ROBERTSON  
The first survivors of the Frank Beck tragedy which claimed the life of a 10-year-old boy, have had an emotional reunion with their families. The first survivors of the Frank Beck tragedy which claimed the life of a 10-year-old boy, have had an emotional reunion with their families.



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## TEACHERS FACE POLICE QUIZ AFTER SCHOOL RIVER WALK ENDS IN TRAGEDY

# JUST WHAT WERE THEY THINKING?

TEACHERS in charge of two teenage girls who were swept to their deaths while on a school trip to the River Ribble are being questioned by police. The girls were swept to their deaths while on a school trip to the River Ribble.

Police Role....?

