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- 76 23/12/09 ASC open log number. The team was again requested to assist the ambulance service, due to exceptionally cold weather and an increased demand in the SWAST area that GWAS was assisting. SV was again used in Bristol and SX was responded to local emergency incidents in the Mendip area.
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- 75 21/12/09 ASC log no. 006 The Severe Weather ëGoldí control at GWAS contacted the CRO requesting assistance with 4x4 ambulance driving at 00:31. The team vehicles SX and SV were made available to EOC (ambulance control) and driver shifts were arranged all through the night. SV was used as paramedic escort in the Bristol area and SX was used as the conveying emergency ambulance, out of Churchill station. The team was stood down by Gold control at 08:45.
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- 74 20/12/09 ASC log No 778 (18/12/09). The PolSA contacted the CRO about a missing female believed to be in the Tormarton area. She was known to be despondent with a young infant in hospital. The search team was called at 15:10. A control post was established near the village of Tormarton and the female was located, safe and well near-by. The team was stood down at 22:41
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- 73 18/12/09 ASC log 558. Police control alerted the CRO, to a missing person in the West Pennard area of Somerset. The female was missing from a sheltered home near by. As the weather was so cold, it was decided to mount a search at 16:00. Q99 the police helicopter was in the air and a search pattern was agreed, over Queenís Sedgemoor. The female was located safe and well at 17:18 and the team was stood down.
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- 72 18/12/09 ASC log 231. The police control requested assistance with a search for a missing person in the Wrington area at 10:52. Contact was made with the PolSA but the person was fortunately located by the police on the ground at 11:05. The team was stood down.
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- 71 05/12/09 ASC log 023 The police control room and AFRS control called the CRO at 00:58 hrs. The call was confirmed by GWAS ambulance control. A female was acting suspiciously on the Clifton Bridge and our team presence was requested. The CRO organised a selective call to members of the technical rescue team that live close to Clifton. The woman was returned to a place of safety, and the team was stood down.
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- 70 27/11/09 ASC 246. The CRO was called to give tactical and location advise to the police who were dealing with a vulnerable mis-per in Cheddar Gorge at 09:45. The police and CRO made contact with the male, who was later moved to a place of safety. Stand down at 10:45.
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- 69 22/11/09 Log 755. The CRO was called at 16:20 by police control, to an incident involving a vulnerable missing male. His exact location was unknown, but he reported seeing red lights in the sky, somewhere between Cheddar and Wells. The RAF

SAR helicopter was deployed and police search dogs were sent into Stock Hill wood. A member of the public found the mis-per near Lillypool close to Shipham. The male was recovered to a place of safety and the team was stood down at 21:15

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68 22/11/09 ASC log 755. The police control in Taunton called the CRO to assist with the search for a mis-per at 16:35. A vulnerable male was reported missing in the Cheddar Gorge area, possibly wandering towards the mast at Pen Hill. A control point was established in Priddy and the search team was called at 16:45. The casualty was located by a member of the public in a safe place, and after a brief medical assessment the police took him home. The team was stood down at 17:45.

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67 18/11/09 ASC Log 390. The CRO was called by police control at Taunton to a possible mis-per being found in Cheddar Gorge at 12:10 hrs. The police found the missing person, but no medical assistance was required. The technical rescue team was called in to assist with the incident and the FRS was on hand. The incident was resolved at 17:00 and the team was stood down.

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66 08/11/09 ASC log 743. The team was notified of an ongoing incident in Avon Gorge by GWAS ambulance control at 16:00. This was followed by requests for assistance from AFRS and ASC. The tech rescue team assisted with this incident and was stood down at 18:30.

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65 31/10/09 ASC log 1109. The search team was called to an incident involving a vulnerable female who was missing from an address in Yatton, at 22:59. A hasty search was made along a footpath known as the 'Strawberry line' between Yatton and Congresbury. The search was suspended at 03:15 and resumed at 11:00 the next day. The missing person was located by the team at about 17:30. the incident was concluded and the team stood down at 19:30.

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64 22/10/09 ASC log 608. The AFRS called for backup from the technical rescue team at 15:54, to an incident in the Old Quarry Shirehampton. A small boy was reported to have fallen into the quarry. By the time the team had responded the paramedics and secured the boy and the FRS extracted him. The team was stood down at 16:22.

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63 22/10/09 ASC log 346. The AFRS called the team at 11:06 to notify us that they were attending an incident at Long Ashton Quarry. A dog was reported to be stuck on a cliff. No action was taken.

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62 10/10/09 ASC log 959. The CRO received a 'back up' call from AFRS at 17:45. An incident was ongoing on the Avon motorway bridge (M5 South Bound). Silent approach was advised. The incident was concluded at 19:35

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61 9/10/09 The CRO received a 'back up' call from Avon Fire and rescue service at 09:24. A worker on a building site in Bristol had been electrocuted on the roof of a building. The incident was complete at 10:30.

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- 60 8/10/09 The CRO was alerted at 22:20 to an incident occurring on the Clifton Bridge. A vulnerable female was at risk. The CRO monitored the event on police radio, and after a successful outcome stood down at 23:10.
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- 59 6/10/09 ASC log 470. The CRO was alerted to four missing youths on Exmoor. The full search team was put on stand by at 15:50. The police were advised to use the Exmoor park rangers to patrol the roads and one youth was located at 16:10. By 16:20 all four had been located and moved to a place of safety. The team was stood down at 16:27. Exmoor SAR team was not involved in this incident.
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- 58 3/10/09 The CRO was contacted by police control whilst returning from the previous job in Cheddar. He was asked to attend the Clifton Suspension Bridge where a young female was in a dangerous position on the structure. A select number of tech team members were called, in case the incident developed further. The team acted as intermediaries and assisted the police in talking the female to a place of safety. Stand down at 03:30.
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- 57 3/10/09 ASC Log 1122. The technical rescue team was called to a fallen climber in Cheddar Gorge at 18:56. The female was in the Old/landslip quarry area and was reported to have fallen 80 ft. An RAF SAR seaking was called and winched the casualty to safety. The D&S FRS were in attendance. The team was stood down at 21:30.
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- 56 30/9/09 ASC log:1015 The whole search team was called to an incident in Kewstoke near Weston Super Mare, by police control at 23:58. A search of the area including Worlebury woods was planned. The male later turned up at his home address. The team was stood down at 02:10.
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- 55 13/9/09 ASC log 510 At 16:20 the technical rescue team was called to a male climber who was reported fallen in the Avon Gorge. The incident was resolved with the assistance of the AFRS line rescue team. The team was stood down at 20:50.
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- 54 25/8/09 ASC log 825 The CRO was pre-called by Cheddar Caves Office, and alerted to the possibility of a fallen male, at the top of Cheddar Gorge. The CRO notified the police and other emergency services. The technical rescue team was called at 17:55. The young male was found to have back pain, so was stretchered down to the road. Stand down at 19:24.
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- 53 12/8/09 ASC log 830. The CRO was called at 16:55 by police control asking for assistance with a male who was on a ledge in Cheddar gorge. The team acted on behalf of the police as intermediaries and successfully recovered the man to a place of safety. Stand down at 20:50.
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- 52 5/8/09 The police requested assistance from the technical team at 19:12, with a vulnerable person who was at the top of Avon Gorge. The incident was successfully completed at 19:40 and the team was stood down.
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- 51 2/8/09 The Search team was put on stand by to assist with a search for a vulnerable missing person somewhere on Mendip at 14:42. The search was completed at 18:59 and the team was stood down.
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- 50 1/8/09 ASC log 867. The CRO was called by police control to assist the ambulance service, at 17:23, with a carry off of a female patient at the top of Cheddar Gorge. The lady had lower limb injuries, and was carried to a waiting Dorset and Somerset air ambulance. Stand down at 19:16 hrs.
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- 49 21/07/09 ASC log no. 776: fire no. 8453: ambulance incident 0907210478. The CRO was contacted by police and fire control room at 17:25. A male was at in risky position at the top of the Sea Walls. The tech team was put on standby at 17:47. The incident was resolved by the FRS line rescue team and the CRO. The team was stood down at 18:07.
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- 48 19/07/09 ASC log 618. Whilst taking the Cliff van to the garage the CRO noticed an incident on the top of Sea walls, Clifton Gorge. After talking to a female, the incident was resolved and the police were informed. The incident happened at about 14:30.
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- 47 14/07/09 ASC log 641. The police control room called the CRO, to request assistance with the search for a missing person in Worlebury woods, Weston-super-Mare. Assistance was sought from both the technical and search teams. The teams searched for approximately 4hours, but nothing was found. The team was put on standby at 17:24, called out at 17:41 and stood down at 22:30.
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- 46 06/07/09 ASC Log 929. Police and fire control contacted the CRO about an incident in Weston Super Mare. A female had driven over a 20ft drop and her car was balanced over the top. The tech team was called at 18:02; the female was removed to safety, and the team was stood down at 18:27.
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- 45 30/06/09 ASC log 1065. The CRO was called by police control to discuss a vulnerable missing person in Frome. When his car was located about 45 minutes later, near the edge of some woodland near the Longleat Estate, it was decided to call the Search team out at 23:15. A hasty search plan was discussed, which proved successful and the incident was resolved at 23:58. The team was stood down.
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- 44 28/06/09 SC log 1183 - The police control requested assistance, with a male who was believed to have fallen from the Second Severn Crossing from the M4. The CRO was dispatched to assist the emergency services with rescue advice. The team was put on standby at 19:40 and was stood down at 21:54.
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- 43 27/06/09 ASC log 919 - Ambulance control and police control reported a mountain biker, who had a accident in Roberrow Forest. The CRO (first responder) was dispatched to assist the crew in locating and carrying the male out of the forest. Callout 15:50. Stand down 16:55.
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- 42 27/06/09 The police control called the CRO to alert him of a possible body on Clifton

Gorge. This sighting was confirmed by Q99 the police helicopter, and the team was called to assist with the incident. Callout at 13:05, stand down at 15:35.

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- 41 22/06/09 ASC log 105 - The ambulance control EOC and police called for assistance to a man who was reported to have fallen 80ft over the sea wall onto rocks, at Birnbeck Road. Weston Super Mare. The team provided a first responder who advised on how the man should be safely extracted from the beach. Callout at 03:15 and stand down at 04:45
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- 40 21/06/09 ASC log 868 - The police control called for assistance from the technical team to assist with a man who had fallen 60ft from a roof in Stapleton, Bristol, behind a wall, close to the M32. The team was called at 15:53 and stood down at 16:27.
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- 39 14/06/09 The CRO was called by police control, to a missing person incident in Weston Super Mare. The team was called at 15:34 and told to RV and Weston Police Station. The male was 56 years old and was believed to be in the Uphill area of Weston. The man was located on Uphill Common, and moved by team ambulance to a safe place where he was transferred to an ambulance. The team was stood down at 16:43.
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- 38 14/06/09 The CRO was contacted by police control, alerting the team of a missing Seven year old in Bridgwater in Somerset. The team was put on standby at 18:40, whilst the CRO discussed a search plan with the crew of Q99, the police helicopter. The boy was located by the helicopter and the team was stood down at 18:47.
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- 37 03/06/09 Log ASC 866 Tech team called initially to assist with an ambulance GWAS incident, and then by fire AFRS, to the area of St Vincent Rocks, Avon Gorge. Bristol. As a Male was reported to have fallen. Callout was at 17:21 Casualty was located and found to have actually fallen into a disused Well or Shaft, the male assisted out of his predicament (believed to have had some form of anxiety attack) and attended by GWAS. Team Stand down at 17:43
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- 36 01/06/09 Tech team called to assist Great Western Air Ambulance GWAS to a man who had fallen from a large tree in a plantation, (this accident is believed to have happened whilst he was trying to assist some youngsters down from the tree) in the Ham Green / Pill Area of North Somerset nr Bristol. The male was treated on scene and transported to a specialist unit by GWAA and some of the youngsters were also treated by GWAS crews and transported to local hospitals for further care (total casualties five) Tech team to Stand by at 18:14 and stand down 18:40
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- 35 27/05/09 Log ASC 1122 - A Text book repeat of the previous evenings missing person search of the Worlebury Hill, Weston Super Mare. This time for a apparently totally unrelated despondent male (coincidentally also from the same general home area) Teams Called out at 16:00 and Stand down at 23:00 Male not located at that time.
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- 34 26/05/09 Log ASC 754 - Missing person search, as a part of a more global operation by ASC, team members of the Technical and Search Teams were tasked to search the Worlebury Hill, area of Weston Super Mare. North Somerset. For a

despondent Female from the North Midlands area. This was done in conjunction with ASC Support group personnel, The female was not located that evening but was found alive and well the early the following morning close by (after it is believed spending the night in rented local accommodation) team Call out at 20:07 Search suspended and Tempary Stand down 23:00 Search operations ended approx 10:00 27/5/09

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33 25/05/09 Log ASC AFRS 3988 - Tech team response with Fire AFRS and GWAA to an male in Sandford near Winscombe. Male reported to have fallen some distance from a ladder into a pit / excavation. This transpired into a relatively simple extraction and the team was stood down whilst still on route Callout 10:14 Stand down 10:24

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32 25/05/09 Log ASC 856 AFRS 4016 - Tech team callout to woman who had reportedly fallen over a cliff, possibly now in the River Frome in the area of Snuff Mills, Stapleton Gorge, Oldbury Court Estate, Bristol. RV with Fire AFRS, Air Ambulance GWAA and Police ASC at River View, Stapleton. On arrival in conjunction with multiple other assets it was found that the female had luckily not received any major injury or harm and had now walked out to the access bridge adjacent to the RV point, she was escorted to a waiting ambulance and cared for by GWAS / GWAA crews. Team Callout 18:34 and Stand down at 18:53

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31 23/05/09 Tech team response to a woman (reportedly also both violent and aggressive) on a ledge in Cheddar Gorge. Attended with Avon & Somerset Police, Local Police assets in attendance engaged to female and the woman was safely talked down to a place of safety. team Call out was at 01:30.and Stand down 02:15

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30 21/05/09 Log ASC 462 - Tech team tasked to respond and advise / assist Fire AFRS with a male trapped 5 meters down an inspection pit at Southmead Hospital Bristol. Male was released from his entrapment and assisted from the pit Call out 12:18 Stand down 12:32

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29 21/05/09 The fire and rescue control alerted the team at 12:04 to a male who had fallen five meters and was trapped in an inspection pit at Southmead Hospital in Bristol. The CRO notified the police and HEMS desk at GWAS. The team was put on standby. The duty critical care paramedic was dispatched to the scene, and the man was recovered safely to the surface. The team was stood down at 12:34.

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28 17/05/09 Log ASC 688 - Four Search teams, and a search management advisor, with 4x4 capability and Commís support were responded to a search for a at risk missing person, male 86 yrs old, around the Dundry Hill area of Bath and North East Somerset. Callout 21:10. located alive and uninjured stand down 23:00

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27 17/05/09 The team was called by the police to assist in the search for a missing 85 year old male, believed to be in the Dundry Hill area to the South of Bristol at 21:10 hrs. A helicopter from Devon and Cornwall police assisted with the search. The gentleman was found, alive and well, by police in Central Bristol, and the team was stood down at 23:58hrs.

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- 26 12/05/09 Shortly after standing down the River Avon incident, and departing the scene, the CRO was called by the police to advise on locating the whereabouts of a missing eight year old vulnerable female in central Bath. By the time the team could be put on standby, the incident was resolved.
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- 25 12/05/09 The CRO was called by Wiltshire EOC ambulance control, asking for rescue team assistance with a person who was in the water in the River Avon in Bath. A police log number was established, and the water rescue team was called at 15:32 with instructions to RV at Homebase in Bath. The person was located by the police underwater search team and the necessary formalities conducted. The team was stood down at 20:07.
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- 24 03/05/09 The CRO was called by Fire Control to notify the team of a vehicle that had gone over a 40ft embankment into a river near Yate. The police mobilised the team at 18:15. The occupants of the vehicle were recovered to safety. The team was stood down by fire control at 18:44, but the police maintained a forensic watch until 19:00.
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- 23 30/04/09 The CRO was called at 01.40 hrs by police control. A male had been seen falling into the River Avon in central Bristol at the bottom of a 40ft wall near the docks. Ambulance control (EOC) reported that another male had joined the first male on the mud by the river. Fire control confirmed the attendance of AFRS. The Central Bristol tech/water team was called out at 02:05 Hrs. About fifteen minutes later it was reported that both males were safe, and the team was stood down at 02:20.
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- 22 23/04/09 The CRO was called by the Avon Fire control room at 10:35 to advise of a person seen falling from a cliff in Weston Super Mare. The CRO called the responder paramedic who was in WSM and put the team on stand-by. The technical rescue team was called at 10:50. The tech rescue team assisted the AFRS and Police with this incident, which involved recovering a male from a cliff in the woods inland from WSM. The incident was completed and the team was stood down at 14:37.
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- 21 16/04/09 The CRO was alerted by ambulance control to an incident developing in Burrington Combe at 11:59. This turned out to be a mountain bike accident on Blackdown about half a mile from the road at Lower Ellick farm. The team was put on stand by at 12:25, in case of the need for assistance with a carry out to the road. In the event the HEMS helicopter was used and the team was stood down at 13:41.
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- 20 12/04/09 The police duty PoISA called the CRO at 15:30 to seek advice about a missing 85yr old female in Weston Super Mare. The team was put on stand by at 15:50, and discussions continued between the PoISA and CRO. The police began a search using a Support Group and dogs along the beach/sea front. The female was located and the team was stood down at 16:50.
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- 19 05/04/09 During a search and rescue training session at Ashton Court the CRO was called by ambulance control, and police control at 12:19. There was a report of a cliff faller at the bottom end of Bridge Valley Road. A young female was located at the bottom of the cliff, and the situation was dealt with by the HEMS doctor. The

technical team was assembled at 13:20 to carry out a forensic abseil, on behalf of SOCO/CSI. The team was stood down at 16:23.

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- 18 05/04/09 The CRO was advised by police control at 01:30, that a person was believed to be acting suspiciously on the Clifton Bridge, and queried its relevance to the missing person in Eastville. The person turned out to be a young female, who was subsequently, safely coached to the ground and taken to a place of safety by the police. The incident was closed at 01:45
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- 17 05/04/09 The CRO was called to a RTC at Upper Winterstoke Road whilst en route to the above incident at 00:35. Two young females were badly injured in the incident, and were taken to Frenchay hospital. Paramedics and HEMS staff were called to the scene. The incident was cleared at 01:30.
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- 16 05/04/09 The CRO was called just after midnight (00:01) by police control. A 71 year old male was missing in the St Pauls/ Eastville area of Bristol. The search team was assembled at Trinity Road Police Station. The man was successfully located and the team was stood down at 02:10. Police dogs were used to assist with the search.
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- 15 20/03/09 The CRO was notified by Avon Fire Control that they had been called to a dog on a cliff at Aust near the River Severn at 16:37. The technical rescue team was put on standby, whilst the Fire Service removed the dog. No action was required. The team was stood down at 17:32.
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- 14 18/03/09 The CRO was called at 11:07 by Exmoor Search and Rescue Team. This was followed by a call from the duty PolSA. An 83 year old male was missing from an address in Chard. The search team was called and assembled in Chard. After five hours of local area searching, the man was found, safe and well, by police in Taunton. The team was stood down at 15:41.
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- 13 17/03/09 The CRO was contacted by Avon Fire and Rescue control at 16:07. This was followed by a call from the police control. A male was reported to be acting strangely at the top of Sea Walls in Avon Gorge. Police interviewed the man and the team was stood down at 16:18.
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- 12 16/03/09 The Cheddar Police requested assistance with a mis-per search, for a male who had gone missing from Shepton Mallet who was believed to be in the Cheddar area. The search team was called during our attendance at a technical rescue, also in Cheddar Gorge. The male was later located by the police and the search team was stood down at 18:00.
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- 11 16/03/09 The CRO was called by the police control room to an incident in Cheddar Gorge at 14:15. The Technical rescue team were deployed and searched the cliff top area around Sunset Buttress. The Coastguard SAR helicopter from Portland was also deployed. Nothing was found, but a witness later stated that he had seen some BASE jumping parachutes deploy from the top of High Rock Cliffs. The Team was stood down at about 18:15.
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- 10 10/03/09 The CRO was alerted by police control, fire control and HEMS control, at 13:25. The technical rescue team was put on standby to quarry worker who was trapped and required immediate assistance. When HEMS/paramedics arrived on scene it was established that the man had self released, and the team was stood down at 13:30, no action having being taken.
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- 09 04/03/09 The CRO was called by the police control room to assist with a search for a missing 85 year old Male in Weston Super Mare at about 17:30 hrs. The police helicopter and ambulance service were also alerted. The casualty was located about 200 meters from his home, and was escorted to hospital by paramedic in a police van. Stand down at 18:45.
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- 08 15/02/09 The CRO was alerted by the Police control room, of an incident occurring in a quarry in South Gloucestershire, at 02:05. The North Bristol Technical response team was mobilised, and stood down as the incident was resolved. The team was stood down at 02:25.
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- 07 13/02/09 The CRO was called at 12:15 by GWAS ambulance control (EOC Avon). A full team callout was initiated to a young male who had come off his mountain bike in a remote plantation near Long Ashton. The team was required to assist the ambulance crew with the carry out, as the patient was believed to be badly injured. Te incident was completed and the team was stood down at 13:41.
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- 06 10/02/09 The final task of the extreme weather Ã«Gold Command CellÃ» was to alert the team of a very high possibility of wide area flooding in the City Centre of Bath, during the early evening. As this did not materialise the team was stood down at 22:00 hrs.
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- 05 05/02/09 to 09/02/09 The team was on extreme weather alert during this week in order to react to the immediate requirements of the police and ambulance services. To facilitate rapid to deployment as an when necessary: a team member operated in the Ã«Gold Command CellÃ» in Almondsbury, throughout this period as SAR advisor. The team supplied 4x4 response vehicles (SU and SX), with drivers, to the ambulance service and A&S police. They were deployed on many and varied tasks, throughout this period adding greatly to GWASÃ»s response capability. The team was finally stood down on Tuesday 10th February.
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- 04 23/01/09 The CRO was called by A&S Police control at 16:50 to request assistance with locating a missing despondent, on the Coast path between Portishead and Clevedon. By the time the seam had been put on stand by the police had located the woman. The CRO was stood down at 17.12.
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- 03 20/01/09 The CRO was called by GWAS control (Wiltshire) to a missing male who was believed to have fallen 20 meters down a cliff in Avon Cliff near Bath. The team was put on stand by at 22:30, and the patient was subsequently found by Wiltshire Police on the canal tow path. The team was stood down at 22:46.
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- 02 19/01/09 The CRO was notified by GWAS control (Avon), of a despondent who was in a

remote farm building in the Paulton area. The police sorted the incident out and the team was not required.

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- 01 17/01/09 An A&S police log number was used when one of the team CROs went to the aid of a crashed motorised hang glider pilot in the Greater Manchester Area. This action was taken in conjunction with the local MRT and air ambulance.
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- 32 31/12/08 The CRO was called by the police control at 17:35. The incident was to a couple, walking with a dog, who had become benighted and disorientated in the Hartleaf Bluff area of Cheddar Gorge. Being unsure of their exact location the full team was called out. The Cheddar FRS were also called so they we could use their 4x4 capability. The couple were quickly located, found to be in good health and returned to a place of safety. Stand down was at 18:50.
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- 31 24/12/08 The CRO was called by Fire, Police and Ambulance control at 10:09. A female was acting strangely at the top of Avon Gorge, and it was possible that a cliff incident may occur. The Technical Rescue Team was assembled at the "observatory". The incident was resolved and the team was stood down at 12:30.
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- 30 17/12/08 At about 17:15 the CRO was called from the police Support Unit. The incident was to an 89yr old misper in Chipping Sodbury. A member of the public found the person before, the team could be put on Standby. Stand down was at 17;21.
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- 29 19/11/08 The CRO was contacted by the POLSA (A&S police) at an incident in Clevedon Woods. Advice was given on search management and search strategy. The team was not required to assist in a search.
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- 28 17/11/08 Whilst displaying the SX ambulance in Weston Super Mare Carnival, some members of the team encountered a member of the public who was having a medical emergency. The emergency was dealt with and the patient handed over to the Ambulance authorities.
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- 27 17/11/08 The CRO was called by Avon (ambulance control) EOC, at about 21;30 to a suspicious object that was seen to have fallen from the Clifton Bridge. The Coastguard, Portishead life boat and AFRS were called to assist. A searh was conducted along the river bank, but nothing was found. The CRO was stood down at about 23:00.
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- 26 16/11/08 The CRO was called by the police at 12:35, to a possible incident on the Clifton Bridge. The CRO called out the technical rescue team. The person was recovered to safety, and the team was stood down at 12;44.

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- 25      18/10/08      The team was put and standby, at 10:53 hrs and volunteers sought; to assist Exmoor SAR with a search for a missing vulnerable person, in the Nether Stowey region of the Quantock Hills. The police control room turned this into a full team callout at 11:35 hrs. The person was found safe and well and the team was stood down at 12:33.
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- 24      12/10/08      The Police control room called the CRO at 19:26 to an incident in Cheddar Gorge. Two climbers had become crag fast because of failing light. The technical rescue team, lowered ropes to the climbers, who climbed to safety with the aid of 'top ropes'. The incident was closed at 22:54 Hrs.
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- 23      12/10/08      The CRO/ First Responder, was alerted to an incident in Goatchurch Cavern in Burrington Combe, at about 11:30 hrs. A female was extracted from the cave and was reported to be unwell. The outdoor pursuit staff in attendance, at the scene, called an ambulance and requested assistance with the 'carry off' to the road. The ambulance was quickly on scene and the incident was closed at 12:40.
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- 22      02/10/08      At 11:30 the CRO/first responder was called by the AONB senior warden to an incident on The Burrington Ham. A person was experiencing chest pain, and needed to be transferred to the road. This was done using the AONB 4x4 vehicle. The incident was closed at 11:56.
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- 21      20/09/08      The CRO was called by ambulance control at 20:43. A paramedic was experiencing difficulty in transferring a casualty from a rough piece of terrain, alongside the River Frome, Winterbourne Down, back to the ambulance. The police control room called the team to assist with the carry out. The team assisted with the transfer of the casualty who was found to have spinal injuries. The team was stood down at 23:25.
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- 20      20/09/08      At 20:00 the CRO was called by police control to a missing person in the forest area of Rowberrow . The team was asked to RV at the Swan Pub in Rowberrow. On further advise from the CRO the police located the 'casualty' in a local Pub. The incident was stood down.
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- 19      15/09/08      The CRO was called at 21:02 by Southmead Police Station to search for a vulnerable missing person. The team was called and stood down almost immediately as the person had been located safe and well.
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- 18      09/09/08      The team was called by the ambulance and police control rooms at 16:42 to an incident occurring on the Clifton Suspension Bridge . The Technical rescue team co-responded with the AFRS Line Rescue team. The incident was stood down at 19:56.
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- 17      09/09/08      11:30 Hrs., the CRO was called by the police and ambulance control to an incident on the Clifton Suspension Bridge . The ambulance paramedics reported soon afterwards that they had matters fully in hand. The team was stood down before a full callout was necessary.

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- 16      29/08/08      The team was called by the police control room to a location close the Ship and Castle pub in Congresbury at 10:37. the call was a search for a missing 65year old male. A search of the local area was made, including the use of the police helicopter Q99. Nothing was found. The team was stood down at 15:10 Hrs. The man turned up safe and well a few days later.
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- 15      22/07/08      The CRO was contacted by Avon Fire control at 15;04. They reported a male, who had fallen on a building site in central Bristol . The AFRS were in attendance, along with GWAS paramedics. The technical rescue CRO was put on stand-by. The male was successfully extracted from the building site, and the team was stood down at 15:20
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- 14      08/06/08      The Manager of the Cheddar Show Caves called the CRO at 13:05 and believed he had two separate cliff incidents occurring at the same time. Two climbers were reported to be in difficulty on the South Side; and a couple were reported 'crag fast' on the North side of land slip quarry. The CRO alerted the police and called the technical rescue team. On arrival at scene in Cheddar Gorge it was discovered, that both incidents were in fact the same, being two 'crag fast' people in land slip quarry. A team member was dispatched to lead and guide the pair down to safe ground. The police interviewed the couple and immediately released them, as there were no obvious injuries. The incident was closed and the team was stood down at 14:01.
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- 13      04/06/08      The CRO was called at 04:12Hrs by both the police control room and Avon Fire and Rescue Service. The technical team was alerted to a woman who was threatening to jump from the Avon Gorge. Silent approach was advised. The situation was resolved and the team was stood down at 04:32 Hrs.
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- 12      17/05/08      The police control room called the Team, at 13:12 hrs, to report two males climbing with out any visible equipment, near the Clifton Suspension Bridge . The CRO arranged for a team member to make a hasty examination of the area, but before this could happen, the attending Police officer stood the team down. The 'stand down' was at 13:30 hrs.
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- 11      12/03/08      The CRO was called by the Police Control room at about 15:45, to a person reported hurt and lost in Swildons Hole in Priddy. The MRO (Cave Rescue) were alerted and recovered the male from the bottom of the 20ft pitch. He was largely unhurt, but had mild hypothermia, and was a little scared. The incident was stood-down, at 17:45.
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- 10      06/03/08      A man was reported to have jumped from the Clifton Suspension Bridge , just before 16:00hrs. The police, fire and ambulance control rooms all contacted the CRO for advice. The Paramedic reported the male to be dead on scene; having landed on top of the concrete canopy. The Fire and Rescue service were on scene with sufficient equipment and man-power to remove the body. No action was required from the team, so we were stood down at 16:12hrs.

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- 9      24/02/08      At 04:43, Police Force Control called the CRO and asked for assistance with a 'talk down' from the Clifton suspension bridge. A male despondent, was known to be on the bridge threatening to jump. Silent approach was advised, and two team members were dispatched to assist with the 'talk down'. On arrival at scene, it was discovered that the Police were in contact with the male, it is was a simple job to move him to a place of safety. The team was stood down at 05:55.
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- 8      21/02/08      The team CRO was called initially by ambulance control (EMDC), and then police force control at 14:10 Hrs. A female was reported to have jumped from the Clifton side of the Suspension Bridge. She was known to be still alive and a police officer and paramedic were attempting to reach her. A multi agency response was launched, that resulted in; police, fire and rescue service, A&S SAR and ambulance crews all combining their efforts to recover the woman back to the bridge. It was a great example of team work from all concerned. The incident was stood down at 16:15 hrs, when the casualty was taken to hospital at BRI.
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- 7      18/02/08      The team was put on standby, to a despondent male, who had climbed down into the maintenance cage, suspended under the Clifton Bridge . The incident was attended by the police and Fire and Rescue Service. The man was 'sectioned' and removed to a place of safety. The team was stood down.
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- 6      17/02/08      Whilst on call to the 'crag fast goat' incident, at 14:10, the team was called to investigate, reports of a solo climber on the Avon Gorge, who was believed to be in difficulties. The CRO attended and reported that nobody was at risk and the team was stood down. The Police and Avon Fire and rescue service were also informed, and the incident was stood down at 14:40.
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- 5      17/02/08      The team was called by 'Secret World' animal rescue centre, at 13;05 to a goat that was crag fast on Brean Down, and was believed to be injured. The goat had been on a ledge for 3 days. The police were informed of our activity, and the Technical rescue team was assembled on the beach. A team member, who is a vet, was abseiled down to inspect the animal. It turned out to be pregnant, and not injured, and jumped down on to the beach, safe and well. The team was stood down at 15:30.
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- 4      15/02/08      The duty PoISA called the Chief Rescue Officer at 00:23. A woman, believed to be of sane mind reported hearing, male cries for help coming from a wood near Dunster, in Somerset . The CRO recommended a hasty search by police officers and a police dog with a stand-by call to Exmoor SAR. The helicopter, Q99 was not available for service. During the night a mountain biker was reported missing from his home near Dunster. At first light ESART was called to search the area. The mountain biker turned up safe and well, and everyone was stood down at 15:20.
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- 3      06/02/08      The police called the CRO and alerted him to an incident at Chilcompton in Somerset . An 86 year old despondent male had left home at about 01:30,

believed to have been carrying a knife, and threatening suicide. The CRO was asked to attend and liaise with the local inspector, to act as PolSa until the police Chief Inspector could attend. The police had a small search team and a dog handler. A small 1.2 KM search area was drawn up around the casualties address. The police helicopter was over flown but nothing was found. The full team was called at about 07:00 to RV at 09:00. The casualty was located by a farmer, about 1.5 Km from home, at about 07:30. He was very hypothermic, and confused. He was handed over to the ambulance paramedic at about 08:00. The team was stood down.

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2      27/01/08      At 15:42 the cliff rescue team was called by the police to a male non climber, who had become stuck on a ledge in Avon Gorge, whilst 'scrambling' with his friends. He was unharmed, and was lowered and escorted safely to the ground by team members. The incident closed at 17:15.

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1      06/01/08      The team was called by Avon and Somerset Police, at 20:36 to assist with a despondent male, who was threatening to jump from the Clifton Bridge . The CRO called the 'technical rescue' team and notified the Fire and rescue Service via the police control room. The team approached the Clifton end of the bridge, silently, and worked with the police inspector, to formulate a 'talk down strategy'. The despondent male, returned to the safety of the bridge at 22:05. The team was stood down at 22:10.

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## 2007

34      23/11/07      The team was called out at 09:04 by the A&S Police to a potential suicide at the top of Avon Gorge. The police were negotiating with the man, and the technical rescue team assembled at Avon Quay. The man was recovered to safety at 10:30 and the team was stood down.

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33      04/11/07      Just after midnight, GWAS control called FR35 to an anaphylactic male (peanut induced) in Burrington Combe. On arrival at scene it was apparent that the casualty was in the Dolbury area. The paramedic and Technician were loaded into SX and an attempt was made to find him by searching through the Rowberrow woods. The police helicopter was called to assist in the search and possible carry off. The casualty was eventually located on top of Dolbury Hillfort, at about 01:30. the weather prevented Q99 from landing; so a carry out was arranged in SX, back to the ambulance that was waiting at Burrington. The incident was closed at 02:45.

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32      25/10/07      The A&S police called the Mendip CRO at 22:20 to report a missing person in the Priddy area. Further investigation revealed that it was in fact a caver who was in difficulty in Swildon's Hole. The cave rescue team (MRO) was called and they extracted a hypothermic male from the cave. Everyone was stood down at 00:30.

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31      14/10/07      At 20:05 the team was called to search for a missing 68 year old male in East Coker near Yeovil. The man suffers from Alzheimer's disease, and had

been missing since lunch time. DORSAR were also called by the police to assist with the search. The man was found at about 21:30 and the team was stood down.' Whilst returning from this incident the Chief rescue officer was tasked to an unrelated incident, involving an abandoned car in the road near Green Ore. A very brief hasty search revealed no obvious casualties and the incident was left to the police to conclude their enquires'. Stand down and log closure took place at 23:30.

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- 30     28/09/07     The team attended Suspension Bridge Buttress, Avon Gorge, Bristol, further to a 999 call that a female had fallen; the female luckily had come to rest a short distance from the top with no apparent major injuries and was recovered to the ground by AFRS personnel. The A&SSAR rescue team remained on scene throughout the operation in case of any complications and to provide advise, safety and rescue cover for the fire service, and police and GWAS personnel on scene.
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- 29     22/09/07     The team was called by the A&S Police to a cliff incident at Cheddar gorge at 17:45. The incident was reported to be a family of four, stuck on the ledges at Land Slip Quarry. One person was reported as having fallen. On arrival at the scene, it was quickly established, that the 'faller' was a goat, and the family had moved to a place of safety. However, two other, unrelated incidents occurred, at the same time. A young male broke his leg playing football, and a climber fell and broke both his ankles. The team attended to both incidents, and handed the patients over to South West Ambulance, at 19:30.
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- 28     11/09/07     A&SSAR were requested to attend Observatory Buttress Avon Gorge Bristol were a person had been seen to fall, further to a local search by team members together with Police AFRS and GWAS personnel, a body was located at the cliff base. At the request of the Police team members recovered the remains and transferred these the Coroners Officers.
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- 27     09/09/07     An A&SSAR Chief Rescue Officer was requested to attend an incident at Tythington Old Quarry, S.Glos. To advise & liase with the AFRS line rescue team and local retained crew re the recovery of an adult "Husky" dog that had fallen into the quarry and sustained multiple fractures to its pelvis and back right leg. The animal was recovered and transferred alive and without further harm to the care of a vet to attend to its injury's.
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- 26     08/09/07     Team called to Clevedon to rescue two persons that had fallen down an old and disused quarry cliff face and were now stuck between the cliff face and a building that had now been built in very close proximity to it, team stood down whilst still on route further to efforts of the local retained AFRS crew who had managed to improvise access down to the casualty's with a cross lashed extendable ladder.
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- 25     03/09/07     The team were alerted and put on stand by for an incident in Burrington Combe at 13:37. A middle aged male, was having a heart problem at the entrance to Goatchurch Cavern. The Fire Service and GWAS organised the carry off. The A&S SAR; Bell Stretcher was on hand if it had been required. The team was stood down at 14:11.

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- 24     02/09/07     The team was called at 14:59 on Sunday 2 nd September, to a vulnerable missing 63 year old male from his address near Weston Super Mare. The callout message was relayed to us via Exmoor search and Rescue Team, who also attended the Search. A&S SAR provided a Search Manager, Chief Rescue officer and three search teams. The Police provided a dog unit, two Support Groups, and Q99 helicopter. The Weston and Clevedon Coast guard, searched the coast and some of the River Banwell. In all, 60 people were involved in the search, and although nothing was found before dark, the patient was admitted to A&E at 03:00 suffering from an over dose.
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- 23     30/08/07     A&SSAR attended Uphill Quarry Weston Super Mare to a call of a teenager who had fallen and a second still stuck on the Quarry's cliff face, the team attended with AFRS, WsM Coastguard, SWAS & the Police, the injured teenager was removed to hospital and the other was successfully rescued from the cliff face safe and well but shaken by the ordeal.
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- 22     25/08/07     The team were called by the police at 16.23 on Saturday 25 August, to help with a search for a missing male. The missing person was an 81 year old male, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease. He had been missing from his address in Whitchurch near Bristol , since the previous day. The team met at an RV in Whitchurch at 16:55, and searched until 'stand down' at 21:00 in support of a police 'support group' and 'POLSAR'. Nothing was found.
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- 21     05/08/07     The team was called by the police at 09:45 to a cliff faller at an old disused quarry, near the village of Brompton Ralph ; on the Devon/Somerset border. On arrival at the scene, the Dorset and Somerset air ambulance was in attendance, with the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service. The RAF, SAR helicopter from Chivenor was called and winched the casualty to safety. The team was stood down at 11:35.
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- 20     22/07/07     Team tasked to assist with 4X4 vehicle & crew for lifeboat haulage duties operating with SARA rescue boats & crews in the Tewkesbury area of Gloucestershire Team members of ASSR and SARA also returned to the flooded areas on a voluntary basis to help with the humanitarian and community welfare effort. Considerable damage was sustained to vehicles and equipment during the emergency life saving rescue phase of these flood rescue operations. The considerable effort made by our support partners, in local garages, ensured that the damaged team vehicles were returned to full 'Rescue Ready' status by 15:00 on Tuesday 23 rd July, with vehicles repaired and equipment replaced.  
<http://www.mountain.rescue.org.uk/news/>
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- 19     21/07/07     Team placed on maximum readiness status to further assist if required with more flood rescue & emergency medical support works, which were anticipated, could be required in the Oxfordshire & Wiltshire Areas.
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- 18     20/07/07     At about 19:30 on Friday 20 July, the Gold Control Centre, responded FR35 through EMDC. The 'water rescue' section of ASSR was also co- responded. In all 7 team members attended the flood incidents directly. Handling many



medical emergencies, removed many people to a place of safety, and searched vast areas of floodwater, buildings and submerged vehicles for missing people. In addition the teams Emergency Ambulance was also deployed and held at a location in South Gloucestershire with a crew of 3 as a reserve unit, available for deployment north into the main flood areas of Glos. or west to the Forest of Dean. We worked in close association with SARA and all other statutory emergency services, including the RAF / RN & Coastguard SAR helicopters. The team was deployed into various parts of Gloucestershire, including the Forest of Dean , and then into Tewkesbury . The team members worked all through the night and into the Saturday morning, contributing, in all to the safe removal of over 1,000 people. One 'missing person' is still unaccounted for at this time. The team was stood down by 'Gold Control' at 10:30 Saturday, 21st July. Considerable damage was sustained by vehicles and equipment during the rescue phase. The considerable effort made by our support partners, in local garages, ensured that the team was returned to 'Rescue Ready' status by 15:00 on Tuesday 23 rd July, with vehicles repaired and equipment replaced.

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- 17     19/07/07     Team contacted by the Police regarding the recovery of a trapped Goat in Cheddar Gorge, advice was given to the Police and no further action required from team.
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- 16     16/07/07     Team called out by the Police to assist in the recovery of a body and preserve the scene near the Main Area in Avon Gorge.
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- 15     12/07/07     Team called to the Leigh Woods side of the Clifton Suspension Bridge . At this time it is believed that the man was sitting on the parapet wall near the tower and rolled backwards off the wall. He fell approx 40ft to the ground breaking his fall in a tree on the way down. He suffered two breaks to an arm, a dislocated elbow and a small puncture wound. In conjunction with the Ambulance service and Fire Brigade the man was give treatment on scene before being recovered to the road level. Incident finished approx 21.15
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- 14     29/06/07     Team put on maximum readiness standby status in anticipation of bad weather and possible flooding though out area.
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- 13     23/06/07     The team was called by the Police at 17:30 on 23/June/07 to Home Farm, Barrow Court near Barrow Gurney. The call was to find a missing 39 year old male, who was a known despondent. He had left his bicycle, and all his personal belongings, at the end of a track near Home Farm. Despite a thorough search of the surrounding area nothing was found. The team was stood down at 21:30.
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- 12     21/05/07     The Team was called to the Avon Gorge to assist in the rescue of a man reported to have fallen. A joint operation with the Ambulance Service, Fire & Rescue Service & Rescue Team was mounted. He was located but unfortunately found to be dead; & his body recovered to the top.
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- 11 17/05/07 Call to incident near Clifton Suspension bridge of a disabled male who had fallen some distance and was found to be dead on scene, remains recovered jointly with AFRS & GWAS personnel.
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- 10 15/05/07 Despondent threatening to jump from height Clifton Bristol, attended and ensured safety of A&SSAR & Police negotiators and police officers on scene, further to negotiations with male despondent he was safely recovered to a point of safety and medical care.
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- 9 08/05/07 The Police called the team at 20:12hrs after a climber called them to say his climbing partner was stuck on the observatory platform under the camera obscura. The team arrived and sent two members over the cliff to securely take him to the ground where paramedics could check him. He was not injured and was reunited with his partner at the top, a bit cold and shaken.  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/england/bristol/somerset/6637349.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/bristol/somerset/6637349.stm)
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- 8 18/04/07 North End Quarry, Webbington - Dog fell down old quarry face. AFRS (Avon Fire Rescue Service) line rescue in attendance from Bristol. ASSAR asked to provide backup to the AFRS.
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- 7 11/04/07 Cheddar Gorge opposite Coach Park - Goat seen on opposite side and reported by several tourists to Police, a response was requested as dusk was falling. Several Team Members went to the seen and advised local PC H&S risk to great in relation to a goat that seemed to be enjoying a nice bit of vegetation.
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- 6 07/04/07 Police called team at 20:49hrs following concerns from Suspension Bridge staff for several people seen moving at the top of Battleship Butress approx 200 hundred feet up the Avon Gorge and possibly trying to light a fire. It was unclear if these were benighted climbers or 'Ghecko like' revellers looking for a secluded BBQ. Members of the Rescue Team attended the callout and on arrival voices could be heard from the area below the cliff tops. Police voiced offers of assistance and enquired about wellbeing but no response was received. Team members made visual searches with spotlights of the cliff tops, and edges. Two members made their way to the top of the Butress and to Gollums Cave. No persons were found in the area
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- 5 24/03/07 A 30-year-old man slipped and fell 30ft (9m) down Cheddar Gorge in Somerset while out with friends. Marcus Cook, who is from Salisbury, was lying 20ft (6m) up on some shingle at Frenchman's Pinnacle for two hours. Thirteen members of Avon and Somerset Search and Rescue team were called to the scene after receiving an emergency call at 0850 GMT. Paramedics believe he has a broken elbow and may need surgery. He was taken to Weston-super-Mare's hospital. His friend said they were walking along landslip quarry when Mr Cook slipped past him and began to roll down the mountain. Ben Tresham said: "It was quite possibly one of the most frightening things that has ever happened in my life."  
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/somerset/6490889.stm>
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- 4      19/02/07      The team was called by the Police to a location near Bridgewater for assistance in the search for an 'at risk' male of 49 years of age who had gone missing on Sunday morning (18th February). Along with the team members there was a force of Police Officers, Police Horses, Police Dogs and Police Helicopter involved with the search which was concluded at dusk and in spite of a considerable area being covered he was not found.
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- 3      06/02/07 -  
07/02/07      At 18:00hrs the A&S SAR was called by the police POLSAR to discuss the case of a missing person. A conference was held at Wells Police Station between the POLSAR, local Chief Inspector, Chief Rescue Officer and Senior Park warden. The 'misper' was a 25 year old wamon who lived in a caravan with a local 'Druid' at Wookey Hole. She had been missing since Jan 25th and was a known dispondent, Bi-Polar, Manic Depressive. Due to the time of day, the rough terrain, freezing weather and forecast of snow; it was resolved to commence a search within 1.2km of the caravan the next morning.
- At 08:30hrs on 7th the team RV'd at Wells Police Station and was tasked to search the cliffs and woodland around Milton Hill. Special 'hasty' teams were dispatched to known 'Druid' sites in the local area. The search continued until 13:00hrs when the team stood down. Nothing was found.
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- 2      27/01/07      Assisting SARA with incident command advice and communications support with a missing persons search on and along banks of river Severn in the South Gloucestershire and the Southern Area of Gloucestershire.
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- 1      22/01/07      The team were called to the Avon Gorge to assist in the rescue of a man reported to have fallen. He was located by the police who confirmed he was unfortunately dead. The team arranged a steep ground recovery and carried out the body.

## 2006

- 17      22/12/06  
14:58hrs      Request for assistance to locate at risk missing person last seen at Weston General Hospital, WSM. CRO Liaised by phone with duty polsar and control room re best use and deployment of search teams, together with best use of available local police resources prior to the teams arrival. Further to this missing person located prior to teams arrival.
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- 16      18/11/06  
17:16hrs      The team was called by the A&S police at 17.16 hrs. to a female who had jumped from a bridge called Devils Bridge, which is where the main A370 road crosses the main railway line. She was reported to have fallen 60ft down into a tree, which had broken her fall. Her injuries were reported to be back, neck and lower left leg problems. The Avon Fire and Rescue, line rescue team was also in attendance. The casualty was lowered down to the railway line where the team paramedic, first responder, and two ambulance technicians were waiting to transport her to the waiting ambulance. A railway repair vehicle was used to transport her the 1km to the ambulance. She was taken to Weston General A&E. The team was stood down at about 20.00 hrs.

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15      30/10/06      At 14.45 the team was called by South West Ambulance Trust, Somerset Fire Control, and the Avon and Somerset Police control room, to an incident in Cheddar Gorge The incident was to a 47 year old female who was believed to be having a heart attack at the base of French Pinnacle. When the team arrived, they found that two, fire first responders were with the casualty. The team took over operational responsibility, delivered two paramedics to the casualty, and then successfully lowered to the road. The casualties family who were with her at the time were walked off to safety. The police closed the road for about two hours. The casualty was later released, in good health. A debrief was held by the Fire incident controller, who thanked the team for their assistance. The team was stood down at 18.15.

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14      16/09/06      On the evening of Saturday the 16th of September, the team was called to the Somerset side of the Avon Gorge Suspension Bridge to assist with the rescue of a woman who reportedly fell from the parapet. On arrival the Fire & Rescue Service had already located the woman & a paramedic was also on scene, she had unfortunately suffered fatal injuries. The team organised the recovery of all personnel at the scene back up to the parapet. During this operation the team were also contacted to provide search assistance for an 'at risk' missing person search in the South of Somerset. Given the lateness of the hour & the ongoing operation, it was agreed that we would provide handover capability at first light the following morning. We were contacted later that night to be advised that the missing person had been found safe & well.

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13      15/08/06      The team was called by the PULSA inspector at 21.50 hrs. The incident was to a missing 6 year boy who had severe autism, was afraid of the dark, and had set routines. His family had returned from a walk in the Dundry area, and he was not with them. The Team was called to RV at 23.00. The police were advised to contain the area by regular vehicle patrol. One of these patrols found the boy safe and well at about 22.45. The team was stood down.

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12      29/07/06      The police support unit were called to a missing person in Bishop Sutton on the evening of 29 July. A discussion with the CRO resulted in the team being called at 12.00 noon the next day. The incident was to a missing 67 year old male. The Team searched open country, and the Fisheries launched a boat to search Chew Valley Lake. The man was found by the police to have taken his own life. The Team was stood down at 19.00. 30 July. [Letter of thanks from Avon & Somerset Police.](#)

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11      25/06/06      The team was called to an incident at Heartleaf Bluff in Cheddar Gorge. Three people were reported (2 female 1 male) crag fast in the area of Heartleaf Bluff. On arrival at the scene, the male (25 years old) had just reached the road and was safe. The two females (21 and 23 years old) had reached the relative safety of the French Pinnacle foot track but were refusing to come down. A cliff hasty team was dispatched, and a hand line was set up. The females were poorly dressed for the environment, wearing flip flops and one, a skirt. They were recovered safely to the road and the incident was closed at 19 .15.

- 10    24/06/06  
11:00hrs    The team was called to search for a missing, extremely vulnerable male of 16 yrs old. He had left his residential care home in the early hours wearing only his pyjamas and because of his low mental age, it was felt he would be unable to find his way back home. The police POLSA organised a search that included ASCRT, Exmoor SAR, Police helicopter, Police dogs and horses. Aerial support was given by the Coastguard helicopter from Portland. The search was based on a hamlet to the south of Somerton. The male was found safe and well in a supermarket, in Yeovil at about 18.00. The team was stood down.
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- 9    16/06/06  
01:30hrs    At 01.30hrs two members of the team who were working in Cardiff on the night of 15/16 06 06, were passing the Gabalfa Flyover on the A470 when they spotted a potential suicide jumper. The ASCRT team members happened to have a large amount of cliff rescue/rope safety equipment with them. The South Wales Police Superintendent requested assistance with, strategy planning, negotiation skills and line rescue/security at heights. The incident was successfully resolved at 03.00hrs. The Avon and Somerset Police were informed of the teams involvement in this incident
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- 8    15/06/06  
18:20hrs    Team called out to a missing person (Lady aged 75) in North Petherton with Exmoor SRT and Police Helicopter Q99. Found unharmed at 22.49, team stood down.
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- 7    06-06-06  
11:00hrs    The team was called at 11.30 by the duty POLSA. The incident was a missing 52 year old female. She was ill, in a lot of pain and had a lethal dose of painkillers with her. She could barely walk. The team was asked to RV at Wincanton Police Station, and was deployed to the village of Templecombe. The team provided an incident controller, Search Manager, and 18 personnel. The search was centred on the middle of the village, and involved police horses, police dogs, police underwater search team and thermal imaging from the police helicopter. The team was stood down at 22.00hrs. Nothing was found.
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- 6    27-05-06  
06:48hrs    Team Co-responded with the Fire Brigade line rescue team to a man stuck in Avon Gorge at the request of the Police. Man recovered to ground level without incident, team stood down at 07:40.
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- 5    13-05-06  
13:29hrs    The team was involved in a cliff demonstration in Cheddar Gorge. A member of the public noticed that a couple, descending via the scree in New Quarry looked anxious and nervous. The team responded and led the couple to safety.
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- 4    23-04-06  
22:58hrs    72 year old male. Diabetic-alzimers & dog. Missing in Martock South Somerset. Team placed on standby at 22:58. Man found alive further to team advice at 23:48.
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- 3    17-04-06  
17:30hrs    The team was put on standby by the police at 17:30 on Easter Monday, 17 April 06. They were responding to a call from Somerset Fire Service. There was a report of a person in a crag fast position, in a quarry near Frome.

The situation rapidly resolved its self, and the team was stood down at 17:45.

2 08-04-06 Team placed on standby during Brunel 200 celebrations in Avon. A few minor incidents throughout the evening despite 10,000+ people in and around Avon Gorge.

1 01-01-06 13:00hrs 80 year old male reported missing at about noon. He had not been seen since 2am in the morning on the 1st January. The team was called by Taunton control room asking for our advice and possible assistance. Suggested Q99 (helicopter) and a quick search of the immediate area of his last known position. Exmoor SRT and Dorset Lowland SRT were also called. The Hasty Search proved successful with the man being found alive but very hypothermic. The team was stood down at 1530hrs.

## 2005

17 14/12/05 A rider was reported to have fallen from her horse and have severe back injuries. Paramedics from West Country Ambulance were in attendance and the Mendip Rangers office was contacted. As this was now a recovery with Paramedics in attendance, it was decided to call RAF Rescue 169 via ARCC, Kinloss. No further action was required by the Team.

16 02/12/05 15:29hrs Call received from Taunton comms re request to liaise and advise duty police on action / immediate ASCRT search in Yeovil area for "Very High Concern for welfare" at risk, venerable, despondent male. Last seen by partner aprox 11.00 hrs. Further to suggestions on local immediate actions and confirmation of request to task ASCRT Search & Rescue resources. 15.38 hrs advised by Taunton comms to "stand by" full team call out as suggestions may have been successful, 15.48 hrs confirmed "ASCRT to Stand Down" as suggested search by Avon & Somerset Police Officers on Scene had resulted in a find.

15 22/11/05 21:14hrs Team placed on standby at 21:14 for a missing mature male. Team called out at 21:29 RV at Bath police station. Person found unharmed, team stood down at 22:55.

14 15/11/05 09:45hrs Sixty Six year old man went missing on the night of 15th, team called out at 09:45 on the 16th to aid search in an area outside of Wookey Village. Successfully found by the team safe & well about a Kilometre from his home at 12:55. Thankyou letter from Avon & Somerset Police, [here](#).

13 17/09/05 17:30hrs Missing person – Goblin Combe. 68 year old female missing since 14:10hrs. Police had dogs, a search team and Q99 helicopter in attendance. Casualty found in Brockley Combe at 19:00hrs, safe and well. Team stood down at 19:15hrs.

- 12    02/09/05    Team called out for search for a woman who was missing overnight in Clevedon. Found in woods, dehydrated but well. Team stood down at 18:25.  
11:47hrs
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- 11    28/07/05    Dog fallen over dam at the lake at Wimbleball Exmoor, advice on rescue given to Police.  
16:30hrs
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- 10    23/06/05    Man stuck on ledge near Clifton Suspension Bridge. Successfully recovered without further injury, team stood down at 11:50  
11:00hrs
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- 9    22/06/05    Team put on Stand By for Missing Male in Leigh Woods. Team Called Out at 16:10 for search including possible Cliff Recovery. Man found dehydrated and hungry at 22:10.  
14:55hrs
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- 8    28/05/05    Team Call Out to two people stuck on ledge in Cheddar Gorge near Land Slip Quarry. Team stood down at 15:07 as the couple had been helped off the ledge by some local climbers unharmed.  
14:44hrs
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- 7    07/05/05    Missing Person in Croscombe near Wells, found at 05:45. Team stood down at 05:51.  
05:26hrs
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- 6    30/04/05    Called while reversing the vehicles into the parking bays. Team requested to rescue a goat which had been stuck on a ledge near Bream for c.36 hours. On abseiling down the goat looked up and then ran off into the distance, typical!  
13:00hrs
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- 5    30/04/05    Team called to search for a missing 10 year old boy near Street, who had been missing overnight. Team stood down at 11:00 when the boy was found unharmed.  
06:41hrs
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- 4    27/03/05    Avon Gorge, cliff rescue of man below overhang 90ft up Avon Gorge, successfully recovered.  
16:31hrs
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- 3    15/02/05    Cheddar Gorge, couple stuck on ledge in Cheddar in poor weather.  
13:45hrs
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- 2    13/02/05    A family of five people were walking on Burrington Ham. The parents and two older children walked off and left four year old Daniel at the deer pond. An immediate search was required as this was a very high risk casualty situation. The police launched Q99 (helicopter) and called the team. A hasty search found Daniel on the path behind the Garden Centre. He was taken to the home of PC Ray Bradley in Burrington village, and reunited with his family.  
15:23hrs
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- 1    06/02/05    Misty the dog had run off from its owner whilst out walking in Cheddar Gorge. The Team was called. The Cheddar Rock crew had found the dog in a catch net behind the gift shop. The owner had attempted to rescue the dog and was in an unsafe position. Hand lines were attached to the dog (paw lines?) and the owner. Both were escorted to safety.

## 2004

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- 10    19/12/04    Call out to recover a man on a ledge in a quarry near Shepton Mallet. Successful recovery completed at 19.24.  
1532hrs
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- 9    17/12/04    Burrington Combe, Missing Person team called out at 18.25 found and first aid given. 27 Team Members used in search, the team was preparing for its Christmas meal when the pagers went off. Returned to a slightly cooler meal at 23.57!  
1825hrs
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- 8    18/09/04    ASCRT were called to Taunton to search for a missing male. He was found by the Police while ASCRT were still in transit. Stood down.  
0900hrs
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- 7    18/09/04    ASCRT were called to assist Exmoor Search and Rescue Team in the search for 12 missing girls. Stood down prior to arrival as the girls were found.  
0900hrs
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- 6    24/08/04    ASCRT were called to support Avon Fire Brigade in the evacuation of a male climber who had fallen whilst climbing Main Wall and injured his leg. He was lowered safely to the ground.  
1900hrs
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- 5                       Clevedon Court: Misper search
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- 4    16/05/04    ASCRT were called to search Brean Down for a missing male. The Coastguard searched the lower cliffs from the water while ASCRT searched the Down area and the cliffs from above. Stood down and the missing male was later found safe in a different location.  
1600hrs
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- 3                       Taunton: Misper search for suicidal woman. ASCRT managed over the phone.
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- 2                       ASCRT were called to support Avon Fire Brigade on the Somerset side of Clifton Suspension Bridge.
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- 1    13/05/04    ASCRT were called to search Cheddar Gorge for two duration 6hrs missing teenagers. Not found and Team stood down at 0430hrs with possible further tasking the following morning. This was not necessary as the two teenagers had been found.  
2215hrs
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## 2003

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- 11    09/11/03    ASCRT were called to search for a missing female in Shepton.



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- 10    09/11/03    ASCRT were called to search for a missing male in duration 6hrs Kilmerston  
0930hrs    near Radstock with assistance from Mendip Wardens and MRO. Stood down  
after areas covered.
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- 9    12/10/03    ASCRT were called to evacuate an 11 year old boy stuck duration 1hr 15ft  
1700hrs    high on the National Trust side of Cheddar Gorge. He was led to safety,  
sustaining no injuries.
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- 8    15/08/03    ASCRT were called to retrieve the personal belongings of a person that fell on  
the Observatory, Avon Gorge.
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- 7    18    ASCRT were called to Shepton Mallet for a missing person search.  
&19/08/03
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- 6    31/07/03    ASCRT were called for incident control and general duration 5hrs assistance  
2130hrs    in the search for a 71 year old man in Shepton Mallet Town Centre. Stood  
down. The man was found early the next morning and taken to hospital.
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- 5    06/07/03    ASCRT were called to search the Chard area in Somerset duration 7hrs for a  
1200hrs    missing 86 year old man suffering from Alzheimer's who had wandered from  
his home during the night. He was found unhurt.
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- 4    10/05/03    ASCRT were called to assist the Fire Brigade with a body duration 3hrs  
2330hrs    recovery on the Somerset side of Avon Gorge.
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- 3    02 &    ASCRT were called to search the Wookey Hole / Split duration 10hrs Rock  
03/05/03    Quarry area for a 72 year old male with a history of psychosis and  
1400hrs    depression. The Team were called to provide search manpower along with  
Exmoor Team, Mendip Rescue Organisation and Mendip Wardens. Police  
Helicopter was tasked to assist. There was a possible sighting near Split  
Rock Quarry by Exmoor Dog Team so search was moved here. The search  
was called off at dusk and the Team reconvened the following day but was  
not sent out.
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- 2    02/03/03    ASCRT were called to rescue "Soay The Sheep" from ledge above cave  
0930hrs    entrance of Cheddar Gorge.
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- 1    27/01/03    Two male youths crag-fast on Graffiti Slab on the Leigh Woods side of Avon  
1800hrs    Gorge. ASCRT were called to assist their evacuation with Fire Brigade.
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