

Upper Valley Wilderness Response Team



2016 Annual Report

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Hello Everyone,

I wanted to send you all a note to let you know how honored I am to have been your team leader throughout this past year. We have just completed one of the busiest years in my 18 years on the team. You all stepped up to the plate to help those who in need of your talents, you all brought loved ones home, that's the best gift we as a team can give. I think this is the first year we have had a search in every month of the year.

We have been out on some quite challenging carry outs to start the year with very icy trail conditions to a 3 day search in the northeast kingdom of Vermont that had a wonderful out come just in time for Thanksgiving, that's what you all bring to this team.

I would also like to thank those who support team members that are the unsung heroes of this team in my opinion. They allow us to be away from home and or places of work for long periods of time, they keep the home fires going "so to speak", and I for one can't do this work without the support of my family. To those friends, loved ones, and significant others you have my thanks!

I want to wish all of you happy holidays and hope that you and your families have the best and most prosperous New Year.

Thank you – you folks are the best!!

Scott Carpenter
Team leader



New member shakedown hike on Mt. Cardigan, February 20, 2016

2016 In Review

2016 was the 22nd year for the UVWRT and was our ***busiest year ever*** with 41 operational periods for 36 separate callout events. This was an increase over the number of callouts and operational periods in 2015 (32/27) with May being our busiest month in 2016 (9) followed by October (5) then June and November (4 each). However, over the 22 years of the team our busiest months have consistently been August, September and October contrary to the perception that our busiest times are the traditional summer months of June, July and August.

2016 – May, October, June/November
2015 – July, September/November
2014 – July, August, September/October/November
2013 – September, July/October
2012 – July, October, May
2011 – May, June/September
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(From 1999 – 1995 there were too few callouts for meaningful comparison)

We had our largest participation totals in May (66) followed by October (42) and November (33) for our 2nd highest year. Since the team began in 1995, we have our greatest participation in August, followed by September and July.

We had our 7th and 8th “classes” of trainees in 2016 with 11 applicants in the first group in January and 3 additional members joining during the summer. Of the 14 new members, 9 remain with the team going into 2017 which is a higher retention rate than previous years. The membership window opens in December for interested persons to submit their applications and training begins in January following interviews and the initial screening process. (See the ***New Members*** page for a listing of new members and training events in 2016.)

UVWRT members were involved with a number of successful searches in 2016, finding subjects alive and helping getting them to proper care and assisting with locating deceased subjects, helping bring closure to families in difficult times. These are some of the more noteworthy events in 2016.

- On February 26th, we were called out to assist with a carryout of a subject with a broken ankle on Mt. Cardigan in Orange, NH. The trail was very icy and we had just completed our own shakedown hike on the same trail the Saturday before and had one slip and fall resulting in an injury. The next day (2/29) we were called to help with a carryout of a subject on Mt. Kearsarge in Warner, NH with another broken ankle, again as a result of the icy conditions.

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- On May 8th, we were called to help with a carryout on the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway in Newbury, NH for a subject with an ankle injury. There was some initial confusion as to the exact location and best route to reach the subject who received care, was splinted and ended up walking out with assistance.
- On May 15th, we were called to help search for a subject who had gotten separated from his companions while looking for shed antlers in Stark, NH. He had been out overnight and we were called the next day and fielded several search teams. The subject ended up walking out on his own quite a distance from where he was last seen. This was the second callout of the weekend which was also our new member training weekend so we really got stretched to the max.
- On September 26th, we were called to Brownington, Vermont to help search for a missing subject who was found deceased before any UVWRT teams arrived. But, at the same time we were called to help the Hanover Fire Department with a carryout of a subject with an ankle injury on Moose Mountain in Lyme, NH so had members headed in two directions at the same time.
- On October 17th we were called at 1:03AM to search for a missing woman and her dog in Sanbornton, NH. After searching all night/morning, she was able to find her way out just after daylight.
- On November 17th, we were called to help search for an overdue hunter in Holland, VT which is just south of the Canadian border - a very long drive for all of us. Teams searched for 3 days with no luck. Thankfully, the subject was located nearly 4 days later alive and well by a US Border Patrol agent, an outcome we were not expecting.

Summary of Events

UVWRT participated in 55 events: 41 callouts, 10 trainings, and 4 service events in 2016.

Events List					
Date	EventNumber	Location	State	Activity	Outcome
1/8/2016	2016-01	Jaffrey	NH	The team has been called out to help with a carryout on Mt Monadnock.	Assisted with the carryout of the injured subject.
1/13/2016	2016-02	Rutland	VT	The team has been called out to search for a missing 31 y/o M in Rutland, VT.	The subject was not located.
1/23/2016	2016-03	Hanover	NH	New member orientation and introduction to Uvwrt	Chris, Dan, Eric and Scott ran the orientation
2/4/2016	2016-04	Westmoreland	NH	We have been called out to search for an 80 y/o Male with dementia.	The subject was found alive pretty quickly in the woods at the end of his street.
2/20/2016	2016-05	Orange	NH	New Member shakedown hike on Mt. Cardigan.	Successful hike to the summit of Mt. Cardigan.
2/26/2016	2016-06	Orange	NH	The team has been called out to help with a carryout on Mt Cardigan.	Successfully carried the subject out.
2/27/2016	2016-07	Warner	NH	The team has been called out to help with a carryout on Mt. Kearsarge.	The subject was carried off the mountain as teams were enroute.
3/9/2016	2016-08-01	Haverhill	NH	Search for a 14 y.o. female missing since yesterday.	The subject was located deceased early in the second day of searching.
3/10/2016	2016-08-02	Haverhill	NH	Search for a 14 y.o. female missing since yesterday.	The subject was located deceased early in the second day of searching.
3/31/2016	2016-09	Hanover	NH	New Member Training: Introduction to Low-Angle Ropes & Knots	Dan, Jim, Tom and Scott ran the training.
4/12/2016	2016-10	Cornish	NH	The team has been called out to search for a missing 60 y/o F who when out for a walk yesterday and has not returned.	The subject was located alive.
4/16/2016	2016-11	Greenfield	NH	Crotched Mt Rehab Center training drill	UVWRT participated in the drill.

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4/16/2016	2016-12	Canaan	NH	Training for Canaan Fire	Jim attended the training in Canaan.
4/21/2016	2016-13	Hanover	NH	New Member Training: Map/Compass/GPS	Tom and Eric ran the training.
4/24/2016	2016-14	Gilford	NH	The team has been called out to search for a despondent M missing since 19 April.	The subject was located deceased.
4/25/2016	2016-15	Orford	NH	Training for Orford Fire	Scott and Tom attended the training.
5/1/2016	2016-16	Mason	NH	The team has been called out to search for a missing 88 y/o M with dementia.	The subject was located very soon after we were called out.
5/8/2016	2016-17	Newbury	NH	We have been called to Mt Sunapee to help with a carry out of a injured female on the Sunappe/Mondnock Greenway.	The subject walked out with assistance.
5/12/2016	2016-18-1	Pinkham Notch	NH	The team has been called out to search for a missing M with a heart condition in Pinkham Notch.	The subject was not located today but his remains were found on May 28, 2016.
5/13/2016	2016-19-1	Dorchester	NH	New Member training weekend at Green Woodlands.	New member training was provided.
5/14/2016	2016-18-2	Pinkham Notch	NH	The team has been called out to search for a missing M with a heart condition in Pinkham Notch.	The subject was not located today but his remains were found on May 28, 2016.
5/14/2016	2016-19-2	Dorchester	NH	New Member training weekend at Green Woodlands.	New member training was provided.
5/15/2016	2016-20	Stark	NH	The team has been called out to search for a missing 62 y/o male in Stark, NH.	The subject walked out to a road having spent almost two days in the woods.
5/16/2016	2016-21-1	Tuftonboro	NH	We have been called out to Tuftonboro NH for a 78 y/o male that has been missing since 5:00am.	The subject was located deceased on the second day of searching.
5/17/2016	2016-21-2	Tuftonboro	NH	We have been called out to Tuftonboro NH for a 78 y/o male that has been missing since 5:00am.	The subject was located deceased on the second day of searching.
5/21/2016	2016-18-3	Pinkham Notch	NH	The team has been called	The subject was not

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				out to search for a missing M with a heart condition in Pinkham Notch.	located today but his remains were found on May 28, 2016.
5/27/2016	2016-22	Dorchester	NH	The team has been called to search for a missing 14 y/o M in Dorchester, NH.	The subject was located on Rt. 118 after being out overnight.
6/4/2016	2016-23	Whitefield	NH	We have been called out to search for an 80 Yr/old male that has been missing since this morning	The subject was located unhurt just before most teams headed into their areas.
6/16/2016	2016-24	Georgia	VT	The team has been called out to search for a 12 y/o autistic male missing since noon today.	The subject was located alive and well by a K9 team as other teams were being fielded.
6/18/2016	2016-25	Dorchester	NH	NEK9 Unit training and new mwmber sign-off.	UVWRT provided subjects and 2 trainees completed their NEK9 training.
6/23/2016	2016-26	Deering	NH	We've been called out to search for a 32 y/o male in Deering, NH, missing for a week.	The subject was located deceased by a NEK9 team.
6/29/2016	2016-27	Moultonborough	NH	Team has been callout for a missing despondent 19 y/o male in Moultonborough.	Police in Moultonborough said they have safely located a teenager who was reported missing earlier this week.
7/8/2016	2016-28	Fairhaven	VT	The team has been called out to search for a despondent 37 y/o M missing in Fairhaven, VT since July 6.	The subject was located the next day deceased.
7/9/2016	2016-29	Hanover	NH	Prouty first aid patrols.	UVWRT provided first aid bike patrols for the Prouty.
7/15/2016	2016-30	Jaffrey	NH	The team has been called out to Mt. Monadnock to assist with a carryout of an injured male hiker on the Stallman trail.	Subject was reached and determined to be able to walk out while UVWRT was enroute.
7/17/2016	2016-31	Wallingford	VT	Team has been called out to search for a 42 year old	Subject was located at a medical facility in

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				male last seen on July 6, 2016.	Albany, NY in good condition at approximately 10:00 am.
7/28/2016	2016-33	Hanover	NH	Initial training for prospective new members.	Scott and Tom had an initial training with the (4) prospective trainees last night at the Hanover Fire Station.
8/4/2016	2016-32	Franklin	NH	The team has been called out to search for an 81 y/o man with dementia in Franklin, NH.	The subject walked out to the GMI asphalt plant on Punch Brook Road. The subject of the search has been found alive.
8/20/2016	2016-34	Orange	NH	NEK9 unit training at Mt Cardigan state park.	UVWRT provided subjects for NEK9 and 2 prospective new members observed.
8/24/2016	2016-35	Thornton	NH	The team has been called out to look for an 82 y/o M in Thornton, NH.	The subject of the Thornton search was located alive as members were enroute.
9/25/2016	2016-36	Piermont	NH	The team has been called out to search for a 64 year old male missing since 9:00 this morning in Piermont, NH.	The subject was located just a few minutes after we were called out.
9/26/2016	2016-37	Brownington	VT	The team has been called out to search for a missing despondent female in Brownington, VT.	The subject was located deceased before UVWRT arrived.
9/26/2016	2016-38	Lyme	NH	The team has also been requested by Hanover Dispatch to help carry a hiker, 63 y/o male w/ankle injury, off of the AT near Moose Mountain.	Hanover Fire was handling the carry out and no additional UVWRT members were needed.
10/16/2016	2016-39	Dorchester	NH	The team has been called out to search for a 14 y/o male missing since yesterday.	The subject was located on Monday, October 24 in Plymouth and taken into custody.

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Date	EventNumber	Location	State	Activity	Outcome
10/17/2016	2016-40	Sanbornton	NH	The team has been called out to search for a missing 71 y/o F and her 9 month old dog.	The subject was located alive several hours after searching had concluded.
10/23/2016	2016-41	Stowe	VT	The team has been called out to search for a missing 16 year old male.	The subject was located very soon after we were called out.
10/24/2016	2016-42	Orford	NH	Carryout a 34 yr old female with a dislocated knee on Mt. Cube.	The subject was carried down to ATVs waiting on a logging road.
10/28/2016	2016-43	Weathersfield	VT	The team has been called out to carryout a hiker on Mt Ascutney.	The subject was near an ATV trail and park personnel were about to get a ATV close to her location.
11/10/2016	2016-44	Hanover	NH	full team drill	Tom Frawley set up and ran the drill. Both subjects located and successfully extracted.
11/17/2016	2016-45-01	Holland	VT	The team has been called out to search for an overdue 72 yo hunter.	The subject was not located on the first day of searching but was located alive on November 20th.
11/18/2016	2016-45-02	Holland	VT	The team has been called out to search for an overdue 72 yo hunter.	The subject was not located on the second day of searching but was located alive on November 20th.
11/19/2016	2016-45-03	Holland	VT	The team has been called out to search for an overdue 72 yo hunter.	The subject was not located on the third day of searching but was located alive on November 20th.
11/21/2016	2016-46-01	Shrewsbury	VT	The team has been called out to search for a 45 y/o hunter lost in Shrewsbury,VT.	The hunter in Shrewsbury has been found alive.
12/20/2016	2016-47-01	Dorset	VT	Search for a 21 year old female Bennington College student who was reported missing on Sunday.	The subject was not located.
12/26/2016	2016-48-01	Waterbury	VT	Search for a 42 y/o male missing since last Wednesday.	The subject was not located.

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UVWRT provided 298 responders to all requested operational periods for the 41 callouts in 2016 totaling 1,434 person-hours.

Date	EventNumber	Location	State	Response	Duration	TPH
1/8/2016	2016-01	Jaffrey	NH	11	5	55
1/13/2016	2016-02	Rutland	VT	3	5.5	16.5
2/4/2016	2016-04	Westmoreland	NH	6	2	12
2/26/2016	2016-06	Orange	NH	9	4	36
2/27/2016	2016-07	Warner	NH	6	0.5	3
3/9/2016	2016-08-01	Haverhill	NH	6	7	42
3/10/2016	2016-08-02	Haverhill	NH	5	1	5
4/12/2016	2016-10	Cornish	NH	10	4.75	47.5
4/24/2016	2016-14	Gilford	NH	10	5	50
5/1/2016	2016-16	Mason	NH	7	0.25	1.75
5/8/2016	2016-17	Newbury	NH	6	4.75	28.5
5/12/2016	2016-18-1	Pinkham Notch	NH	5	8	40
5/14/2016	2016-18-2	Pinkham Notch	NH	5	8	40
5/15/2016	2016-20	Stark	NH	10	6.5	65
5/16/2016	2016-21-1	Tuftonboro	NH	7	9	63
5/17/2016	2016-21-2	Tuftonboro	NH	5	4.25	21.25
5/21/2016	2016-18-3	Pinkham Notch	NH	9	6.5	58.5
5/27/2016	2016-22	Dorchester	NH	12	2.5	30
6/4/2016	2016-23	Whitefield	NH	7	3.5	24.5
6/16/2016	2016-24	Georgia	VT	4	3.75	15
6/23/2016	2016-26	Deering	NH	9	6	56
6/29/2016	2016-27	Moultonborough	NH	6	9.5	57
7/8/2016	2016-28	Fair Haven	VT	5	8	40
7/15/2016	2016-30	Jaffrey	NH	7	2.25	17.5
7/17/2016	2016-31	Wallingford	VT	6	3	18
8/4/2016	2016-32	Franklin	NH	5	3.5	17.5
8/24/2016	2016-35	Thornton	NH	9	1.25	12.25
9/25/2016	2016-36	Piermont	NH	12	0.25	3
9/26/2016	2016-37	Brownington	VT	6	1.25	0
9/26/2016	2016-38	Lyme	NH	4	1	4
10/16/2016	2016-39	Dorchester	NH	13	10	130
10/17/2016	2016-40	Sanbornton	NH	3	5.5	17.5
10/23/2016	2016-41	Stowe	VT	8	0.25	2
10/24/2016	2016-42	Orford	NH	6	4.75	28.5
10/28/2016	2016-43	Weathersfield	VT	12	0.75	9
11/17/2016	2016-45-01	Holland	VT	5	13	65
11/18/2016	2016-45-02	Holland	VT	11	13	143
11/19/2016	2016-45-03	Holland	VT	6	6	36
11/21/2016	2016-46-01	Shrewsbury	VT	11	3.75	41.25
12/20/2016	2016-47-01	Dorset	VT	3	6	18

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12/26/2016	2016-48-01	Waterbury	VT	8	8	64
totals				298	198.75	1434

New Members

UVWRT welcomed 9 new members in 2016, 7 that completed the training process to become callout certified and 2 that are still working to complete their training requirements.

Adam Hescoek	Norwich, VT
Kate Van Arman	Norwich, VT
Eric Lindgren	New London, NH
Dan Pontbriand	Grafton, NH
Daniel Lein	Hanover, NH
Dave Keaveny	Canaan, NH
Luke MacCormick	Norwich, VT
Sam Kocen	Hanover, NH
Ebben Whitehair	Norwich, VT

2016 New Member Training Schedule:

January 23, 2016	New Member Intro Day, Kellogg Auditorium, Hanover, NH
February 20, 2016	New Member Shakedown Hike, Mt. Cardigan, Orange, NH
March 31, 2016	Introduction to Low Angle Ropes and Knots, Kellogg Auditorium, Hanover, NH
April 21, 2016	Introduction to Map and Compass, Computers and GPS, Hanover Fire Station, Hanover, NH
May 13 - 15, 2016	New Member Training Weekend, Green Woodlands, Dorchester, NH

2016 Membership Roster

Eric	Bivona	Hanover	NH	4/9/1996
Tom	Bourgoine	Warner	NH	12/2/2008
Sam	Brakeley	Norwich	VT	11/20/2012
Scott	Carpenter	Wilmot	NH	4/12/1998
Geoff	Clayton	White River Junction	VT	12/13/2014
Andy	Felegara	Surry	NH	12/31/2011
Mick	Foot	Keene	NH	12/29/2011
Tom	Frawley	Lyme	NH	1/30/2009
Tony	Gove	White River Junction	VT	4/28/2010
Adam	Hescock	Norwich	VT	6/30/2016
John	Hinds	Lebanon	NH	1/6/2014
Daryl	Holthoff	Hanover	NH	1/14/2015
Dave	Keaveny	Canaan	NH	1/5/2016
Maciej	Kmiec	Hanover	NH	12/23/2010
Sam	Kocen	Hanover	NH	12/24/2015
Jan	Largent	Enfield	NH	2/9/1999
Daniel	Lein	Hanover	NH	1/20/2016
Eric	Lindgren	New London	NH	6/3/2016
Luke	MacCormick	Norwich	VT	12/27/2015
Charlie	Marshall	Enfield	NH	11/21/2012
Jim	Mason	Lyme	NH	1/14/2004
Chris	Northrop	Concord	NH	11/13/1999
Dan	Pham	Hanover	NH	12/5/2013
Dan	Pontbriand	GRAFTON	NH	2/9/2016
Patrick	Saylor	Hanover	NH	1/11/2014
Gerben	Scherpbier	Hanover	NH	12/26/2011
Dan	Schneider	Hanover	NH	10/7/2004
Dave	Schullinger-Krause	Woodstock	VT	3/22/2010
Sam	Seder	Hanover	NH	4/4/2015
Tom	Trimarco	Lyme	NH	11/30/2012
Chris	Valley	Enfield	NH	12/21/2011
Kate	Van Arman	Norwich	VT	6/18/2016
Ebben	Whitehair	Norwich	VT	12/20/2015

