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[SIR SW Utah Zone Memorial Day Weekend.docm](#)
[SIR Kanab Field Office-Lost Hiker at Wave.docm](#)

Please see the attached Memorial Day Weekend SIRs from the Southwest Zone. Thanks.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORT****INCIDENT INFORMATION****Date and Time of Incident:**

5/26/2017 1530

SIR Category:

Cat. II

Incident Type:

BLM law enforcement response to a significant search and rescue incident occurring on BLM property

NOTIFICATIONS**Required Notification:**

SIR Must Be Submitted Through SAC To National Duty Officer Within 24 Hours.

Date SIR Submitted to OLES Duty Officer:

5/30/217

Date State Director Notified:

5/30/2017

Release in OLES Weekly Activity Report:

Yes

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION**IMARS Incident Report Number:**

LM17021705

Location:

Region 3 (UT) Kanab Field Office

Title:

Lost Person; Paria/Vermillion Cliffs Wilderness

Other Agencies Involved:

Kane County Sheriff's Office

Brief Synopsis of Incident (See IMARS Incident Report for additional details):

On 5/26/2017, a BLM Ranger from Saint George, Utah, working in the Kanab Field Office during the Memorial Day weekend, was dispatched to assist in locating a lost adult hiker near Wire Pass. Kane County Dispatch indicated no helicopters were available to assist in searching for the hiker. The hiker called to report he was in severe distress, out of water and near death after attempting the hike to the Wave. The lost person had a Wave hiking permit but he did not follow the directions for the route and became disoriented on the sandstone section. The parents of the subject were at the Wire Pass Trailhead and also reported their son was overdue after they separated not far from Wire Pass Trailhead.

A Kane County Deputy from Lake Powell was able to respond to the area with a UTV. The Deputy and BLM Ranger drove approximately two miles through a sand wash into the wilderness to the start of the slickrock section of the hike. From there, they were able to locate the victim using GPS coordinates from his phone, which were recorded by Kane County Dispatch when he called 911. After being given water and a sports drink, the victim was able to hike to the UTV and was then shuttled back to Wire Pass. The victim refused medical treatment after being given water.

Death / Serious Injury

- Death or serious injury of a person resulting from actions taken by a BLM LEO while in the performance of or on account of official duties.
- Death or serious injury of a person resulting from actions taken by other federal, state, or local law enforcement personnel (i.e., non BLM) in the course of a multiagency action in which a BLM LEO is a participant.
- Death or serious injury of a BLM employee, contractor, or volunteer while in the performance of or on account of official duties.
- BLM LEO response to a death or serious injury of a member of the public (i.e., a person not employed by the BLM) occurring on property under the jurisdiction of the BLM.

Weapons

- Deployment of a BLM police canine resulting in a bite.
- Physical application (contact deployment) of a TASER by a BLM LEO against a person.
- Intentional discharge of any firearm by a BLM LEO while on or off duty, *except for*:
 - Discharges during training where no human injury or property damage occurs.
 - Authorized destruction of animals or other resource management activities where no human injury or property damage occurs.
 - Recreational shooting activities such as hunting or sport shooting where no human injury or property damage occurs.
- Unintentional discharge of any firearm by a BLM LEO while on or off duty, *except for*:
 - Discharges during training where no human injury or property damage occurs.
- Discharge or display of a firearm or other weapon at another person by non-law enforcement BLM employees, contractors, or volunteers.

Threats

- Threats against or assault of a BLM employee, contractor, or volunteer while in the performance of or on account of official duties.
- Terrorist threats or sabotage activities (whether planned, attempted, or executed) affecting property under the jurisdiction of the BLM.
- Bomb threats to BLM facilities.
- Suspicious persons or packages at BLM facilities when extraordinary action by law enforcement is necessary.

Property Damage / Theft / Loss

- Property damage resulting from a vehicle pursuit involving a BLM LEO.
- Incidents resulting in damage to BLM property in excess of \$100,000.
- Theft of aircraft from property under the jurisdiction of the BLM or theft of aircraft owned, operated, or under the operational control of the BLM.
- Theft of law enforcement sensitive information including but not limited to copies of General Orders and Handbooks, National Law Enforcement Telephone Directories, computers, computer file storage devices, etc.
- Loss or theft of any law enforcement firearm, badge, credential, vehicle, watercraft, license plate or insignia item issued to a BLM LEO

Accidents / Disasters / SAR

- BLM LEO response to an aircraft accident occurring on property under the jurisdiction of the BLM or any accident involving aircraft owned, operated, or under the operational control of the BLM
- BLM LEO response to significant search and rescue activities (including but not limited to Amber Alerts, critical missing persons, etc.) occurring on property under the jurisdiction of BLM
- Major natural or human-caused disasters (excluding wildfires) that result in significant injuries or otherwise impact visitor use on Public Lands or property under the jurisdiction of the BLM

Serious Crimes

- BLM LEO response to serious crimes occurring on property under the jurisdiction of the BLM (including but not limited to kidnapping, violent hate crime, hostage situations, sexual assault, battery, homicide, etc.)
- BLM LEO response to serious crimes affecting environmental, cultural, and paleontological resources on property under the jurisdiction of the BLM
- BLM LEO assistance to other federal, state, or local agencies in responding to or investigating a serious crime
- Seizures of illegal drugs by a BLM LEO or during a BLM lead multi-agency action, where circumstances warrant charges greater than simple possession

Major Operations / Events / Media Interest

- Incidents related to property under the jurisdiction of the BLM which could result in significant media or political interest. Such incidents may include but are not limited to:
 - Major or unusual arrests or seizures;
 - Demonstrations and civil disobedience;
 - Events involving senior officials of state, federal, or foreign governments and/or their families
- Execution of major search or arrest warrants by a BLM LEO
- Significant international border incidents requiring the dispatch of additional law enforcement personnel to augment local BLM law enforcement resources
- Significant planned periods of high visitor-use or special events (to include national, state, and local details) which required the dispatch of additional law enforcement personnel to augment local BLM law enforcement resources.
- Significant unplanned events which require, or may require, the dispatch of special teams or additional law enforcement personnel to augment local BLM law enforcement resources
- Challenges to the BLM's legal authority
- Law enforcement related incidents that require notifications via the BLM's Early Alert System