



Missing off-road motorcyclist

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Two men went riding off-road motorcycles on November 13th in very difficult terrain. Eventually, the terrain became so difficult that neither motorcycle could continue. The men decided to walk out. During their hike out, the men became separated. One man was able to walk out, but one was still missing. Concerned for his friend, who hadn't shown up yet, the motorcyclist called authorities at about 2:00 AM.

Desert Search and Rescue was paged out by the Riverside Sheriff's department shortly after 2:00 AM. RMRU was paged out at about 8:00 AM to assist with the search. As the first few members of RMRU arrived on scene, we learned the missing rider had walked out on his own.

RMRU is a volunteer search and rescue team that covers Riverside County and assists other teams with search and rescue efforts in other counties. Each member purchases their own equipment and takes time off work, without compensation, to participate in search and rescue missions. Team equipment is purchased from contributions from the community. We are a non-profit organization and are funded by [donations](#) from people like you.