



Search for Missing Perris Skydiver

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Day 1
Friday Oct. 1, 2010

RMRU was called out Friday to help manage a search for a skydiver missing near Perris. At the end of a week that saw five days of weekday searching on mission in the Inland Empire, 18 volunteers showed up from southern California SAR teams, as well as two mounted posses, several police explorer units, ATVs and riders from the sheriff's ROVE team, and STAR 9 to fly over the area. No sign of the man was located but the search will continue Saturday with an expanded number of personnel and resources.

RMRU members present: Paul Caraher, Joe Ericson, Lew Kingman, Patrick McCurdy, and Kevin Varner

Editor's note: Three of these members had been active in the [search at Joshua Tree](#) this week.

Other teams responding included Rim of The World SAR, West Valley SAR, San Bernardino Mountain SAR, San Bernardino Cave SAR, San Diego Mountain Rescue Team, and Desert Sheriff's SAR, at least two police explorer units and the American Red Cross with food for all. Riverside Sheriff's Emergency Response Team provided their command post, coordinated logistics and provided overall command of the incident.

Day 2
Saturday Oct 2, 2010

For a second day RMRU headed up a search for a missing skydiver in Perris. Team members Carlos Carter, Matt Jordan, Patrick McCurdy, Nick Nixon, and Jeri Sanchez all participated in search management, field assignments, and aviation operations. Sadly no sign of the missing man was found and authorities decided not

to continue the search on the following day (Sunday).

Teams assisting with the search were Desert Sheriff's Search and Rescue, Montrose Mountain Rescue Team, San Diego Mountain Rescue Team, Santa Clarita Valley Search and Rescue Team, Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team, and the mounted posses from the Los Angeles and Riverside Sheriff's Departments. Four search dogs also provided support.

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.