

Search Idyllwild Man

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We got the call out the night before to meet in Idyllwild at 6am for a missing male, Piotr Hopper-Jasinski. Unfortunately, due to the major storms on Feb 14th, two of the three roads were impassable to the mountain town which made simply accessing the town difficult.

I was first on scene and found out that Piotr had left his house yesterday and not been seen since. The weather was near 15 degrees last night and a major winter storm was due to hit around 1pm later in the day. Because of this, this mission went OES the night before and RSO called for additional resources from nearby counties.

Teams from DSSAR, RMRU, Search Dogs, and San Diego County all assembled, and we put together a search plan based upon the subjects point last scene. After about 3 hours of searching Piotr was found, unfortunately deceased. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family in these hard times.

RMRU Members Involved: Blake Douglas, Glenn Henderson, Eric Holden, and Alex Rilloraza.

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