

RIVERSIDE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT

Map and Compass and Mock Mission

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Pinyon Pines
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Saturday December 5th, the team met out at Pinyon Pines at 8am for map and compass training. The training was led by Eric, who created 6 lost hikers for the team to locate. He went to the area the day before to hide the lost hikers. The training started with a review of how to read a map, how to read coordinates, how to get a bearing, and how to use a UTM grid.



Eric at Van marking Map.
Image by Beth.

We did a few practices with coordinates before we started our searches. After having some of Eric's birthday cake, we split into teams of 2 and headed out to locate our lost hiker.



Using Map and Compass to find Locations.
Image by Beth.

When we found our hiker, there was information how to locate the next hiker using our map, compass, and UTM grid. After we located all 6 hikers we headed back to base. While we waited for other team members to return to base, we practiced passing knots with raises and lowers and reviewed technical call out gear for newer team members.

After everyone returned to base, we had an injured hiker to assist to practice our medical training. We rushed over to assist the downed hiker who had an injury on his head and was showing signs of hypothermia.



**Tyler with fake wound for Training.
Image by Beth**

We quickly assigned duties and began to get the hiker out of his wet clothes, we placed him on a foam pad, and into sleeping bags. We boiled water to put into Nalgene water bottles to help with warming up the hiker. We took vitals and then prepared the hiker to be transported in the liter. We carried the hiker to base and then reviewed what we could have improved with our training scenario. It was a great day of training. We concluded our training around 5pm and as we were headed to get some food, we received a rescue call in Idyllwild.

RMRU Members Involved: Derek Donovan, Blake Douglas, James Eckhardt, Eric Holden, Beth Jeffery, Shani Pynn, Vinay Rao, and Tyler Shumway.