



Missing Autistic Young Man

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On Wednesday November 6th, RMRU was called to help with an urban search for a missing 18-year-old male with autism. Our assignment for the first night was to search the surrounding foothills of Wildomar. We were able to send out four two man teams to start probing the hillsides looking for tracks. After a few hours of searching with Star 9 overhead, we were called back to be reassigned during the coming days.

On Friday, the 8th, RMRU was assigned to Riverside Sheriff's SWAT Team to continue searching the foothills. During this time, a citizen came forward and stated that she had seen a male who fits the description crossing into a field at Grand Ave. and Ontario Way in Lakeland Village. Detectives and patrol arrived on scene and secured footprints leading into the hills. Soon afterward Riverside County Search Dog teams arrived and alerted to a scent going towards the foothills. Right behind them, RMRU and SWAT arrive to assist with the search. About two and a half miles up a ravine and off trail, the dog team found David alive and responsive. Minutes later SWAT and RMRU arrived to facilitate the carry out.



(L-R) Search Dog, Searchers, and (SWAT member, Subject, and RMRU Paul)
Photo courtesy of Riverside County Sheriff's Office

Special thank you to everyone involved: Star 9, Riverside County SWAT, The Citizen Emergency Response Teams, Desert Sheriff's Search and Rescue, Sheriff's Mounted Poses, Riverside County Office of Emergency Services, American Red Cross and especially the Riverside County Search Dogs.

RMRU members: Paul Caraher, Pete Carlson, Joe Erickson, Eric Holden, Mark Houston, Rob May, Roger May, Frank Snider, and Les Walker.

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.

