



Hiker Mount Baldy

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Manker Flats Trail Head
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Wednesday morning, RMRU team members Donny and Michael responded to an Office of Emergency Services (OES) call to assist West Valley SAR team with an active search for a missing solo hiker on Mt. Baldy. The subject had gone to hike the peak on Feb 5th. He had not returned and no one had reported him missing until Tuesday February 8.

Teams were formed and given search assignments by West Valley Command Post (CP) and teams began to be inserted by Helicopter around 7:30 am. The subject was located soon after as the helicopter was carrying a team to the summit. He had taken a fatal fall off the north side of the Devil's Backbone ridge.

RMRU Members Involved: Michael George and Donny Goetz.

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