

MESARD 2016 Annual Report

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2016 SUMMARY:

MESARD Searches: 21 # of Days on Searches: 24
 Hours in response: 248 hours Miles in response: 27,411
**** 4 Searches were resolved by MESARD K9 teams in 2016 ****

MESARD Team Training Events: 24 training events in 2016
 Hours in team trainings: 324 hours Miles in trainings: 50,410

*Public Relations Events: 30 Number of public attendees: 1,906
 Hours in Public Relations Events: 82.5 hours Miles in trainings: 5,391
 (*More detailed information and photos are at the end of this report)
Total Team Hours: 7,180 Total Team Miles: 83,252

ALL SEARCHES ARE IN MAINE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED for 2016:

| Month | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Callouts | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 *2 days | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 *3 days | 1 |

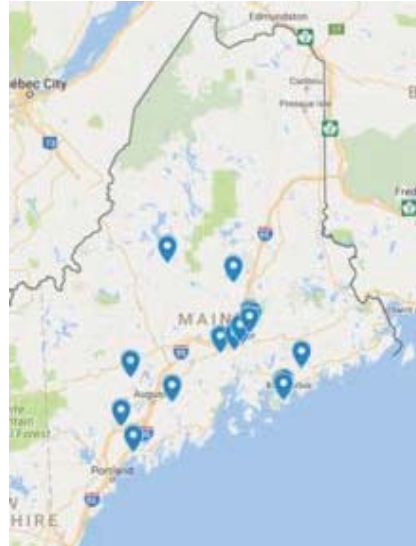
***Multiple days counted for 6/13 & 14/2016 Greenville (Jardine)
 11/4,5,6/2016 Medford (Etsey)**

| Time of Day | 0600-0900 | 0900-1200 | 1200-1500 | 1500-1800 | 1800-2100 | 2100-2400 | 2400-0300 | 0300-0600 | |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| # Callouts | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | |

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|---------------|-----|-----|--------|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|
| Subject Types | S/H | W | CC/S/H | D, CC S/H, *Pre plan | | D | D | D, D | D, D | H | D, H | D |

Suicide/despondent, Rnunaway, Water, Dementia/wanderer, Child, Cold Case, Autistic, Hiker, G hunter, M homicide, Fisherman, LE Law Enforcement support, Evidence, Water Search, Other

2016 MESARD SEARCH LOCATIONS



***2016 was an outstanding year for MESARD:
4 of the 21 searches resulting in MESARD SAR dog teams locating the lost person.***

Here is a summarized statement from members of the Maine Warden Service: Lieutenant Adam Gormely, Warden Jeremy Judd, and Sergeant Michelle Merryfield, as said to Elizabeth Fossett in Nov 2016:

- ***Everyone on MESARD shows up to a search with a smile on their face, willing to do the best they can ...with great dogs.***
- ***You clear an area helping us eliminate a search area until we find the person.***
- ***You all do the best you can, the fastest you can do it, to help save this person's life. We owe it to you as volunteers..... unpaid ...who are willing to do this incredible job!***
- ***Everyone on MESARD does the job expected of them for the Maine Warden Service, helping to find the lost person.***

2016 MESARD SEARCH LOCATIONS & SUMMARY

DATE: 15 Jan, 2016 LOCATION: **Acadia National Park, Mt. Desert Isl.**

CALL OUT TIME: 17:30

SITUATION: 50 year old Man, missing Hiker: Tim Philpott

OUTCOME: open

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 11

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of days: |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | 27 hours | 1846 miles | 1 day |

DATE: 29 Feb, 2016

LOCATION: **Orono**

CALL OUT TIME: 08:00

VICTIM: 21 year old Man, missing near river (W): David Bruenig

OUTCOME: Subj. later located in river.

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 11 ****SEE PHOTOS of SEARCH at end of report****

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of days: |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | 25 hours | 1866 miles | 1 day |

DATE: 09 March, 2016

LOCATION: **Mt. Desert/Acadia N. Park**

CALL OUT TIME: 09:00

VICTIM: 50 year old (H) Hiker, now (CC) cold case: Tim Philpott

OUTCOME: open

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 4

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of days: |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| | 10 hours | 509 miles | 1 day |

DATE: 10 March, 2016

LOCATION: **Mt. Desert/Acadia N. Park**

CALL OUT TIME: 08:00

VICTIM: 50 year old (H) Hiker, now (CC) cold case: Tim Philpott

OUTCOME: open

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 3 ****SEE PHOTOS of SEARCH at end of report****

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of days: |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| | 10 hours | 535 miles | 1 day |

DATE: 12 March, 2016

LOCATION: **Mt. Desert/Acadia N. Park**

CALL OUT TIME: 08:00

VICTIM: 50 year old (H) Hiker, now (CC) cold case: Tim Philpott

OUTCOME: open

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 3

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of days: |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| | 9 hours | 508 miles | 1 day |

DATE: 13 March, 2016 LOCATION: **Mt. Desert/Acadia N. Park**

CALL OUT TIME: 08:00

VICTIM: 50 year old (H) Hiker, now (CC) cold case: Tim Philpott

OUTCOME: open

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 3

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of days: |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| | 9 hours | 294 miles | 1 day |

DATE: 14, April 2016 LOCATION: **Mt. Desert/Acadia N. Park**

CALL OUT TIME: 09:00

VICTIM: 50 year old (H) Hiker, now (CC) cold case: Tim Philpott

OUTCOME: **Subject was located by MESARD K9 Tycho & Kelly Pontbriand**

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 3 ****SEE PHOTOS of SEARCH at end of report****

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of days: |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| | 10 hours | 260 miles | 1 day |

DATE: 14 April, 2016 LOCATION: **Franklin, Tunk Lake Search**

CALL OUT TIME: 09:00

VICTIM: 30 year old Man, (D) mental retarded

OUTCOME: Subject located, stand-down

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 4

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of days: |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | 0.5 hour | 6 miles | 1 day |

DATE: 16 April, 2016 LOCATION: **Bangor, Kenduskeag Canoe Race**

CALL OUT TIME: Preplanned 07:00

SITUATION: MASAR event, Kenduskeag Canoe Race (L/E/W)

OUTCOME: Safe and uneventful river race, MESARD assisted in 12 watercraft rescues.

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 3

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of days: |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| | 10 hours | 578 miles | 1 day |

DATE: 13, 14 June, 2016 (*2 days) LOCATION: **Greenville**

CALL OUT TIME: 14:45

SITUATION: 76 year old Woman (D) Dementia, missing since 5am 6/13

OUTCOME: **MESARD K9 Jenga & Chad Carleton, found subject at 5pm 6/14**

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 13 ****SEE PHOTOS of SEARCH at end of report****

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of DAYS |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | 27 hours | 3,597 miles | 2 days |

DATE: 01 July, 2016 LOCATION: **Brewer**

CALL OUT TIME: 13:00

VICTIM: 78 year old Man, (D) Dementia: Gordon Brewster

OUTCOME: Subject was located out of state.

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 3

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of Days: |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| | 2.75 hours | 160 miles | 1 Days |

DATE: 04 Aug., 2016 LOCATION: **Chesterville, Egypt Pond Rd**

CALL OUT TIME: 20:00

VICTIM: 70 year old Man, (S) Suicide

OUTCOME: **Subject located by MESARD K9 Reese & Jake Letendre**

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 8 ****SEE PHOTOS of SEARCH at end of report****

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of Days |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | 2.25 hours | 757 miles | 1 Day |

DATE: 23 Aug., 2016 LOCATION: **Windsor**

CALL OUT TIME: 19:46

VICTIM: Elderly Man with Parkinson's (D)

OUTCOME: Subject located by Maine Warden K9 team

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 9

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of Days |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | 2.5 hours | 535 miles | 1 Day |

DATE: 25 Aug., 2016 LOCATION: **Hampden**

CALL OUT TIME: 00:23

VICTIM: Elderly Man with dementia (D)

OUTCOME: Subject located.

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 8

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of Days |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | 1 hour | 36 miles | 1 Day |

DATE: 01 Sept., 2016 LOCATION: **Newburgh**

CALL OUT TIME: 23:20

VICTIM: Elderly male with dementia (D)

OUTCOME: Subject located by police

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 10

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of Days |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 8 hours | miles | 1 Day |

DATE: 30 Sept., 2016 LOCATION: **Lewiston**

CALL OUT TIME: 23:45

VICTIM: 64 year old Man, mentally disabled, runaway (D)

OUTCOME: Subject was located walking the roads, and picked up by police

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 10

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of Days |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|
|------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|

18.5 hours 1065 miles 1 Day

DATE: 08 Oct., 2016 LOCATION: **Mt. Desert (Bar Harbor) ANP**

CALL OUT TIME: 15:00

VICTIM: (H) Hiker injured at Acadia National Park, carryout assistance

OUTCOME: No members from MESARD responded

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 1 (Duty Officer)

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of Days |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | 1.5 hours | 0 miles | 1 Day |

DATE: 4,5,6 Nov., 2016 LOCATION: **Medford**

CALL OUT TIME: 02:30

VICTIM: 71 year old Woman, dementia (D) missing from house: Diana Etsey

OUTCOME: open

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 20 ****SEE PHOTOS of SEARCH at end of report****

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of Days |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | 63 Hours | 6,745 miles | 3 Days |

DATE: 13 Nov., 2016 LOCATION: **Medford**

CALL OUT TIME: 07:00 *Pre-planned

VICTIM: 71 year old Woman, dementia (D) missing from house: Diana Etsey

OUTCOME: open case, turned over to State Police as missing person.

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 18

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of Days |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | 10 Hours | 4,524 miles | 1 Days |

DATE: 18 Aug., 2016 LOCATION: **Bradley**

CALL OUT TIME: 23:38

VICTIM: 69 year old Man, Hunter (H) missing overnight: Ron Freelove

OUTCOME: **Subject located by MESARD K9 Reese & Jake Letendre**

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 10 ****SEE PHOTOS of SEARCH at end of report****

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of Days |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Hours | 1,778 miles | 1 Day |

DATE: 07 Dec., 2016 LOCATION: **Old Town**

CALL OUT TIME: 09:00

VICTIM: Despondent person missing 1 week (D/CC), Human remains dogs

OUTCOME: open (found in the Penobscot River in 2017)

OF RESPONDING MEMBERS = 4

| Total MESARD VOLUNTEER | HOURS | MILES | # of Days |
|------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Hours | 621 miles | 1 Day |

2016 MESARD SEARCH PHOTOS AND MEDIA LINKS

Feb 29, 2016: Orono search for David Breunig, 21 year old man
MESARD Deb Palman and SAR K9 Raven, searching along icy river shore.



March & April, 2016: Acadia National Park searches for Tim Philpott, 50 y.o.
**** MESARD Kelly Pontbriand & SAR K9 Tycho located Subject ****



Ed Pontbriand & Tycho



Kelly Pontbriand and Tycho located Subject



William Nichols



Kato on ice



Leslie Howe & Eron search the cliffs of ANP

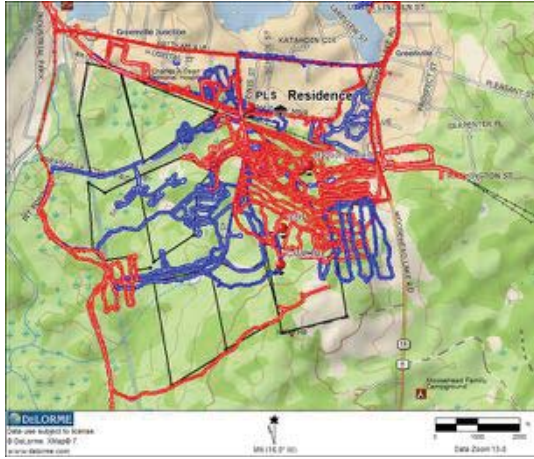
Links below:

http://emainehosting.com/mesard/pdf_documents/newspaper_articles/Philpott_FIND_Tycho_ANP%204_16_2016.pdf

http://emainehosting.com/mesard/pdf_documents/newspaper_articles/Philpott-brief-Kelly-6_2016.pdf

June 13 & 14, 2016 Greenville Search for Clarice Jardine, 76 years old

**** MESARD Chad Carlton & SAR K9 Jenga located Subject****



Links below:

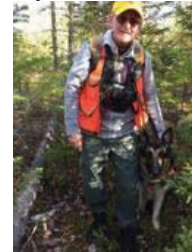
http://www.maine.gov/ifw/aboutus/news_events/pressreleases/single.shtml?id=688236

<http://bangordailynews.com/2016/06/14/news/piscataquis/missing-greenville-woman-found-alive/>

Nov 4,5,6 and 13, 2016: Medford Search for Diana Estey, 71 years old

<http://www.wmtw.com/article/k9-units-and-air-crews-search-for-missing-medford-woman/8249591>

WMTW News 8: K9 units and air crews search for Diana Estey, 71 of Medford.



Photos of Kobuk with Anne Wilder and Bob Young during search events.

Nov 18, 2016 Bradley Search for lost hunter Ron Freelove, 69 y.o.

**** MESARD Jake Letendre & SAR K9 Reese located Subject****



MESARD Jake Letendre & SAR K9 Reese with Ron Freelove, as he is assisted walking out.

Links below:

http://www.maine.gov/ifw/aboutus/news_events/pressreleases/single.shtml?id=721858

MESARD 2016 PUBLIC RELATIONS EVENTS

MESARD is an all volunteer 501.c.3 organization
Requests for presentations may be scheduled through
<http://www.mesard.org>

SUMMARY:

30 Presentations to the public

18 "Lost but Found, Safe and Sound" programs with search dog demo

Hours total: 82.5 hours

Miles traveled: 5,391 miles

Numbers of people attendees: 1,906 (of which LBF 1,386)

MESARD provides several different talks geared for varying ages:

- "Lost... But Found Safe and Sound" program for children ages 7-18
- Search Dog Demonstrations for all ages: children and adults
- Talks on K9 Search And Rescue for adult organizations and service groups
- K9 Support of children's reading programs at libraries and schools Sporting Organizations' Youth Days

2016 MESARD EVENTS PHOTOS

MESARD SAR K9 Jenga and Chad Carlton demonstrate a how a search dog finds lost people during a demonstration in Freeport in February, 2016 and all the kids wanted to play "reward tug" with Jenga after she found them. Lots of fun for everyone! (Photo below on left)



MESARD SAR K9 Kobuk & Elizabeth Fossett & Jim Bridge present the "Lost but found, safe & sound" program to 143 kids at the Sea Road Seahawks school in Kennebunk in March, 2016. Search dog demo in the gym due to bad weather. (Photos above center and Jim Bridge above right)



March 2016 MESARD Kelly Pontbriand and Drift demonstrate how a search dog is trained to follow the footsteps of a lost person, and everyone celebrates with Drift when he locates the lost person!

July, August & Sept, 2016 MESARD Elizabeth Fossett and SAR K9 Kobuk demonstrated how a search dog finds lost people in the woods, and Jim Bridge led the “Lost but found, safe and sound” program for the York Library Children’s Summer Program, and Hometown Hero Dog event.



Sept 2016 MESARD Elizabeth Fossett and SAR K9 Kobuk were honored to represent MESARD in receiving the national award from the American Humane HERO DOG Search & Rescue Dog 2016



Nov 10, 2016 Gray: Fiddlehead School invited MESARD Anne Wilder, Jim Bridge, and SAR K9 Kobuk and Elizabeth Fossett to demonstrate how a search dog finds lost people in the woods, and children take turns hiding for Kobuk. Everyone loves to pet Kobuk, this year’s winner of the American Humane’s Hero Dog Award for Search & Rescue Dog, and they giggle as he gives them his signature “Kobuk-kisses”. *We love the pictures and thank you notes from the kids!*

Nov 4, 2016 was the filming of the “207” TV Show WCSH-6 MESARD Elizabeth Fossett & SAR K9 Kobuk, Dave Hudson & Nikki, Jim Bridge, Anne Wilder, Paul Magoon & SAR K9 Sardee were joined by Maine Warden Service: Jeremy Judd and K9 Tundra, and Lt. Adam Gormely to film a “207” TV show about search and rescue dogs, and how MESARD assists the Maine Warden Service with lost person cases.

<http://www.wcsh6.com/news/local/207/maine-search-dog-receives-hero-dog-award/354677239>



Photo of MESARD K9 Kobuk with MWS K9 Tundra and MESARD K9 Sardee